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# New Reclamation Chieftains



These are the men who will guide the destinies of the bureau of reclamation under its new decentralization plan which establishes major local field offices in six regional areas. A series of meetings were held in Washington, D. C., from September 27 to October 2 to acquaint the men with the more important positions they have assumed under the reorganization. The objectives of the decentralization are to coordinate more efficiently the bureau's activities in the various regions, to bring the agency in closer touch with the people affected by its functions, and to "streamline" it for meeting war and post-war problems more expeditiously.

The men are: Front row, left to right: William F. Kubach, director of the branch of fiscal and administrative management; S. O. Harper, chief engineer, director of the branch of design and construction; former Commissioner John C. Page, now consulting engineer for the bureau at the Denver office; Commissioner of Reclamation Harry W. Bashore; William E. Warne, assistant commissioner of reclamation; John S. Moore, director of the branch of operation and maintenance; E. B. Debler, director of the branch of project investigations.

Second row, left to right: E. A. Moritz, regional

director of reclamation, Region 3, Boulder City, Nevada; Charles E. Carey, regional director of reclamation, Region 2, Sacramento, California; Frank A. Banks, regional director of reclamation, Region 1, Boise, Idaho; Harold D. Comstock, regional director of reclamation, Region 6, Billings, Montana; E. O. Larson, regional director of reclamation, Region 4, Salt Lake City, Utah; Wesley R. Nelson, regional director of reclamation, Region 5, Amarillo, Texas.

Third row, left to right: L. J. Moran, assistant director of the branch of fiscal and administrative management; R. J. Newell, assistant regional director of reclamation, Region 1, Boise, Idaho; Leo J. Foster, assistant regional director of reclamation, Region 3, Yuma, Arizona; R. S. Calland, assistant regional director of reclamation, Region 2, Sacramento, California; L. R. Smith, assistant director of the branch of fiscal and administrative management.

Back row, left to right: Goodrich W. Lineweaver, chief of information, Washington, D. C.; J. Kenard Cheadle, chief counsel, Washington, D. C.; J. C. Thrailkill, chief clerk, All-American and Gila projects, California and Arizona; Howard R. Stinson, assistant chief counsel, Washington, D. C.