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ACROSS THE RIVER . . . Workman signals as pipeline is pulled from the Colorado river in completion of the first underwater river crossing to provide out of state natural gas for customers of Southern California and Southern Counties Gas Cos. The 1458 feet of pipe was dragged across the river by two 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch cables attached to a hurg winch. to a huge winch.

## Latest Gas Co. Pipeline Goes Under Colorado River

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Southern California and South-ern Counties Gas Co.'s El Ca-inter pipe were welded to-gether, encased in concrete, the gas into the Los Angeles Basin. CONSTRUCTION of the CONSTRUCTION of the de and operated by Pacific Lighting Gas Supply Co., has reached the half-way point. Ap-

## Senate Fact-Finding Committee **To Look Into Government Costs**

that California faces the pros By VINCENT THOMAS Assemblyman, 68th District pect of more budgetary defi Attention was directed to

In announcing its plans, the committee called attention to the fact that during the five-year period since 1955, general fund expenditures have grown 81 percent, while revenues to the fund, including tax raises voted in 1959, have increased they must work. The states can-

the states can-only 62 percent. Because of this differential, it was point-ed out, it is inevitable that sub-stantial new taxes will have to be levied within the next few years. **SPECIFIC EXAMPLE** of ex-traordinary boosts in state agency budgets during this period were cited as evidence. In the 1955-56 fiscal year, the amount allocated for state col-leges was 22,789,000. For 1960-61, it is \$66,469,000—al-Loost triple in a third of the leges was 22,789,000. For 1960-61, it is \$66,469,000-al. Lost triple in a third of the time it would take a todder to grow to college age. In the same time, the budget for the vouth authority has jumped 104 per cent. That for natural resources has climbed 86 per cent, for mental hygene 80, and for the University 76 per cent. Contrast these startling increases with the population growth during the same period-only an estimated 23 per cent, but st<sup>1</sup> one of the highest in the nation.
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