

MILLION, HALF TO BE SPENT HERE, 850 MEN TO BE PLACED AT WORK

Dam Power Line Camps
To Be Located Near Las
Vegas, Official Says

UNION PAY PLANNED

Supplies For Three Camps
In This Area To Be
Bought In Vegas

Presaging the expenditure of \$1,500,000 in Las Vegas, and the employment of approximately 850 men in the Las Vegas trade area, work on two Nevada camps of the Los Angeles Bureau of Power & Light's Boulder Dam power line will get under way within the next two weeks, it was revealed this morning by James F. Morgan, general superintendent of construction on the gigantic project, who with Clarence S. Hill, special land agent for the bureau spent last night and this morning in Las Vegas.

These two camps will be located at Jean and Stateline, Moran said, and men will be put to work immediately preparing the ground for the camps.

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the work would bring somewhere near \$1,500,000 into the community in wages and purchases during the period of construction.

The power line is to be completed by July 1, 1935, and the camps and construction crews are expected to be maintained thruout the entire two year period, Moran said.

Moran, in a conference with L. T. Blood, in charge of the government employment office, stated that union wages would be paid all workmen. Skilled craftsmen will receive \$9 per day, including machinists and carpenters; concrete workers \$5 and \$5.50 per day, with a minimum wage of \$4.44 for laborers. Board and room deductions have been set at \$1.30, Moran said.

From Jean to Boulder City, the power line will follow the same general route as that of the Southern Sierras Power Company now serving Boulder City with power, Moran said. It will consist of two tower lines ranging in height from 80 feet to 250 feet. Each line will carry three copper conductors 1.4 inches in diameter, the copper for which must be bought from Utah and Nevada copper producers under the terms of the contract. Moran said a considerably lower price had been offered for aluminum conductors, but preference was given the copper because it is a western product.

CONSTRUCTION PLANS call for the erection of 2,801 steel towers between Los Angeles and Boulder City, the power to be carried at from 278,000 to 280,000 volts.

Moran and Hill were in Las Vegas only a few hours this morning departing at 10:30 for Los Angeles.

A **THIRD** Nevada camp will be maintained at Boulder City, Moran stated, and negotiations are now being carried on with Six Companies Incorporated for the use of dormitories and mess hall facilities to take care of the 150 men expected to be quartered there. If these arrangements are not satisfactorily culminated, a separate camp will be constructed near Boulder City, Moran said.

Workmen for all three of these camps, will be hired thru the government employment office in Las Vegas, Moran explained, with preference being given to local residents and ex-service men. He estimated that at least 200 local workmen would find employment on the project, pointing out that because of the highly technical nature of a large portion of the electrical work, it would probably be necessary to bring in some skilled workmen to fill these positions, Moran said.

TWO ADDITIONAL camps have already been established in this vicinity, one in Mesquite Valley near Windmill station, and another at Silver Lake near Baker. At both of these camps, 200 men will be employed when actual construction gets under way, while the Jean camp is being built to take care of 200 men and that at State-line for 100.

Supplies for these two camps and the one at Boulder City will be purchased as far as possible in Las Vegas, Moran said, and predicted

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