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HUGE ELECTRONIC PLANT TO BE BUILT IN FULLERTON

Hughes Aircraft Co. plans to build a \$6,000,000 electronics plant here before the end of the year, according to C. Harper Brubaker, vice-president of the company.

The firm proposes to erect a 30,000-square-foot plant on part of a 476-acre parcel north of the Hunt Foods Co. plant, located two miles east of the city on Commonwealth Ave.

A staff of 2,000, the majority of them engineers, scientists and technicians, will be needed by the end of 1958, Brubaker said. The weekly payroll will be approximately \$300,000.

Principal output of the plant will be components of ground radar systems for the Army, Navy and civil airways.

The large section of rolling hill land where the plant will be built is bounded by the extension of Malvern Ave. on the south, Gilbert Ave. on the west, the Union Pacific Railroad on the east, and Coyote oil fields on the north. It will have its main access from Commonwealth and Gilbert Aves., past American Ma-

ter and Hunt Foods property.

The rezoning application was filed by Miles A. Sharkey and Hale Field of Sunny Hills Ranch Inc., owners of the land. They reported Hughes' option on the land is dependent on the rezoning.

Robert L. Clark, Fullerton industrial consultant for California Bank, was present at the informal announcement. He was credited by Sharkey with being "largely responsible for attracting these newcomers and the sizeable contribution I store for the economy of our city."

Hughes Aircraft Co. already operates large installations at Culver City, El Segundo, Los Angeles International Airport and at Tucson, Ariz. Chief products of its California plants are the armament-control-systems employed by all-weather jet interceptors, and it manufactures air-to-air guided missiles at Tucson.

There will be no aircraft operations involved at the Fullerton plant, Brubaker said. Work will be research and assembly with associated production, it was announced by officials of the firm.

Key people are to be relocated here, but the objective is to hire many local people. The reason for choosing the site, picked over four other locations, was partly based on the desirability of the city as a home for Hughes' employees. Technical workers are hard to relocate, Sharkey said, and living conditions, schools, city planning and the progressiveness of the area played a large part.

Howard Hughes, industrialist-moviemaker is president of the company. It is the west's largest manufacturer of electronics.