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THE WORKS PROGRAM

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rks Program brings end to Federal relief in Alabama and Wyoming.

Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator and Federal Emergency lief Administrator, today announced that employment on projects under the rks Program has brought an end to Federal relief in Alabama and Wyoming, d in these two States the program has achieved its immediate objective.

With 32,000 men and women at work under the Works Program in Alabama l 950 at work in Wyoming, Mr. Hopkins announced that these two States will ceive no grants of Federal funds for emergency relief in September. The leral Government has "quit this business of relief" in these States.

Through August 27, Works Program projects approved for Alabama totalled .. The total Federal allotment for these projects was $35,170,730.

Through the same date, Works Program projects approved for Wyoming alled 105, and the total Federal allotment was $18,961,471.

Additional projects will be submitted from time to time by both States provide jobs for the necessary volume of Works Program workers.

With preliminary preparation on many projects now complete, the rate of rting them in terms of putting men and women from the relief rolls at work l be considerably accelerated.

Among the first to send Works Program projects to Washington and to eive approval, Alabama and Wyoming have rapidly transferred their able mployed from relief rolls to the pay rolls of the program. Their Works gram schedule calls for the assignment of many others to projects in the ainder of August and through September so that their activities will quickly into full swing.

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In explaining the significance of the achievement, Mr. Hopkins said:

"The Works Program has reached its immediate objective according to the the schedules for Alabama and Wyoming. The employable needy have been taken from the relief rolls and put to work on useful public projects at security wages. Those who have not already been transferred to work projects will be soon, so that during September further Federal relief funds will not be required.

"Balances of Federal relief funds now in the hands of the two States will assist them in adjusting to the new situation, so that in the period of reorganization all needs will be met.

"State and local provisions in the future will take care of the unemployables, such as the aged, the physically hancicapped, mothers with dependent children, and others who constitute the local welfare problem.

"The Federal Government, through the Works Program, has recognized that the problem created by unemployment is primarily national. On the other hand, local and State financial responsibility for the unemployables is based on the obvious local character of this aspect of relief needs. This concept, defining the two phases of the relief problem, according to national responsibility for employable persons and State and local responsibility for unemployables, has been recognized by the FERA since its beginning.

"However, the President's message to Congress on the Works Program emphasized more clearly the division which places responsibility for direct relief for unemployables on States and localities, while the Federal Government assumes the responsibility for employable persons whose need is caused by the national problem of unemployment."

Various preparations have been made by the two States and their cities, towns, and counties to carry the costs of direct relief.

Alabama has made $3,000,000 available for the period beginning July 1, 1935, and the governor can use it for various relief purposes, according to the needs of the various types of unemployables. This is expected to be supplemented by about $1,000,000 of local funds.

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