

Vegas Jobless Crisis To Be Relieved Soon

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With the heavy highway construction program announced for Clark county, recruiting of men under way for the crews of the Los Angeles bureau of power and light on their power line project, and prospects for inauguration of a thirty hour week on the Boulder canyon dam work looming as one of the effects of the public works act, the unemployment condition in southern Nevada will be cleared up by fall, it was predicted here this morning by Leonard T. Blood, manager of the government employment office in Las Vegas.

“From the figures available at our office, and the information we have concerning the number of men that will be put to work thru the construction of these various projects, I am sure all bona fide residents of Clark county who want to work will have employment,” Blood said.

"The regulations of the public works bill call for local preference on all work done under monies advanced from that fund, which insures residents with dependants, and ex-service men receiving first call on the jobs," Blood continued. "All hiring will be done thru this office for the dam work, highway construction and the bureau of power and light's power line, and you can rest assured the preference will be strictly enforced."

Meanwhile leaders in Las Vegas today expressed the opinion that the inauguration of a thirty hour week on the dam project, with present wage scales remaining untouched, would be of outstanding importance to the community.

"It would mean jobs for at least 2,000 more men, and a considerably larger payroll," one prominent business man declared. "A thirty hour week on the dam together with the other projects in prospect for this area, would mean more prosperous conditions in this section than at any time in its history."

Whether or not the 30 hour week will be put into effect on the dam project, is a matter now under consideration by Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes. A decision is expected to be reached on the matter in the near future.