

Oddie Charges Dam Builders With Monopoly

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (AP)—Senator Oddie, republican from Nevada, asserted in a formal statement today that under the conditions at the \$165,000,000 Boulder canyon project, "a monopoly has been developed and is being carried on which would not be tolerated anywhere in the United States."

Oddie's statement was directed primarily at Six Companies Incorporated, dam builders.

He explained his reasons for submitting yesterday's resolution calling for a senatorial investigation of the project today and said "these conditions and practices have been permitted and encouraged by officials of the interior department."

"These officials," Oddie said, "under the Boulder canyon federal project act, are given the entire responsibility for the development of this project."

He enumerated as practices to which he objected:

1. Payment of workers in script instead of money between regular payday periods.

2. Collection by the company from employes of a poll tax not being paid to the state of Nevada.

3. Sale of goods at a company store without paying license fees or other taxes to the state or county, which he contended placed the stores outside the reservation and in Las Vegas in "an extremely disadvantageous position."

4. Exorbitant charges for feeding and housing employes.