For Immediate Release
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Hopkins Orders Posters Banning Political Contributions.

"No person shall be employed or discharged on the ground of his support or non-support of any political organization," Administrator Harry L. Hopkins announced today in a general letter to all State Works Progress Administrators, ordering project foremen and supervisors on every WPA project throughout the country to post notices to all WPA workers.

The notice reiterates previous statements of Administrator Hopkins that no employee is required to make political contributions, nor shall his job be jeopardized by failure to contribute. Moreover, solicitation by WPA employees of political funds "at any time" is forbidden and will be cause for immediate discharge.

"The question of whether or not to contribute to any political party is a matter entirely for the voluntary decision of said employee," the notice states.

The general letter is attached:
March 13, 1936

General Letter No. 8

TO: All State Works Progress Administrators

SUBJECT: Notice to All WPA Workers

All State Works Progress Administrators are hereby instructed to post in every district office and to deliver to every project foreman an exact copy of the following regulation:

"No employee of the Works Progress Administration, either administrative or engaged on a project, is required to make any contribution to any political party.

"No Works Progress Administration employee's job will be in jeopardy because of the failure of said employee to make such contribution.

"No employee of the Works Progress Administration shall at any time solicit contributions for any political party and evidence of such solicitation will be cause for immediate discharge. The question of whether or not to contribute to any political party is a matter entirely for the voluntary decision of said employee.

"No person shall be employed or discharged by the Works Progress Administration on the ground of his support or non-support of any candidate of any political organization."

Harry L. Hopkins
Administrator