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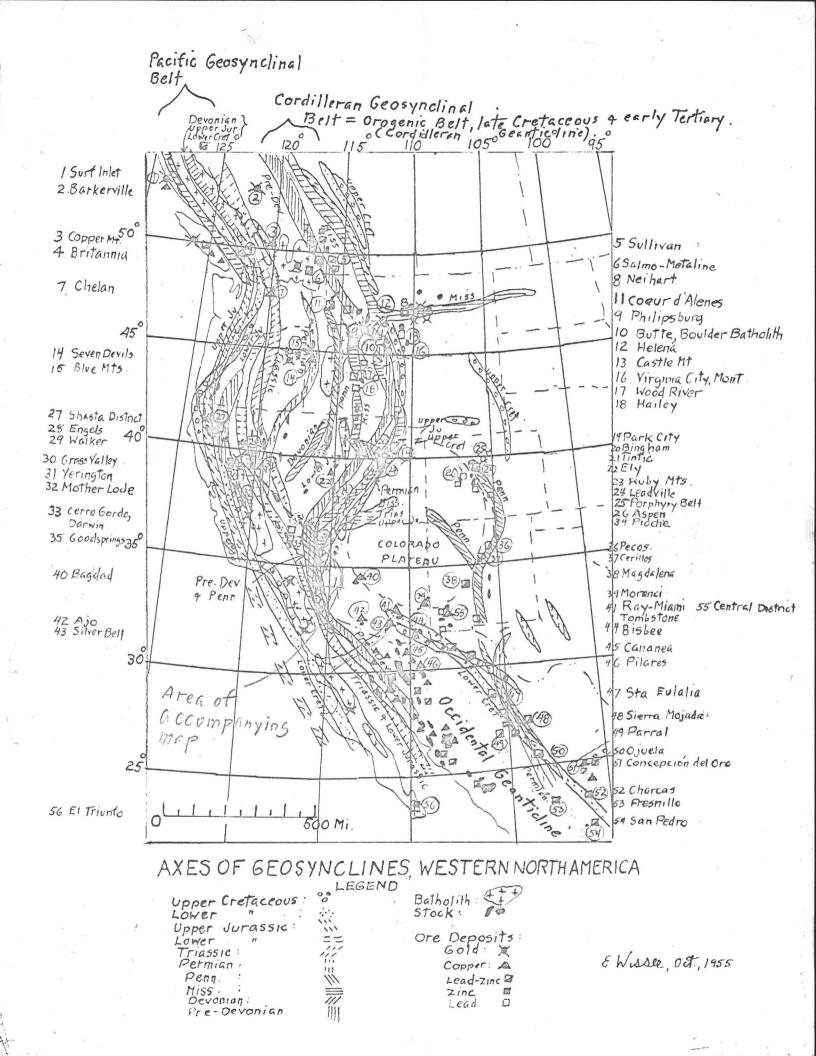
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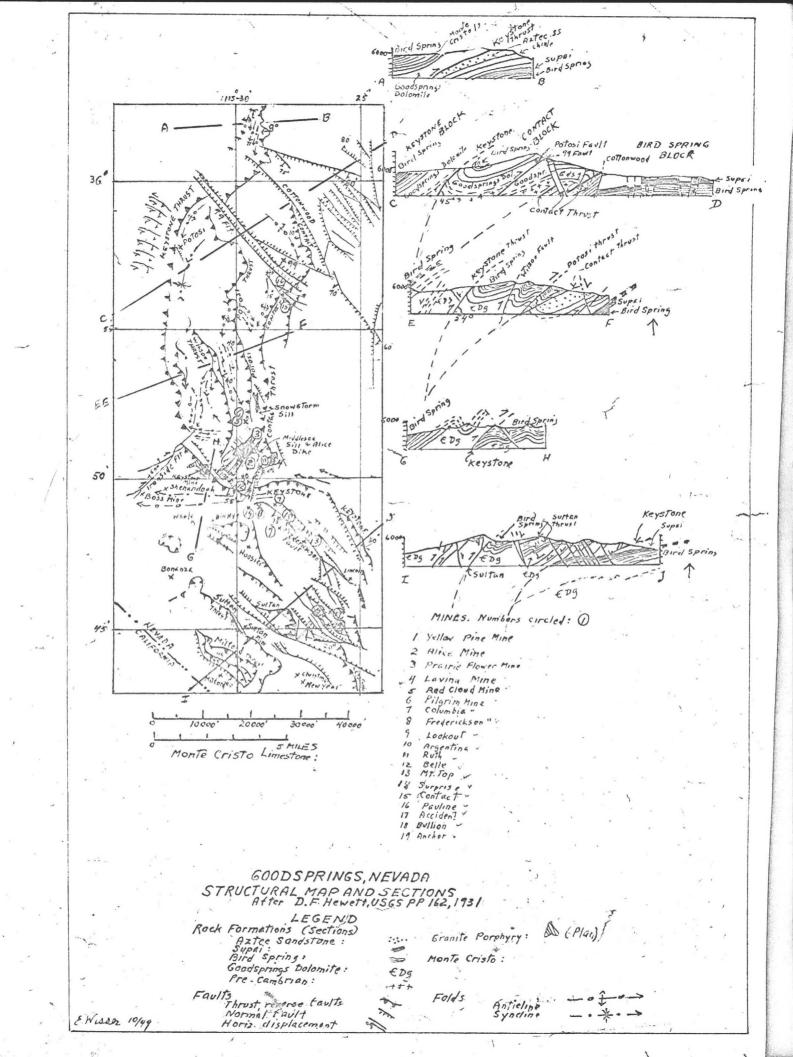
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MINING 111B.3B-1. Goodsprings, Nevada.

