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Aubrey W. Williams to be Acting Works Progress Administrator in Hopkins' absence.

Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, today, on the eve of leaving Washington with the President, announced that Aubrey W. Williams, Assistant Works Progress Administrator, will be Acting Works Progress Administrator in his absence.

Declaring the situation with regard to the submittal of projects from the State Works Progress Administrations as "eminently satisfactory," Mr. Hopkins said:

"Plenty of projects have been submitted by the State Works Progress Administrators to insure that there will be not only a sufficient number on which to put people to work, but a large, extra number, giving the State administrators a wide choice from which to select as the need for starting new projects to replace completed ones arises," Mr. Hopkins said.

"The State administrators will have a large number of approved projects of all kinds to meet the needs for employment of the various types of workers."

"The situation with regard to the submittal of projects by the State Works Progress Administrators is eminently satisfactory."

"The project reviewers of the WPA here in Washington are working at top speed. The procedure of approval is moving rapidly, and the projects that have come in from the States are being referred rapidly for allotment."

"The President has already approved allotments for 33,300 projects, which have gone through the WPA review and approval section. He has approved allotments of a total of $1,302,500,000 through September 25."

"The average cost per project is $39,000, and the average expenditure of Federal funds, exclusive of State or local contributions, will be $730 per man per year."

"The 33,300 projects provide for the employment of 5,364,000 persons, if all of the projects were done at the same time."