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Administrator Hopkins Answers Rumors of Slash in Federal Arts Projects.

Actors, musicians, writers and artists employed throughout the country on Federal Arts Projects should disregard rumors that these projects are either to be liquidated or curtailed below a point of effective performance, Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, today advised.

"That has never been contemplated," Administrator Hopkins continued. "It is generally recognized that work of great, and we hope, lasting social and cultural value has been accomplished by these projects. They have served to indicate, in my opinion, the broader function the arts should perform in our society."

Repeating his previous statement of policy, with the explanation that it applies directly to the arts projects, Administrator Hopkins added:

"Those in actual need will continue to receive employment—if not on their present projects, then in other useful capacities. Non-relief employment on the Works Program will be curtailed wherever possible but all who are certified as in need will find our rolls open to them.

"The program ahead is designed for greater efficiency and a still larger measure of public usefulness."

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