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Hopkins to Visit Flood-Stricken Connecticut; Assigns Ranking WPA Officials to Other Devastated Areas.

Led by Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, officials of the Works Progress Administration will deploy over the flood-devastated states tonight for first-hand inspections of the damage wrought by flood waters, and to determine the most expeditious manner in which the resources of the WPA can be brought to bear on the task of rehabilitation.

Mr. Hopkins will go to Hartford, Conn., where heavy damages have been reported. This decision was reached following a conference this morning with Governor Wilbur L. Cross, and members of that state’s congressional delegation in Mr. Hopkins’ office.

Howard O. Hunter, assistant administrator, will go to Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Hunter’s office has been placed in immediate control of flood relief work under the WPA, and all authorizations for increased employment and other administrative measures relating thereto are being cleared through him.

Other officials are being dispatched to the following points:

Thad Holt, assistant administrator, to Wheeling, West Va;

Col. F. C. Harrington, assistant administrator, to Johnstown and Pittsburgh, Penna;

Corrington Gill, assistant administrator, to Portsmouth and Cincinnati, Ohio;


Francis H. Dryden, field representative and State Works Progress Administrator for Maryland, to Easton and Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Before his departure for Connecticut, Mr. Hopkins conferred with Governor George H. Earle of Pennsylvania, relative to rehabilitation work necessitated by flood waters in that state.