

PWA ENGINEER CHIEF HOPEFUL AFTER CONFAB WITH OFFICIALS

Ickes Aides Discuss Plans
For Loan With Nevada
Authorities

DETAILS NOT KNOWN

Loan Expected To Be
Made Available Soon
Work Will Start

RENO, July 22. (U.P.)—Approval of the \$1,120,000 PWA loan to finance the construction of the Boulder dam power line into the Pioche mining district, which means a \$5,000,000 development for Clark and Lincoln counties, was declared to be "practically assured" today by PWA Engineer J. L. Vandiver, following a conference this morning between J. A. Buehler and Ed Snyder of Pioche with Wallace Campbell, financing expert and Jesse Evans, legal advisor.

Campbell and Evans were dispatched by Secretary Ickes to Reno to confer with the Pioche leaders and go over the project in detail. After completing their sessions, they immediately gave their approval, speeding the project on its way.

THE EXACT details of the financing remain to be worked out, Vandiver explained, but declared there was little doubt but that the loan would be forthcoming to allow for start of construction in the very near future.

Buehler and Snyder, representing the newly created Pioche power district, met Saturday with Congressman J. G. Scrugham of Nevada and the PWA engineering staff to discuss the proposed power project. Vandiver and his assistant, R. H. Sheehy, and A. R. Thompson, were at the meeting.

THE LINE will be 144 miles long, and will carry 132,000 volts, according to the plans. It will be so constructed that it can be extended to Ely and the Eureka and Austin districts if subsequent developments warrant the extension, it was said.

It is proposed to tap the main line with feeder lines to mining districts between Pioche and Boulder dam, it was stated at the meeting, if two large smelters are erected near Las Vegas as proposed. Nevada's entire allotment of power from Boulder dam will be absorbed by the smelters and the Pioche demand.

It is proposed to bond the district on a twenty year basis to finance the project. If the loan is granted by the PWA forty-five per cent of the money will be an outright grant and the remainder must be repaid in twenty years.