

Las Vegas Delegation Spending Day In Kingman On Tourist Traffic Meet

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KINGMAN, Arizona, Mar. 21. (Special)—With a strong delegation from Needles, California and Oatman, Arizona, present to fight the suggested detour from the Old Trails highway by the way of Boulder dam, a serious controversy was dumped into the laps of some 125 delegates to the annual convention of the Route 66 highway association, as they gathered for the opening session.

Representatives were present from all along the route from Albuquerque to Santa Monica, with the Las Vegas delegation of ten the largest outside of the host city of Kingman.

It was universally agreed that the situation will take some delicate handling to avoid antagonizing the towns along route 66 from Kingman to Barstow.

S. R. Trengrove of Prescott, and James Barth of St. Johns, Arizona state highway commissioners were present and prospects were that between 30 and 50 delegates will make the trip over the new route by the way of Boulder dam to Las Vegas.

The Las Vegas delegation included: President James H. Down of the chamber of commerce; Mayor E. W. Cragin, Secretary Nye Wilson, James Cashman, S. R. Whitehead, C. D. Baker, Jim Lew-

is, Les Saunders, Don Black and R. W. Thomas.

Headed by President James H. Down of the local chamber of commerce and Mayor E. W. Cragin, a sizeable delegation of Las Vegas representatives are spending the day in Kingman today, attending the all-important highway conference in that city.

Chief among the objectives aimed at by the local group, was the routing by the way of Las Vegas of tourist travel headed into California over the Old Trails highway.

Kingman, gateway of this particular route, which sends more tourists into California than any other except by the way of Yuma, is advertising the new Boulder dam highway recently opened, and is expected to join with Las Vegas in popularizing this travel unit.

The delegation left with a complete display of pictures of Las Vegas and Boulder dam area, which will be left in the Beale hotel as a permanent exhibit.

Those who made the trip include: James H. Down, president of the chamber of commerce; Nye Wilson, secretary; Mayor E. W. Cragin; James Cashman, chairman of the transportation committee of the chamber; Don Black, representative of the Review-Journal and Los Angeles Times, and Roscoe W. Thomas, city commissioner.