

U. S. TO SPEND TWO MILLION ON TOWN AT HOOVER DAM

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The heat of Nevada's southeast corner apparently provided a hot problem for the government to solve when it planned its model town, Boulder City, for workers on the Hoover Dam and Boulder Canon project.

Reclamation Commissioner Mead indicated as much in a statement outlining difficulties encountered in selecting a site for the city and presenting a picture of how it will look when the government has spent \$2,000,000 to build it.

"Due to the inaccessibility of the work, the magnitude of operations, and the severe weather conditions during the hot summer months, and having in mind the health, comfort and general welfare of those engaged on the work," Mead said, "the town has been located at an elevation of 2,500 feet, which is about 2,000 feet higher than the top of the canon at the dam site.

"In all, the bureau will spend \$2,000,000 creating comfortable living conditions for workers.

"The specifications require contractors to house 80 per cent of their workers in the town. It will be administered much like the national parks and will be entirely a federal city, with three commissioners, one of whom will be a representative of the contractor who will build the dam."

Mead predicted 3,000 people would live in Boulder City while the dam was being built and that it probably would be a sizeable tourist town

afterward. Spaces will be provided in the interior of each block for a small playground for children.

The chief problem the government had to solve, Mead said, was how to meet weather conditions, which he compared to those in Panama as far as comfort was concerned, but that no health problem was present, as Boulder City would stand near the top as a health resort.

"But in the summer the wind sweeps over the gorge from the desert," Mead said, "and feels like a blast from a furnace. How to overcome this and provide for the health of the workers was given a great deal of attention."

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