

CROWE OUTLINES

BUILDING OF DAM

Railroad Executive Aids Engineer in Arrangements for Transportation; Numerous Pleas for Jobs Go Unheeded

LAS VEGAS, Nev., March 12—(UP)—The man who will build Boulder dam began today to plan the countless details that must be prepared before actual construction work can start.

Superintendent of Construction Frank C. Crowe, of the Six Companies, Inc., said that main operations will be held up until at least June 15, when it was expected that a power line of the Southern Sierras Co. from San Bernardino, Calif., to Boulder City will be completed. Some 200 men, all of them on the scene and ready for work, will be employed in the preliminary work between now and June 15.

Railroad Necessary

W. R. Armstrong, Union Pacific executive, spent the day with Crowe, planning the miles of railroad facilities that will be necessary to move supplies and materials to Boulder City, the construction to be built adjacent to the dam site. Armstrong said that the original railroad yards, designed to accommodate 400 cars at Boulder City, will be enlarged. Two tracks will be added. Meanwhile, hundreds of letters pour in from persons who want employment on the big construction job.

Many Seek Work

The letters are so numerous that many go unread. Hundreds of tents dot the desert around Las Vegas, sheltering families hoping for work. Crowe said he saw many men on the highway, walking toward Las Vegas. He issued a warning that there are not enough jobs for all.

"Our first big job is the construction of a railroad down the canyon for connecting the government railroad with the dam site," Crowe said. "This road will handle all the equipment going into the canyon and all the waste materials coming out.

Double Track Planned

"It will be carved out of rock walls and will be part tunnel most of the way. It will probably be double tracked because while we are pouring cement it will carry more traffic than the main line of the southern Pacific out of San Francisco.

"It is necessary that we start preparatory work right away because we must have a place to house and feed the men who work on the dam. Establishment of a camp and permanent construction headquarters at the dam is to begin at once."