In examining the NE belt of mid-Cretaeeous folding, what would we expect to see, in the bight of what has been brought out? Obviously something like the situation pictured in the Spieker block diagrams. Fold overturned E, thrusts steepening to the west and with their upper plates. shoved up and E.In miniature this is shown by position of Bingham, Ophir, Tintic in Diagram A.

In predixting what we should see, we must take into consideration not only the situation of the belt with reppect to the geanticline (on its E mawgin) but also the nature of the rock section. Thick soft rock sections show extreme folding, flat thrusts; thick hat competent sections fold only on a simple scale, and break easily.

The majority rules here: where a thin competent bed lies ing a thick soft section, it is carried along in the intrictate folding but breaks to pieces in the process. Where a soft layer lass in a thick competent sectio it is apt to either be protected or sheared and folded a la Laith.

Goodsprings, Nevada.

Geology & Ore Deposits of the Goodsprings Quadrangle, Nevada. D.F. Hewett, USGS PP 162, 1931.

See Section.13,000' strata,7000' ls., largely competent. Goodsprings lies in Cordilleric trough ;pre-Devonian, esp. Cambrian very thick here.

Competence of beds in the Section is indicated by the way they weather

Thus Aztec ss competent, forms cliff.Massive, cross-bedded; ledge-maker, Moenkopi, sandy shale, tb ls, incompetent.Kaubab ls competent .Supai, massiv ss ledge, shaly ss above, below.

Bird Spring: Ls, dolomote in thin to thick beds separated by sh., ss.

Uncofifomity at base of Bird Spring IMP, standpoint of ore.

Detail Section, Monte Cristo Ls:

ORE Yellow Pine 1s(locally altered to dolomote).Massive ledge,60-1 Arrowhead 1s.Tb 1s,alternating with shale.Incompetent 15' Ore Bullion dolombte.Massive. 185-300'

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Ore- Anchor ls. Massive, locally dolomite 65-400 Dawn ls. Tb. Much is altered to dolomite 60-400

Sultan 1s.

Generally rather tin-bedded 1s and dol.

Goodsprings Dolomite

Thin-bedded light and dark gray dolomite.60' shale near top.

Note on bedding vs.competence: Seds, even apparently massive seds., commended up of thin laminae. If these stay welded together, massive, cliffmaker, competentRock is strong, resists stress, is brittle, tends to fracture rather than fold.

Other extreme: each lamina deforms as a unit, inter-lamina slipping. Shale has this habit.Limestone, sandstone (often poorly bedded or crossbedded of thick-bedded-lack of laminae ipso facto) quartzite, laminas are welded. The more the shale intercalated layers, the more inter-lamina folding, the less competent the rock. Marble however may flow under heavy load, strong stress.

Under certain conditions shale not laminated. Does not fold intriv-

ately, flows, sets up conjugate shear planes.

