WPA Drought Conferences Called in Kansas and Nebraska.

In a report today to Deputy Administrator Aubrey Williams, Assistant Administrator Howard C. Hunter, in charge of Works Progress Administration drought operations, announced:

"Following repeated appeals from officials in Kansas and Nebraska as the severity of drought conditions increased in this area, I have authorized R. C. Jacobson, field representative, to confer with Evan Griffith and D. F. Felton, State Works Progress Administrators of Kansas and Nebraska, respectively, and work out a program for employment of drought victims."

State Administrator Griffith reported the conditions in some Kansas counties even worse than during the 1934 drought. Surveys by Works Progress Administration officials and reports from various boards of County Commissioners showed a need for immediate action, he said. The Department of Agriculture designated 27 Kansas counties as in the emergency drought area last week.

County Commissioners and officials of both major political parties in Linn County, Kansas, wired an appeal outlining the "acute emergency" in that district.

Gov. R. L. Cochran of Nebraska, in a telegram to Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, and Mr. Hunter, urged prompt action, estimating that "extreme drought conditions necessitate increasing the present Works Progress Administration quota for Nebraska to 17,500 for the month of July to take care of the people in desperate need of immediate work."

Mr. Jacobson will leave Chicago Monday night to confer with Kansas officials in Topeka Tuesday and will proceed to Lincoln for a meeting with Nebraska officials Wednesday.