

3 IN FATAL CAR CRASH PUT OFF DAM RESERVE

"Beer Party" Is Declared Cause of Accident After Inquiry

H. B. Lawton, A. J. Dawes, and John Hawkins, all Boulder Dam employees, were expelled from the reservation today by Sims Ely, head of the city government, as the aftermath of the fatal accident last Saturday night which resulted in the death of Frank Lehman, popular resident of the dam site city, and were ordered to leave within twenty four hours.

Ely in making the order, declared he had completed a thorough investigation of the case and discovered that Lawton had brought a case of beer into the reservation and that the entire group in the ill-fated car had held a "beer party" in one of their homes prior to leaving for Las Vegas. It was on this count, which is a direct violation of the regulations of the reservation that the three men were ordered to leave, Ely declared.

HE SAID further that he could find no evidence to indicate that any members of the party were intoxicated at the time of the accident, and absolved Lawton of any criminal blame in connection therewith.

"The accident itself was just one of those things that happens," Ely said. "Had it not been for the beer episode there would hardly have been any steps taken by the government to punish any of the participants."

LAWTON WAS driving the car at the time of the crash, and ran off the road when he attempted to pass a stage about two miles inside the reservation from the gate. Lehman sustained a broken back from which he failed to recover, passing away early yesterday morning.