In between are formations which weather as 1-5' beds

In the section, some 42% of beds competent. If these had been concentrated say at bottom, this unit would have reiststed folding, behave britt fractured. But competent beds scattered thru section.

Goodsprings a limestone replacement district, zinc-lead-silver.Note positionm in section of the OBs.They lie toward top of a competent hori 1500' thick (Sultan ls.upward), which lies between two major incompetent each over 2000' thick. That is the large-scale picture.

Small-scale picture: Within the competent layer there is a central incompetent horizon (Dawn 1s) splitting the competent layer.

John Dominant Goodsprings deformation was folding: thick cover of beds on flank of uplift. The thick layers of the incompetent rks.folded, flowed readily; the relatively thin intercalated brittle layers, while they were forced to fold also, brecciated, shattered during the process. Those competent, also perhaps chemically fravorable beds that lay lowest

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in the section, **XXXXXXX XX XXX** i.e. the first such beds to be met by ascending ore solutions, became loci for ore. While thrusting at Goodsprings c omplicates this picture, it is nevertheless a rule for ls.replacements. Hewitt, p.96:

"The outstanding physical differences between the productive and unproductive parts of the stratigraphic section concern the character of the bedding. The 600 to 900' of beds that make up the Lower Miss. section (Yellowpine, Arrowhead, Bullion and Anchor) are distinctly more massive, homogeneous, and lacking in bedding planes than those above and be-low. Locally the Devomian beds become massive, but the overlying Penn. beds, as well as the underlying pre Devonian beds, are uniformly thin bedded. The overlying beds also contain numerous thin layers of sandstone and shale. In many placesin the district it is apparent that the massive beds are competent and determine the general character of the folding (Willis definition), whereas the overlying thin beds are intricately folded to accomodate themselves to the simpler forms of the massive beds. It would therefore seem that the massive beds are more disposed to break and slip along the fractures than the overlying beds that would accomodate themselves to stress by folding and shipping along the bedding. However this may be, it is clear that the lower Miss. zone of lower Miss. beds is most favorable in the search for ore deposits."

Intrusion: Relatively sparse. Granite popphyry. Largest body is Yellow

Pine sill,780' thick S of YP mine.Next, irregular large dikes at Keystone, Lavina mines.Base of sill at YP lies some 30' above top of YP ls, the 30' being ss of Bird Spring.

Structure, Tectonic History: As shown on KU map,Gbodsprings lies in center of Eardley orogenoc belt, near E margin of Spieker belt of mid-K folding. Structural map.secfions show dominan feature strong folding, mainly N-S or roughly parallel with the orogenic bekt, and esp.thrusting, thrusts parallel to folds. Instructive to compare these sections with those of Mansfield, Geogr.,Geol.,Min.Res.part of SE Idaho USGS PP 152,1927, Bannock region. Folds really subordinate features to great thrusts. Inseatd of thrusts marking rupture of folds, folds may be due to thrusts.

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Folding, thrusting along margin of rising mass. Mother Lode; Central Utah; Lewis thrust.Note steepepning of thrusts with depth: Big Horn. Bannok area, also fold, thrusts along margin of risking mass; there cover much thick r, much less competent. All these examples, folds overturned downslope, thrusts dip towardvrising mass, upper plate shoved toward basin or lowland, thrusts steepen toward core of rising mass.

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10/28/54 At Goodspring, doubtful if basin on SE of rusing geanticline. Region land thr thruout K. Section at Goodsprings thick, 12,400'. But Hewett, Fig, 4, section comparing Inyo Range 65 mi.NW Goodsprings, Goodsprings, and Grand Canyon, 165 mi to E, shows rapid thinning of seds in trough to E.Goodsprings lies well E of thickest part of sed prism built up in Cordilleric trough in Paleo and by some later S Nevada troughs. There was therefore no trough, either an inert, fossil trough of old s eds.or an active, sinking trough like central Utah, SE of Goodsprings during the deformation. Hence an adgatent trough not heeded for such folding & thrusting. An adjacent land mass, rising, is needed.

