

Postmaster General Walter F. Brown may not have an interest in the Los Angeles-Kansas City air mail route, but he is leaving no stone unturned to see that it is protected. Shortly after the establishment of the new run from Los Angeles east, the postmaster general switched the night air mail run thru Las Vegas to Salt Lake to the southern route on some pretext or other, eliminating the night run thru this district entirely. This despite the fact that hundreds of thousands of dollars had been expended to light the Salt Lake-Los Angeles route, and that it was one of the pioneer runs of the air mail service.

The night mail thru Las Vegas always did pay. It was by far the best of the two routes from a mail and express standpoint, and yet it was eliminated in toto, leaving only the day run and adding materially to the revenue of the southern route. Thruout the present session of congress a battle has been waged for restoration of the night mail thru this area, and it has been bitterly opposed by Mr. Brown. Finally congress made the necessary appropriation to re-establish the route, but Mr. Brown still isn't anxious to provide any competition for his pet to the south. So he has decreed that he will not start the run again until he has completed the revision of the air route maps of the country, and will take the money for this purpose out of the air mail fund which was supposed to be applied for the maintenance of the night mail thru this section.

Senator Oddie of Nevada and Senator Smoot of Utah fought the appropriation thru the senate, and were assured that the route would be immediately reestablished. Now, with congress about to adjourn, the postmaster general says he'll wait awhile, and may never carry out the mandate of congress. It's just another instance of the imperialistic attitude of the present administration. Mr. Brown is determined this night mail will not be reestablished, and despite the mandate of congress still stands in the way. It is important to Las Vegas because without the night mail run there is serious doubt that the air mail which has served this community since 1925 can continue to exist. This is NOT imagination, but inside information.