

U. S. GEOLOGISTS TO ARRIVE HERE ON FEBRUARY 15, SCRUGHAM TOLD

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2 OTHERS COMING

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Most of Preliminary Office
Work Is Completed;
Field Job Ready

Actual field work on the department of interior's industrial and mineral survey in the Boulder dam area will get under way on February 15, it was revealed today in a letter to the Review-Journal from Congressman James G. Scrugham, from Nevada.

Four geologists, according to a letter received by Scrugham from Dr. Elwood Mead, will arrive in this area about the middle of the month and will spend the next three and a half months collecting data on the mineral deposits in the section.

THE AREA to be investigated by the geologists, according to Mead, will be some 250 miles and will take in every possible mineral and non-metallic, the refining of which may be materially affected by the use of power from the Boulder dam.

Two other men, besides the geological experts, will also be detailed to work in this area and will spend one and a half months here. While the duties of these two men were not outlined in the letter, it is believed that they will be engaged in the work of collecting the industrial data to be gathered in the survey.

MOST OF THE office work, preliminary to the general field work, has been completed, according to Mead, the letter stating that "as soon as it became probable that the survey would be made, a group of six geologists were selected and they have been actively engaged in assembling the record of the mineral resources . . . so far as it is in print or on file in this office."

As a result of this study the four geologists are coming to the Boulder dam area with a definite idea of what to look for and where to find it, according to officials of the geological survey branch of the interior department.

FORMAL APPLICATION for the fund to complete the survey was made by Secretary Harold Ickes on January 5, following a visit, late in December, by a group of delegates sent to Washington by the Las Vegas chamber of commerce. The Vegas delegation presented their plan to the interior chief and he fell into line and began negotiations to secure a fund

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of \$35,000 for the work. An appropriation of \$25,000 was made, with the understanding that if more money were needed, it would be made available immediately.

The main objectives of this survey are:

- 1 To determine the location, extent and commercial value of all mineral sources within a radius of about 200 miles of Boulder dam.
- 2 To determine to what extent the Boulder dam power allocated to the states of Arizona, Nevada, and California can be made a factor in the development of the mineral and manufacturing interests in this area.
- 3 To determine the commercial, social, and economic value of the various deposits that might be developed.

“While the estimated cost of such a survey was originally placed at \$35,000, it is believed now that the work can be completed at an estimated cost of \$25,000, to be allocated as follows:

- (a) \$10,000 for the use of the United States Geological Survey.
- (b) \$10,000 to be used for the study of markets for these products and the mechanical and chemical processes which should be employed in their extraction and conversion into commercial products.
- (c) \$5,000 to be held for emergency needs and to cover the cost of final preparation and printing of the report.