The Goodspring folds and thrusts are mere minor examples of the structures found along the belt of mid-K folding. The whole orogenic belt occupied by thrusts of attitude similar to that of Keystone in S Nevada. Some shown on lar large Tectonic Map. The thrust belt, 100 mi.wide, extends over 40 mi.NW of Goo Goodsprings Quad. (across width of belt). Belt at least 100 mi.long.

C.R.Longwell most familiar with this region: Mechanics of Orogeny. Am.Jnl. Sci.,243-A,Daly vol.,1945, 417-447. Shows thrusting, largely along bed planes on scale far larger than that at Goodsprings is rule. Most of thrusts strike roughly along trend of orgenic belt; they dip NW and steepen to NW.

Many of these thrusts have brought up Cambrian beds along their NW sides. Not pre-Cambrian because of great thickness of Paleo seds above it.Out in center of Cordilleric trough are 30,000' Gprd seds.

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Four north-south thrust blocks at Goodsprings:

Spring thrust Sultan Block E W Prings anti cluito

E one is oldest, thrusts get progressively younger with depth.

1st Comparison with Clay Experiments. H.Cloos, Bonn. Most original referen-

ces in German. Have translations. English accouts: Outlines of \$ Structural Geology,E.S.H&lls,Nordeman Publ.Co.Inc.N.Y.1941:33-34;64-65;82;113-114,Plate 4;

Deformation of the Earth's Crust.W.H.Bucher, Princeton Univ.Press, 1933. 144-146. Gives rough idea of philosophy of scale models.Mathematical exposition, also common sense version:

Theory of Scale Models as applied to the stidy of geologic structures. M.King Hubbert, GSA Bull.48, 1937, 1459-1520.

In brief, theory as follows: Beeswax, clay used for century as non-brittle metarials to reproduce folding of ss, ls., even qtzites. Why soft stuff to reproduce folding of competent material? Experiments to imittate succes sfully large-scale natural processes must reproduce dimensions of all factors involved on the reduced scale. Strength, Tsva factor, as well as size. But different factors not in linear reference to each other; hence an empirical determination of their relative magnitudes in nature and in the model must precede experimentation aiming for quantitative accuracy. Scale models, hydraulic labs have done this for long time. Scale models of wave action-O'Brien.

Difficult to get quatntitative accuracy in reproducing in experiment larger structural features of crust; at least a rough approach to a reduction of all factors to scale must be attempted.

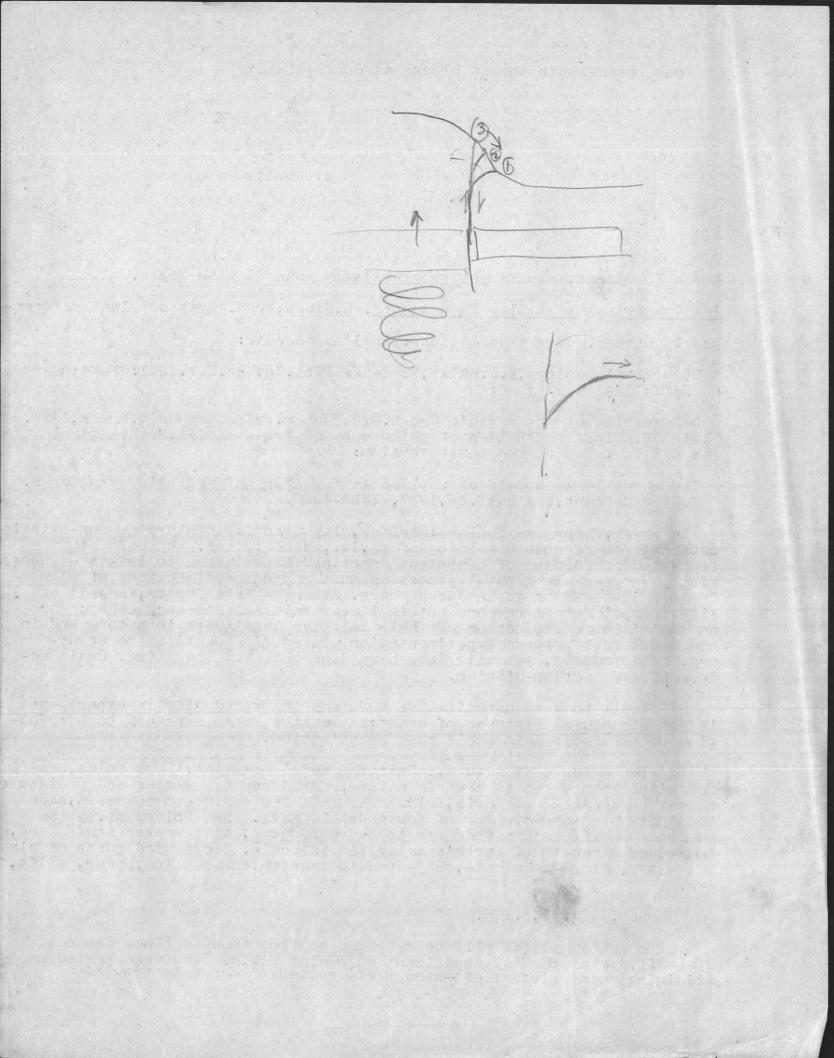
Bigger the scale in nature, softer the madel material. Rock folds, a few miles from crest to cret in nature, reproduced by beeswax and a mixture of wax and plaster of paris, folds measure a few cms.crest to crest, made in minutes instead of tens of tousands of years. When folded mt.systsm hundreds of kilometers wide are to be reproduced, still weaker stuff used, te reduce strength of earth's materials to scale. Cloos used paste of clay and water, molded to a cake, subjected to tension, compression, shear, uplift, sag.

