

### NEW WESTERN URANIUM PROGRAM

One hundred and sixty people working on the Atomic Energy Program changed employers today, February 1st, 1956. Because this is the day when Lucius Pitkin, Inc., metallurgical chemists and consultants of 47 Fulton Street, New York 38, N.Y. take over the operation of the United States Atomic Energy Commission's domestic Uranium ore buying program for the western United States.

This project, of major importance in the United States of America's atomic program, includes the buying, receiving, weighing, sampling and assaying of domestic uranium and vanadium ores and concentrates in all western states. In connection with this work, Lucius Pitkin, Inc. undertakes the planning and execution of administrative, clerical, technical and the thousand and one other duties necessary to the running of an organization of the size and scope of the Western Uranium Project.

Overseeing the entire project in the West with the title of Project Manager is Mr. Martin N. Gaines. Mr. Gaines has long been associated with the buying program. He operates from project headquarters at the Atomic Energy Commission compound in Grand Junction, Colorado. All members of the staff will remain in their present capacities.

Ore buying stations are scattered in strategic locations in the radioactive minerals country at Monticello, Marysvale, Moab and White Canyon, Utah; Edgemont, South Dakota; Globe and Tuba City, Arizona; Riverton, Wyoming; and Grants, New Mexico. In addition to operating these stations the Pitkin firm is operating the concentrate sampling plant and assaying laboratory at Grand Junction, Colorado.

The contract was awarded to the Lucius Pitkin organization on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis.

For over seventy years this firm has been engaged in fields of activity closely related to the requirements of the Commission's project. Its work and basic research in the metallurgical field has earned it a world-wide reputation. For many years Pitkin has handled sampling, assaying, analyses, spectroscopy, X-ray fluorescence and other problems for private industry and for divisions of the Atomic Energy Commission. As shippers' representatives, Lucius Pitkin, Inc., has a well established reputation in the United States of America and abroad.

In announcing the commencement of activities Messrs. Bell and Wright of Lucius Pitkin, Inc., who are well known metallurgists, stated, "Our firm has always kept pace with the ever increasing demands of the metallurgical industries in aiding them with analytical services and on the complex problems of research and development. Our staff of chemists and technicians has increased steadily and is increasing to meet the demands of our clients from all over the world. We welcome the additional challenge of taking over this Western Uranium Project for the Atomic Energy Commission."

Officers of the Pitkin firm directly responsible for the program are Dr. Robert H. Bell, Ch. E., Ph. D., President; Frederic H. Wright, Vice President, Metallurgist; and Erskine B. Mayo, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer.