

# \$1,000,000 IS ASKED IN PLEA FOR ERECTION OF PIOCHE SPAN

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Application To Be Presented to Administration by McCarran

## PRELIMINARY PLEA

Nevada Plea for Interim Power To Be Recognized by L. A.

RENO, Dec. 24. (U.P.)—First indication of the manner in which Nevada's Boulder dam power will be used for development of the resources of this state was forthcoming today with the receipt by Robert A. Allen, state public works engineer, of an application for a loan from the PWA administration of at least \$1,000,000 for construction of a power line from Boulder dam to Pioche.

The application was of a preliminary nature and came from Pioche mining interests who are studying various methods of financing construction of the proposed power line into that district.

ESTIMATED COSTS of the 150 mile circuit range from \$725,000 to \$1,000,000, Allen stated.

Construction of the transmission line would mean lower power costs in the extensively mineralized Pioche district, and would pave the way for extensive development there, mining men predicted.

The application for the loan was immediately forwarded to Washington, and will be presented to the PWA administration by Senator Pat McCarran, who has been working for the past several weeks in behalf of Nevada's interests in the interim power generated at Boulder dam prior to the delivery of power under the main contracts.

SENATOR PAT McCARRAN has obtained an agreement from representatives of the city of Los Angeles, whereby Nevada's claim to eighteen per cent of the interim power generated at Boulder dam will be recognized, according to word received from the senator today.

The plan as outlined by McCarran would provide that Nevada have the same rights to withdrawal of this power as it will have under the original contracts for disposal of the firm horsepower, and agreement by the Los Angeles officials, if concurred in by the reclamation bureau, means that as soon as any power is available at the dam, Nevada will have a right to withdraw her share.