Bucher, Fig. 33, p. 145.

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Deformation plates will be referred to from time to time. See now Plate II,Sketch of Clay experiment adjoining Fig.B. Clay cake rested on adjoining metal plates; left-hand plate raised on screw to simulate



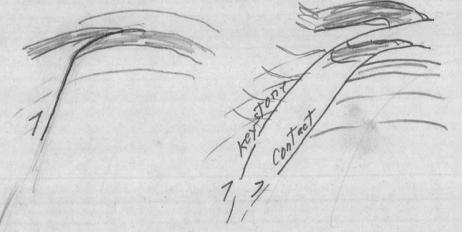
margin of uplift. Vertical fault was generated by the cu ting edgeof rising plate and shearing action against stationary plate. Fault worked up toward surface; as uplift rose.flow of material by gravity down flank rotated plane of thrust down hill. Actual movement omt thrust had been nearly or quite completed before this rotation.Big Horn Mts. Thus the soft rock flowing moved the thrust surface; the thrust surface did not move the soft rock, after down-slope flow had started.

Note on your sections that the incompetent Goodsprings dolomite forms upper plates of thrusts.Such soft rock could not transmit compression as Lewis thrust shoved competent Peltian qtzite over soft Meso seds.

This is suggestive only. But note that Hewett's sequence, derived from independent field work, checks sequence of "thrusts" in clay experiment, where as each upper segment of the reverse fault turns over downslope, a new one shoots up to surface, to be turned over in its turn.

The experiment started with flat beds (marked on the flat clay cake) At Goodsprings, the beds were not flat at start of thrusting. The Bird Springs anticline had risen; a great reverse fault **XXXX** showed up W flank of this anticline:

The fault surface was generated at depth: two fault blocks in the brittle crystalline basement correspond to the two metal plates of Cloos.



The fault surface first cut across the beds because it made a large angle with the beds.too large to turn and adapt itself to a surface of of least resistance, i.e. wontact between 2 formations of dissimilar strength. But as fault climbed it started to overturn to E,got closer to paralleism with such a contact, finally followed it.

That these thrusts steepen with depth is not only shown on Hewett's sections; it is inescapable from mechanics of the thrusting. Section IJ: Goodsprings dolomite thrust over younger rocks parallel beding. In order to chop the upper segment of GS dolo.loose from the lower one, the Keystone fault must cross that formation, and rather quickly.not to have a displacement on the order of tens of miles. Hence Keystone must steepen about as shown.

More on thrust mechanics: 1st fault surface to be bent over to E found itself nearly parallel to W-dipping beds on W flank, Birds Springs anticline. Thrust plane followed bedding; once it did, it had to flatten toward codest of arch. Since W wall of thrust still rusing, this rise in part transformed into a thrust movement, But as attitude of beds flattened radically toward crest of arch, fault plane following these flat beds became progressively less and less adapated to further rise of W block. Since that block however continued to rise, another reverse fault, the Contact, shot up vertically from the basement. And so on for the Keystone, Sultan.

In convrast with blocks below and above it, Contact block most highly folded. We are dealing with two uplift sthe old Bird Springs uplift and the new W uplift. Have hinted that folding prefers flanks of uplift; I believe it is because of flow of material down the slope. If so, flow into a trough results in compression

> The flateening thrusts effect shortening down slope of uplift;folds do same thing.

For the limited area shown there is true lateral compression, since material is being crowded together in the valley.

After this thrust epoch came normal faulting. The Zn, Pb OBs were deposited just after or during formation of earliest of these. Thus after all folding and thrusting that is possible has been effected, deformation as in basement (where bedded rocks were in the main folded all they could bemperehaps in pre-Cambrian, hance basement behavior) by block faulting.

At Ruth mine, No.ll, is a N-S normal fault, younger than Contact thrust, is premineral; galena shoot in Ruth mine lay in crushed beds adjacent to that flt. The dike of GP in which Lavina (4) veins occur was intruded along the Contact flt.p.45: "These relations indicate that the distribution of porphyry intrusions and ore deposits is controlled by the major thrust faults of the region". Since both magma and ore solutions came from depth, here again is a strong suggestion that thrusts steepen with depth. If they kept flat they could not have tapped deep-seated sounces of magma and ore.

<u>Ore Deposits:</u> In dolomitized zones, mainly in YP ls., but also in Bullio dolomite, Anchor ls and a few at base of overlying Bird Spring. Mainly in open spaces, by filling, of dolomite breccia, remaining space filled with white dolomite and calcite. Replacement of dolom te breccia frags.confined to a few inches away from fractures.

Shape of OBs largely determined by shape of breccia zones.Majority of latter nearly parallel bedding.The zones underlie persistent walls whuch are minor thrusts. Some OBs along W-dipping normal faults.In general, steep portions of the thrusts, plus the normal faults were the ore channel Thrust breccias which stayed open owing to strength of a rubble and compe tence of the dolomite were favorable places for solutions that asdene ded along the steep faults to spread out to make tabular OBs. <u>Yellow Pine Miner</u> Chief producer. In HW of Contact thrust, close to Contact, and along S projection of steeper Potosi thrust. Section E-F, farther N, shows narrow wedge between these thrusts. Lies in most complexly deformed area in district, the solar pplexus or nucleus of deormation. Note curving of Keystone thrust to E S of YP. The thick YP sill added to heterogeneity of rocks being deformed. Minor thrusts run along nearly al, major bed of thrust movement along bedding, to be described might represent dissipation of Potosi thrusting to S.

IMP.principle: Free fault movement, no strain.Hindered tendency to movement, severe strain, disruption, ore...

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Main Mass

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YP sillabove, intruded along unconformity at base of Bird Spring. Arrowhead 10', dol.1s beds altenating with shale laminae. Yp 1s, ore, 110', S part, 71', N. owing to unconformity. Light gray, xx, dolomitized.

Beds warped.Most of X-flts premineral.Movement on most,NE side up n and to SE at angle slightly less than dip of beds.

Note very slight warpong of beds in a region highly folded elsewhete. Thick YP sill refused to fold.

Structural Contour Map.Contours on top of Arrowhead ls.

The NW faults intensely localized here might be method of deformation of YP sill, projected into underlying beds.

OBs in a fault breccia roughly parallel to the beds rather than along particularbbed planes/ Beds dip NW, parallel to thrusts of the region; breccia due to minor bed thrusting. Hewett thinks ore solutions arose along certain of NW faults, spreading out into breccia zone. Ultimate channel probably Contact flt.

Looking at district as a whole, N of E-W segment, Keystone thrust, mines confined to Contact block. In detailmost of the mines hug the Contact and Potosi thrusts, and lie not far in the HW of these.

S of E-W segment of Keystone, triangle between Keystone and Ironside flts seems to have localized ore (Shanandoah Mine). Akso Frederickson INSERT: Later History of Goodsprings.

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After normal faulting and deposition of ore, came a period of great erosion, signifying active uplift; then other normal faults, further erosion meaning more uplift. Then vulcanism, rhy, latite and esite intrusions, tuffs, flows. Miocene. Still farther normal faults, on bigger scale, mainly outside the quadrangle. ^Basin Range. p.44"Obviously erosion has been active through late ^Tertiary and post-Tertiary time". Thus the processes, erosion, uplift, normal faulting, initiated in the mid-K have continued into Pleistocene. Cf.Stockton Quzd., San Francisco District, Mogollon, Comstock.

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fault; area of normal flts near SE corner. Sultan, Milford thrusts have lo-INSERT calized some ore.

> Summary: Relatively thick, rather incompetent section, but not too far above basement.Section C-D.Major ore channels thrusts, which since exposed horizon not too far above basement, have not turned over very far.Favorable rocks are massive ls., dolo., brittle, inteecalated with softer not far in HW of major thrusts layers.Subsidiary thrusting/brecciated these massive horizons, also steep gransgessive faults did likewise.

Main OB where massive sill impeded normal deformation of seds. The YP sill might also, of course, have acted as the so-called trap for ascending solutions. Leadville.

Exploration at Goodpprings: Where would you hunt for further ore. Can't say without detail,long study.But here is one pointer: Blue on map shows exposures of Monte Cristo ls. May be hidden OBs where this lies below surface.Favorable area,perhaps,Contact block,uncolored area S of Potosi mine-Sections C-D,E-F.Others in S. Leakgge ore: poor showings in Bird Spring might be slight amount of ore that had leaked upward from better mineralization in YP ls at depth.Pick area showing strong deformation and espcially heterogenity of rock,with some smells of mineralization,as close as possible to a major thrust for a channel.Perhaps Wilson fault,Sec.#E-F.

An ore showing must be judged in relation to the favorability of the rock in which it appears.

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Geology and Mineral Deposits of the Goodsprings Area Nevcada

I Location

South end of the Spring Mts., a range in southern Nevada adjacent to California boarder, ca. 25 mi. SW of Las Vegas

II Section

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	Age	Formation	Thickness
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	Quaternery	Alluvium	
	Pliestocene	Gravels	125'
	Tertiery	Tuff, breccia, flows of andesite,	
		latite, rhyolite and baselt	0 - 200'
	Jurassic	Aztec sandstone: massive red as.	2100'
	U. Triassic	Chinle fm.: Red shly. ss.	1000'
	U. Triassic	Shinerump cgl .: 1s. & chert cgl.	10 - 30'
	L. Triassic	Moenkopi fm.: red & green sdy, sh.	
		some thin bedded 1s. and cgl.	750 - 950'
		UNCONFORMITY	100 100
	Permien (Kaibab 1s .: Massive grey limestone	410 - 5551
	1	Supai îm.: Red ss., red & green shly.	Conde Con and the Conde
		ss., minor gypsum beds	1000 - 1100
	Pennsylvanian	Bird Springs fm.: Gray 1s. & dol.	7000 - 7700
		thin to thick bedded	2500 '
		UNCONFOR MITY	2,000
1	Mississippiem	Monte Cristo 1s.	
		Yellowpine 1s. *	60 - 120'
		Arrowhead 1s.	10 - 20'
		Bullion dol. ¥	185 - 300'
		Anchor 1s.	65 - 400'
		Dawn 1s	60 - 400'
	Devonian {	Crystel Pass 1s.	150 - 260'
		Valentine 1s.	75 - 380'
	(Ironside dol.	5 - 125'
	Devonian to	Goodsprings dol.	24,50,01
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	M. Cambrian {	Bright Angel shale	240 1
)	Taperts sendstone	130'
	9	Unconformity	
	Algonkian	Cgh., qtzite, dol.	
		UNCONFORMITY	
	Archean	reddish granite gneiss	
III Intrusive Rocks			
	Igneous rocks, both extrusive and intrusive are of minor		
	areal extent in Goodsprings Area. Igneous rocks can be		
	divided th		
	Larly	group: Granite porphyry dikes and sil	ls; lampro-
	phyre dikes. Pre-mineral and prob. L. Tertiary		
	Lacer	group: Volcanic rks., extrusive and in	trusive
	andesites, latites, rhyolites, besalts and Tuff. Post-mineral.		
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IV Summary fo Structurel Events

Post-Jurassic to pre-Miocene Folding Overthrusting: Low angle overthrusts and their associated high angle thrust faults. Thrusting was from west to east. Late Cretaceous to early Tertiary Intrusion Early normal faults (some follow steep reverse faults). Mineralization. Miocene to fliocene Late normal faults Volcenic flows and tuffs. Normal faults.

V Ore Deposits Galena and sphalerite are major primary minerals. Chalcopyrite is a minor primary mineral.

VI Geologic Control of Ore Deposits

- Lead-zinc or bodies occur along Fredrickson Fault Copper ore bodies occur along Ironsides Fault.
- Localization of ore bodies slong the Monte Cristo ls. where massive beds of ls. and dol. have been broken and breccisted and are favorable loci of ore deposition.
- 3. Individual ore bodies are located within the Monte Cristo ls. where one or more of the follwing factors have rendered the ground permeable and hence favorable: a. Permeability of favorable ground primary and due
 - to openings between surfaces of bedding.
 - b. Permeability of ground secondary and related to:
 - i. Openings dissolved by ground water circulating during Monte Cristo - Bird Springs erosion interval.

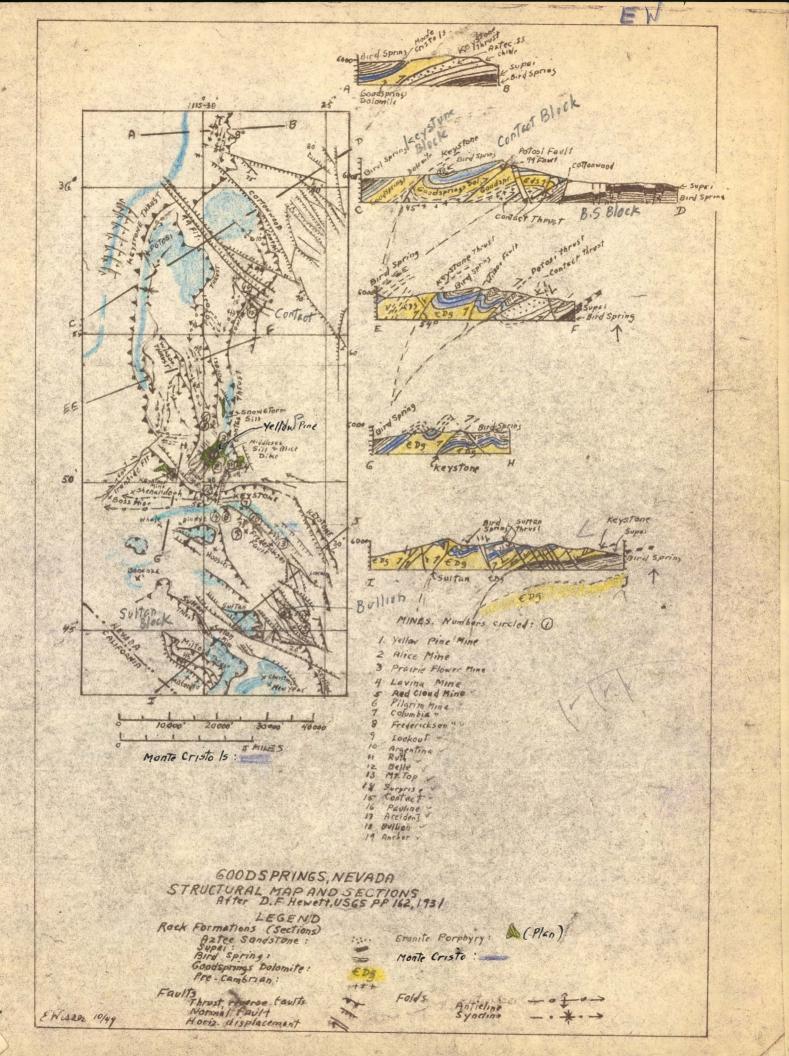
ii. Openings produced mechanically by breaking of roks due mainly to:

- (A) Shearing along bedding and minor thrusts; effects largely localized in relatively massive rock either
 (1) oOverlain by relatively thin-bedded rock.
 - (2) Interbedded with relatively thin-bedded rock.
- (B) Faulting and jointing in and along flexures.
- (D) Disting and transma
- (C) Rifting and tearing.

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GOODSPRINGS, NEVADA COLUMNAR SECTION, PRE-TERTIARY SEDIMENTS

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