

# I. W. W. Newspaper Circulates at Dam

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Placing the Industrial Worker, official organ of the I. W. W., on a par and equality basis with any other news publication, Sims Ely, Boulder City manager, has authorized distribution of the sheet inside the Federal reservation and today for the first time it is being delivered openly to readers and subscribers.

This does not mean, according to Walker R. Young, government engineer in charge of the Hoover Dam project, that bars are down to the indiscriminate scattering abroad of seditious literature or similarly objectionable matter calculated to create unrest and dissatisfaction generally. Nor does it mean any change of policy on the government's part.

"Obviously, the Industrial Worker must be admitted here as a legitimate publication," declared Young. "Any other course would be an infringement on the rights of free speech."

Announcement of Ely's action, however, is reported around Las Vegas to have robbed considerable thunder from the I. W. W. ammunition supply. No longer can the cry of discrimination be raised on this ground and some of the wind has been taken out of sails that it is rumored were scheduled to be raised on the approaching May Day.

By one shrewd stroke, observers locally point out, government officials have altered the paper's "martyr" status and placed it on the purely competitive basis of news and general interest.