

ROCK SOON TO FLY UPON HOOVER DAM JOB

With the award officially made and duly signed by the government and contractors for the construction of the Hoover dam in the Colorado river, dirt and rock will soon be flying on the \$165,000,000 public project. Preparations are being made by the contractors to assemble their men, machines and other appurtenances at the site to tackle the biggest public enterprise since the Panama canal was dug.

Already the model city, where the 5,000 dam workers will reside for the next seven years, the time required to complete the construction, is under way. This in itself is a major feature of preparation. The Union Pacific railroad company has finished its 30-mile line to the government's city, from Las Vegas, Nevada. By April 1, there is expected to be employed hundreds in the various departments of the big venture. The number will be small at first. It will be added to gradually as the job expands. The contractors' end of this stupendous work is \$50,000,000 alone. More than three times as much more will be expended on the project before it is completed.

Besides there is construction of the private and public power lines and water conduits from the dam to the southern California metropolitan district which includes Los Angeles and cities thereabouts. The approximated cost of these will mount into the millions.

The aggregate outlay for the entire undertaking should exceed \$200,000,000 easily. And the bulk of it will be spent right in California, Nevada and Arizona for labor and machinery and materials.

As an earnest to an early start, Frank Crowe, superintendent of construction for the Six Companies that will build the dam, has opened office at Las Vegas to begin preliminary operations. He says his first job will be to build a railroad from the government city to the dam itself at Black Canyon for hauling supplies and materials as well as the workers. This is a short government line.