

Mae Schnurr, "Crown Princess of New Deal" in Las Vegas and B. C. On Visit

Crown princess of the New Deal —second in command of the world's largest construction projects — Miss Mae Schnurr, dark-haired and smiling assistant commissioner of the federal reclamation bureau, arrived in Las Vegas this morning for her first inspection of Boulder Dam.

Mixing charm, efficiency and haste, she spent the day today catching up on her correspondence, conferring with reclamation bureau officials, going down in the canyon to look over the job, and enjoying a brief visit with Senator and Mrs. Pat McCarran.

"I'm in the dam business," she smiled, "and it's about time I got out here to look over this Boulder Dam of ours.

"Don't tell me I picked out the wrong time of the year to come," she said, still smiling, and looking

cool despite the hot weather. "You see I have to come when I can. We're building Boulder Dam and Grand Coulee Dam and all the supplemental dams that the reclamation service is providing to store water reserves for western areas now suffering from drought, and it keeps us pretty busy in Washington. I have been trying to get back to Boulder Dam ever since my first visit four years ago and this is my first chance."

Miss Schnurr, as assistant to Dr. Elwood Mead, occupies perhaps the highest non-political post in the government held by a woman. Her appointment last February came after she had spent ten years in the bureaus, starting as secretary to the commissioner.

She will remain in Boulder City today and tomorrow, leaving tomorrow night for the coast.