

RED CROSS IS FORCED TO DROP VEGAS ACTIVITY

Lack of Funds Precludes Hope of Carrying On With Aid Work

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With the county indigent fund in such condition as to preclude further contributions from that source, donations from the business houses of the city falling off to almost nothing, and the treasury of the organization lacking \$1,100 of meeting the current bills, the Las Vegas Red Cross, which has been handling the local relief situation for several months past, decided last night to give up the ghost and cease activity immediately.

This decision was forthcoming at a regular meeting of the local relief committee, only after every possible avenue of revenue to continue the work had been followed down and found closed because of lack of funds.

SIX COMPANIES Incorporated, appealed to by Chairman E. G. McGriff to aid in carrying on the relief work, on the theory that Las Vegas had taken this problem from their hands, appeared not interested, McGriff reported, after discussing the matter with President Bechtel.

A donation of \$300 to current expenses was offered by the Boulder Dam contractors, but the request for a regular monthly contribution was turned down, McGriff announced.

THE COUNTY, which has been contributing \$500 monthly to the fund, was declared unable to continue this donation further, while the business houses of the city which had also been contributing \$500 per month, had fallen down to almost nothing, members of the committee declared.

The Red Cross, under the direction of Miss Pentz, has been doing exceptional work during the winter months, and in May, fed 123 families thruout the month which otherwise would have gone hungry.

ADVISED OF THE decision of local committee to shut up shop because of lack of funds, A. L. Shafer, regional director of the Red Cross, immediately announced plans for arrival in Las Vegas Monday to investigate the situation, with a view to obtaining funds from the national organization to take care of actual needs in this direction during the summer months.