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in 1941 with first production in August 1941. The first ores were mined by open-pit method, but in 1943, deeper ores were discovered and by 1945, nearly all production was from underground workings. Up until late 1965, the mine was producing from 3 levels, the 600, 700, and 850. However a fire at that time made it necessary to flood the lower levels to the 600 level. Later, the mine was unwatered to below the 700 level as it was deemed too costly to recover the 800, 850 and 900 levels; but at a later date, another winze may be sunk to try for the ore at the lower levels.

The present shaft is equipped with 2 skip-cage combinations which will haul 2 tons of ore or 5 men at a trip. Shaft is serviced by 150-HP double drum hoist with rope speed of 450-feet per minute. The mine is currently producing over 3000 tons of ore a month, operates 7 days a week, and has an average crew of about 40 men underground. The plant has roasted over 650,000 tons of ore using over 5-million gallons of fuel oil and the ore has produced almost 95,000 flasks of mercury having a total value of \$24-million.

MID-CONTINENT URANIUM CORPORATION and SUNSHINE MINING COMPANY:- under a joint venture initiated in September 1964, have been exploring and developing three silver-gold properties (Sixteen-to-One, Mohawk and Nivloc Mines) west of Silver Peak, Nevada - the work being done by Mid-Continent under the direction of Norman E. Ebbley of Grand Junction, Colorado, president and general manager of Mid-Continent. Mid-Continent reports that during the past 8 months, activities have been concentrated mainly in development of the Sixteen-to-One mine and that, although the limits of the orebody have not been reached, the work accomplished to date indicates a reserve of 326,000 tons of ore; that the commercial ore zone within the main vein averages 13 feet in width; that the main ore shoot on the cross cut level is now in excess of 425 feet in length and is not delineated either along the strike or at depth; that in addition to the ore reserves in the Sixteen-to-One, engineering reports estimate ore reserves remaining in the old Nivloc mine of 680,857 tons of "mill grade" ore. At Mid-Continent's annual stockholders meeting on February 5, 1966 in Denver, Colorado, George W. Day, president of New Park Mining Company of Salt Lake City, Utah, and former president of Sunshine Mining Company, was elected to the board of directors of Mid-Continent.

GREAT BASIN EXPLORATION COMPANY:- (Reno, Nevada) The Geological Survey's Office of Mineral Exploration has contracted to assist the Great Basin Exploration Company to explore for silver and gold at the Silver Hill property in the Aurora Mining District, Mineral County, Nevada, according to a news release from the Department of the Interior. Total cost is estimated at \$33,000 of which the Government's participation is 62½%, or \$20,625. (Government participation for silver exploration is 75%, but is reduced when other metals are involved which is apparently the case in this project). Mines in the immediate area, including the Silver Hill property, are reported to have produced approximately \$5-million in silver and gold from veins in volcanic rocks. Similar types of ore deposits are to be sought by underground exploration of a geochemical anomaly indicated on the property by soil sampling.

BOOTSTRAP MINING COMPANY:- claims near Elko were sold at public auction in February to the two men who forced the sale - Charles B.