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Approximately 10,000 Persons Have Volunteered to Assist in Compilation of the Works Progress Administration's American Guide.

More than 10,000 volunteer advisors and workers are assisting 6,500 paid WPA workers who are compiling The American Guide, the Works Progress Administration's forthcoming five-volume travel handbook, according to an announcement made by Henry G. Alsberg, Director of the Federal Writers Project. A minority of the workers are cataloguing and translating historical documents, doing historical research, rendering editorial aid to state and federal departments, or teaching journalism in settlement houses.

The American Guide will embrace the entire United States and will treat such scientific, historic, scenic, folklore and commercial subjects as:

General topography, flora and fauna, historical settings and backgrounds, Indian tribes and reservations, archeological remains, national, state and city parks, Army and Navy posts, armories, monuments and landmarks, literature, art, music, drama, libraries and museums, educational facilities, societies and associations, neighborhood architecture--government buildings, churches, hotels, houses, ethnography--races represented; folk customs and folklore, highways and by-ways for autoists or hikers, manufacturing and industries, power available--water and electric and nearness of coal mines; products--exports and imports; market proximity, transportation--railroads, waterways, bus and air lines; natural resources, developed and undeveloped.
Among the volunteers are State governors, mayors, college presidents, and professors, technical experts, architects, authors, historians, editors and transportation executives. About 5,000 volunteers are writing or editing articles which require specialized knowledge; others are working in remote localities inaccessible to WPA research workers and writers.

More than 450 Chambers of Commerce are cooperating. Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions clubs, automobile clubs, historical societies and other patriotic and civic organizations have appointed their secretaries or groups of members to assist Guide workers. Some organizations have appointed joint community committees to serve as local advisors on material to be included in the Guide and to help workers collect information.

Through the Association of American Railroads, practically every railroad in the United States has appointed special representatives to cooperate in compiling the Guide. State representatives of the association have directed all non-mechanical railroad employees to assist Guide writers in local communities. The Association has appointed a liaison officer to serve in the American Guide headquarters in Washington, D.C. The National Bus Traffic Association, with the concurrence of the National Association of Motor Bus Operators, has appointed State representatives headed by L. G. Markel, chairman of the National Bus Traffic Association.

Edgar S. Correll, President of the Air Transport Association of America, is organizing a committee of State aeronautical representatives.

R. J. Baker, President of the American Steamship Owners' Association, is chairman of a committee to advise American Guide executives on coastwise, river and lake travel. E. H. Duff, counsel for the Association, is vice chairman.
S. F. Voorhees, President of the American Institute of Architects, has appointed the presidents of all local chapters and members of the standing committee on historic buildings to serve as State architectural representatives.

Thomas D. Green, President of the American Hotel Association, is appointing State and city hotel representatives, and hotel managers will aid Guide writers in collecting data.

The Authors League and the American Newspaper Guild actively support the Federal Writers' Project, as do a number of State and local writers' groups.

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