One of the more common unwarranted criticisms of irrigation-reclamation projects is that they destroy the natural beauty of the area in which they are located.

This objection was heard with regard to the construction of Glen Canyon Dam and the creation of Lake Powell on the Colorado River. As a part of the massive Colorado River Storage Project, this 186-mile-long lake and the high arch dam are now widely acclaimed scenic beauties.

Five million cubic yards of concrete were poured into the 500 foot dam at Glen Canyon. At its toe, the powerhouse containing 475-ton generators spin out electrical energy which helps to make the Colorado River Storage Project economically feasible.

Standing as a symbol of accomplished dreams of those who labored in behalf of developing for the future, Glen Canyon stands, as well, as a monument to the talents of its builders. The American Society of Civil Engineers, in 1964, distinguished this manmade giant with its Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award.

Behind the concrete structure, Lake Powell is beginning to fill, converting the once mud-red river into a beautiful blue lake. When filled, its shoreline will total 1,860 miles -- equalling the shoreline from Tia Juana, Mexico, to Washington's Olympic shores on the Pacific.
On the Lake, boating, fishing and water skiing will be supplemented with a new opportunity to explore the hundreds of side canyons and visit hitherto remote, almost inaccessible, areas. On the shores, ten recreation centers will be developed by the National Park Service with boat docks, supplies, camping sites, picnic grounds, and, at some, marinas, airstrips and lodging accommodations.

In addition to the recreational benefits which accompany these irrigation-reclamation works, Glen Canyon, Curecanti, Flaming Gorge and Navajo together with the eleven participating projects will store 35-million acre-feet of water when completed. In years of want, the reservoirs can be drawn upon; in years of abundance, they can capture and regulate and harness the flow of the river.

From the sale of water and power, the projects will repay more than 90 percent of the national investment to the U.S. Treasury. Without the 1.3 million kilowatts of hydroelectric power to be generated at the principal storage units, repayment for such a comprehensive water plan as the Colorado River Storage Project would be virtually impossible.

Glen Canyon's story unfolds in full color in a recent publication, "LAKE POWELL, Jewel of the Colorado". Containing some spectacular scenic shots, the handsome booklet contains maps of the lake and the entire project. Prepared under the direction of the Bureau of more...
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