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Works Progress Administration Employees On Project Payrolls Ineligible for Annual and Sick Leave Benefits

Deputy Administrator Aubrey Williams today announced that Works Progress Administration employees on project payrolls are not entitled to annual, sick or military leave with pay under an existing ruling of the Comptroller General.

On March 14, Congress approved a bill restoring leave benefits to government employees. On June 11, Deputy Administrator Williams sought a ruling from the Comptroller General with respect to leave benefits for Works Progress Administration employees paid from project funds.

The Comptroller General, on June 25, ruled that "persons assigned to Works Progress Administration projects by or through the United States Employment Service from relief rolls or otherwise, pursuant to the procedure prescribed by Executive Order 7060, dated June 5, 1935, are 'security wage workers' as distinguished from 'officers and employees' and are not entitled to sick or annual leave of absence with pay, irrespective of the class of work to which they are assigned, that is, whether 'white collar' or mechanical or labor work, and notwithstanding they are paid prevailing wages pursuant to section (e) to the schedule of monthly earnings under Part I, Executive Order 7046, May 20, 1935."

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