Hopkins appoints Labor Policies Board of Works Progress Administration

Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, today appointed the Labor Policies Board of the Works Progress Administration as an advisory body on matters of labor relations under the Works Program.

The board consists of: Arthur O. Wharton, chairman; Father Francis J. Haas, and James Wilson.

In addition to advising Mr. Hopkins on policies of labor relations, the board will, from time to time, generally review labor questions and problems and will receive reports from the Labor Relations and Administrative executives of the Works Progress Administration.

Mr. Wharton has an extensive record as an advisor on labor matters. He is International President of the Machinists' Union and Vice-president of the American Federation of Labor and served on the Labor Relations Committee of the NRA. He was appointed a member of the United States Railroad Labor Board by President Wilson. From 1912 to 1920 he was President of the Railway Employee's Department of the American Federation of Labor. He was an advisor on the United States Railroad Wage Commission from 1918 to 1920. From the beginning to the end of the World War he served on the Committee on Labor, the Government Regulations of Labor Committee, and the Council of National Defense.

Father Haas is a member of the Labor Advisory Board and Labor Member of the General Code Authority and Director of the National Catholic School of Social Service. He was Dean of the College Department of St. Francis Seminary from 1922 to 1931. In 1923 he was Impartial Chairman of the Milwaukee Newspaper Industry, in 1929 a member of the examining board of the Milwaukee County Civil Service Commission. Since 1930, he has been a member of the Committee on Crime and Criminal Justice of the Wisconsin Conference of Social Work. He is the author of several books on labor problems and sociology.
Mr. Wilson, prominent as an authority on national and international labor policies, served as an observer representing the United States at the International Labor Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, this year. He was labor advisor to the World Monetary and Economic Conference in 1933. He was President of the Pattern Makers' League of North America from 1902 to 1934 and Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor from 1924 to 1934, as well as Vice-President of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor from 1927 to 1934. He has served as member of two charter commissions of the City of Cincinnati, O., and is a member of the Cincinnati City Council.

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