

# HOOVER DAM'S SCHOOL ISSUE NEARLY SOLVED

LAS VEGAS (Nev.) Feb. 13. (Exclusive)—The question on the right of Nevada to levy taxes inside the Federal reservation at Hoover Dam site is in a fair way to be answered, according to Dr. Elwood Mead, chief of the United States Bureau of Reclamation, following conferences at Carson City with Gov. Balzar and Six Companies officials at Boulder City.

"If the State is finally given the right to levy taxes on this property within the reservation, the school question in Boulder City will have been solved," he said, "since it then will be up to Nevada to provide schooling facilities."

Dr. Mead, who on his latest visit to the dam was accompanied by R.

F. Walter, chief engineer of the Reclamation Bureau regional office at Denver, stated it developed during his meeting with Nevada officials that "we are not far apart on any of the matters in question."

This generally was accepted here to mean that the government is favorably inclined to the Nevada interpretation, although Dr. Mead's recommendation will be officially acted on by Secretary of the Interior Wilbur. Congressional approval also will have to be secured.

Meanwhile, the House has passed the department's supply bill calling for an \$8,000,000 dam appropriation. This in turn provides \$45,000 for the erection of school buildings. Senate passage virtually is assured, dispatches report.