

NEEDLES RUSHING FLOOD BARRICADES AS WATERS RISING

Construction of embankments was rushed today as heavy runoff of flood waters above Boulder dam threatened to flood this desert city.

The heavy runoff will result in an increased discharge of water from the dam. The flow will jump from 27,000 to 35,000 second feet, authorities said.

Some damage already had been reported by the California Pacific Utility company. Water had started backing up in a north side residential district. The company laid sandbags about its properties to protect machinery.

Wells were banked with sandbags to prevent pollution. They lie just inside a levee, which also was reenforced with sandbagging.

Some streets were under as much as four feet of water already, but there was no immediate danger to highways, it was reported.

Engineers of the bureau of reclamation said it was unnecessary to release the waters to prepare Lake Mead, behind Boulder dam, for the heavy runoff of spring floods. The lake had risen to an unusually high fall level, and normal runoff failed to lower it.