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\$25,000 Approved By Secretary From Public Works Fund

SURVEY ASSURED

\$10,000 For Mineral Review Expected To Be Approved Soon

The industrial survey which the Las Vegas chamber of commerce has advanced as the most important step that can be taken at the present time to insure usage of a portion of Nevada's share of the Boulder dam power to develop this area, was positively insured today when Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes formally approved the allocation of \$25,000 from public works funds to the reclamation service for that purpose.

Word of this allocation was received by the Review-Journal today from Congressman J. G. Scrugham, who has been working on the project with Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, ever since his return to Washington.

"I AM WORKING with Doctor Mead planning the details of the investigations to be made under this plan," Scrugham says, "and we expect to get it under way in the near future. Detailed plans will be announced at a later date."

Scrugham stated that the \$10,000 requested for the geological or mineral survey of the county, would be approved within the next few days, insuring the expenditure of \$35,000 immediately, on the project.

DR. MEAD originally recommended \$50,000 for the industrial survey, and Scrugham said he was confident the \$25,000 allocation would be increased to that figure if necessary to complete the work.

The action of Secretary Ickes this morning is a direct result of the recent visit to Washington of a committee from the Las Vegas chamber of commerce, charged with the duty of attempting to get the government to provide such funds as would be necessary for this survey.