

# PARKER DAM TO START EARLY IN OCTOBER, SAID

## Work on Construction of Town Will Begin This Month

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Construction work on the Parker dam project will get under way during the first part of October, Frank T. Crowe, superintendent of construction for Six companies Inc., announced yesterday. Work on the building of the town will start during the latter part of this month, Crowe said.

Heads of the banded construction firm, Six Companies Inc., announce a tentative skeleton program for the job's duration.

**WORK ON** the driving of two 27-foot diameter diversion tunnels, each approximately 1750 feet long, will be under way during the middle of October of this year, and will be preceded by the construction of a 400 foot trestle from the California side to the Arizona side of the river. The trestle will be the first construction phase of the new project. Tunnel work will be finished on July 1, after which it is planned to close down the job through the months of July and August, due to the great heat of the area during that time. Experts of Six Companies Inc., successful bidders for the project, say that the rock to be driven through is similar to that through which the four diversion tunnels of the Boulder Canyon project were driven.

**EXCAVATION FOR** the dam structure will begin next September, and will take six months to finish. One million and a half cubic yards of muck will be taken out before the foundation rock for the dam is reached.

The concreting of the dam will take approximately eight months to finish, and pouring will start in March, 1936. A cableway will be taken from the Boulder Canyon project, in all probability, to aid in pouring operations. Two hundred and sixty thousand cubic yards of concrete will go into the dam.

Approximately 45,000 cubic yards of concrete will be poured on the project other than in the dam structure in gatehouses, piers, and trash racks. Five "Stoney" gates, 50 feet by 50 feet in size, similar to those used on the Boulder Canyon project, will also be built of concrete.

**WORKMEN ON** the project, according to government regulations, will be hired from the states of Arizona and California, only, through the government employment office. The project comes under the PWA, and a 40-hour week will be observed.

It is estimated by officials that the peak of employment, around 400 men, will be reached during the excavation period next fall. The job will take at least three years, it is said. The contract with the government grants a 3½ year construction period.

**FRANK T. CROWE** yesterday stated that no definite plans as to the contractor's personnel would be announced as yet.