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Hopkins assures Connecticut Governor WPA Will Aid State in Rehabilitation Work

Works Progress Administrator Harry L. Hopkins today telegraphed Governor Wilbur L. Cross of Connecticut, that the WPA was prepared to repair within his State public property damaged by flood waters and work on private property "where health is endangered or where there is a hazard to life."

Mr. Hopkins' telegram was in reply to an appeal for aid sent him by Governor Cross. The administrator's telegram follows:

"Your wire relative to Connecticut flood received. WPA is prepared to repair damage to public property including bridges, streets, sewer systems, water systems and public buildings. WPA may also do emergency work on private property where health is endangered or where there is a hazard to life. Full resources of the WPA will be placed behind the program of rehabilitation of public property and State WPA is now authorized to do this. You may be sure we will act promptly in meeting all proper requirements. American Red Cross has the responsibility and facilities for meeting relief problem resulting from flood insofar as it concerns food, shelter, clothing and medical care for relief sufferers. The Red Cross also includes in their program rehabilitation of private homes under appropriate restrictions.

(s) Harry L. Hopkins."

Similar telegrams were sent by Mr. Hopkins to Governors Brann of Maine, Curley of Massachusetts, and Earle of Pennsylvania, in response to appeals.