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Mr. J. A. Carpenter

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Item 9

Dear Jay: -

This report might be of interest. We have appreciated receiving your reports along similar lines -

Sincerely,

August 29, 1942

Mr. W. Conrad McKelvey, Housing Specialist
The National Housing Agency
315 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. McKelvey:

Mr. E. L. Nores, president of the Pioche Chamber of Commerce, has asked that I give you the information you desired from him relative to the number of men now employed in the mines at Pioche as compared with the number employed during the peak production period of 1941.

August 15, 1942 is the most recent date for which the information is available and October 1, 1941 is taken as a representative period for 1941. The following tabulation shows the number of men employed by each operating Company on those two dates, and the gain or loss in the number of men employed during the 10-1/2 month period between:

<u>No. 1</u> <u>Operating Company</u>	<u>Number of Men</u> <u>October 1, 1941</u>	<u>Number of Men</u> <u>August 15, 1942</u>	<u>Gain or Loss</u> <u>for Period</u>
Combined Metals Reduction Company	349	173	- 176
Prince Consolidated Mining Company	40	72	+ 32
Ely Valley and Pioche Mines Company	2	36	+ 34
American Metal Company, Limited	5	7	+ 2
Amalgamated Pioche Mines & Smelters Corp'n.	5	4	- 1
Salt Lake and Pioche Mining Company	0	7	+ 7
Free Brothers Lease	10	10	0
TOTAL	411	309	- 102

The above tabulation shows that there has been a twenty-five percent decrease in the total number of men employed at mines in the district during a period in which the Combined Metals Reduction Company tried to increase production and development, the Prince Mine and Ely Valley property changed from development to active production and the remaining operations maintained, or tried to increase activity.

The following tabulation shows a breakdown by operating departments of the employees of the Combined Metals Reduction Company on October 1, 1941 and August 15, 1942 respectively and the gain or loss by each department during the period:

No. 2	MINING DEPARTMENT				Mill	Constr.	Labor- atory	Office	Total
	Under- ground	Service -Shops	Surface	Super- vision					
Date									
October 1, 1941	183	32	13	9	20	78	5	9	349
August 15, 1942	<u>79</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>173</u>
Gain Or Loss	-104	+ 1	- 2	-1	0	-66	-1	- 3	-176

The following tabulation shows the number of men employed by each of the productive operations in the district on August 15, 1942, the total estimated number of men required to operate each property at maximum efficiency under present conditions, and the number of men needed by each operation to bring the total up to the estimated number required:

No. 3	Operating Company	Number of Men	Estimated Number	Additional
		Aug. 15, 1942	Required	Men Needed
	Combined Metals Reduction Company	173	300	127
	Prince Consolidated Mining Company	72	100	28
	Ely Valley Mine	36	80	44
	All Other Operating Companies	<u>28</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>12</u>
TOTALS		309	520	211

The above tabulation does not take into consideration the number of men that would be required by anticipated operations in connection with the proposed manganese plant for treating oxidized ores, or proposed expansions based on new development or new operation, but is the minimum number of men required to staff the mines at the present time if maximum production is to be obtained. As shown by the tabulation, the estimated number of men required represents a 25% increase over the number employed on October 1, 1941.

In our opinion the labor conditions obtaining in Pioche, as outlined in the three tabulations above, are related to the housing problem in the district as follows:

1. The men employed at the mines are using the housing facilities available approximately as follows: