GW appoints three new vice presidents

Appointment of three new vice-presidents at the Great Western Sugar Company (GWS) was announced today by James A. Krentler, chief executive officer of the Denver-based sugar firm. The appointments went to James L. Mark, Robert E. Munroe, and Jack B. Powell, all long-time employees who have spent their entire careers with Great Western.

Named vice-pres.-manufacturing was Jack Powell, whose responsibility will be the operation of the firm's 18 sugar producing factories scattered throughout six states, plus another plant in Johnstown, Colo., that produces MSG (monosodium glutamate) from sugarbeet molasses.

Robert Munroe becomes vice-pres.-environmental affairs. He will supervise the multi-million dollar pollution abatement program initiated by GWS several years ago. Munroe's department is responsible for assuring that factory operations continue to meet federal, state and local environmental standards.

As vice-pres.-materiel, James Mark will be responsible for supervision of the transportation, distribution and purchasing functions of the company.

Powell, who was transferred from Ft. Morgan to the GWS Denver general office as director of manufacturing last Sept., began his career with the company in 1947 as a design engineer. During the intervening years, he has served in several engineering capacities, has been factory manager at four GWS factories, and has been general manager of two GWS districts. He was born in Norfolk, Virginia, and attended the University of West Va. and the University of Ill., receiving his degree in engineering from the Illinois school in 1947. Powell and his wife, Betty, make their home in southeast Denver. They have two grown daughters.

Munroe, who has 25 years of experience in sugar factory operations, has been director of environmental affairs since August of 1973. He has held a variety of operating posts with GWS, beginning his career as an assistant chemist at the now-closed Windsor factory in 1949. Other jobs he has held include chief chemist, supt. of the GWS Process Development Laboratory at Loveland, supt. of two factories, district supt. and general manager of special operations. Munroe is a 1949 graduate of the Colo. School of Mines and holds a degree in metallurgical engineering. A native of New Mexico, he grew up in Durango and Denver. Munroe and his wife, Mary, live in Aurora. They have three grown children.

Mark began his Great Western career 23 years ago as an office boy in the Denver general office. Three months later he was promoted to the accounting dept., and has continued a steady upward climb through employee ranks which included duties as chief order clerk, sales dept. office manager, distribution manager, director-staff services, and finally to director-materiel in late 1973. Born in El Reno, Okla., Mark was graduated from high school in Englewood, Colo. He attended the University of Colo. and the University of Denver, majoring in marketing. Mark and his wife, Ginny, and their young son make their home in Littleton.