

Six Companies, Now Single Unit,

Ready to Sign Contract for

H Hoover D Dam

All Ready to Go for Boulder Canyon Project

H. J. Lawler

Charles A. Shea

S. D. Bechtel

Felix Kahn

K. K. Bechtel



E. O. Wattis

W. H. Wattis

W. A. Bechtel Sr.

These are the officers of the Six Companies which will build Hoover dam. They were photographed yesterday with President William H. Wattis (below, in the center), on a visit to him at St. Francis Hospital. These men are themselves heads of some of the West's largest construction firms.

BUILDERS LAY OUT PLANS AT CONFERENCE

Committees Organized and Construction Chiefs Will Leave Today

The Six Companies, which will build Hoover dam, has passed from the syndicate stage to a big unit of its own.

With announcement yesterday at the St. Francis Hospital by W. H. Wattis, president of Six Companies, of its "set-up," the great construction organization took on a major entity.

In a little talk before officers of the Six Companies, themselves heads of large concerns, Wattis said "All the Six are now one, with a plain understanding of what they will do."

The contract for the world's largest private construction job is expected to reach here today from the East, and to receive the signatures of executives.

Until the contract with the Government is signed, the Six Companies will not spend any considerable sum, officials say.

ARIZONA FIGHT PENDING

With Arizona's fight on Hoover dam pending in the Supreme Court at Washington, the full signature of the contract is regarded by the officials as a necessary safeguard for the Six Companies.

President Wattis said yesterday the financial details of the Hoover dam job are complete.

The construction committee members, H. J. Lawler, E. O. Wattis, Charles A. Shea, H. W. Morrison and W. A. Bechtel Jr., plans to leave today for Boulder canyon to work out construction arrangements.

The purchasing committee is composed of S. D. Bechtel, chairman; Allan MacDonald and L. S. Corey.

H. J. Kaiser heads the Boulder City committee, which will deal with housing, feeding, merchandising and concession matters. Serving with him are F. T. Crowe, Felix Kahn and K. K. Bechtel.

COMMITTEE NAMED

The transportation committee, which will deal with transportation to and from the dam, is headed by S. D. Bechtel. F. T. Crowe, Felix Kahn and K. K. Bechtel also are on this committee.

With the departure of the construction committee scheduled today, the executives felt they might be scattered hither and yon hereafter so they had their pictures taken together yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. Wattis, devoted nurse of her husband, who is receiving the Coffey-Humber cancer extract at the St. Francis Hospital, and Mrs. Lawler were also present.

The "big fellows" of Western construction who are Six Companies executives, were in jubilant mood. W. H. Wattis joked with the photographers, telling them not to get names switched of the photographed wives.

The Six Companies head looks and says he feels much better. Felix Kahn declared there was a new cancer remedy, "Boulder dam contracts."