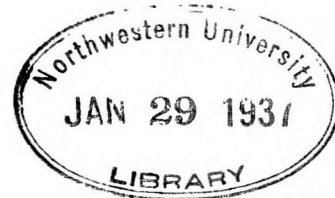


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Army of WPA Workers Begin Task of Rehabilitation.

"An army of more than 30,000 WPA workers is 'mopping up' in the wake of the flood in the Ohio valley," Harry L. Hopkins, WPA Administrator, declared today after an inspection of reports from State Administrators and regional representatives in the flood zone.

"From Wheeling, W. Va., to Owensboro, Ky., WPA sanitation units have been mobilized in a battle against disease. Working in cooperation with United States Public Health Service and State Health Department officials, WPA is providing the man-power for cleaning streets and public buildings of debris left by the flood. WPA labor also is being used on emergency sanitation projects and emergency repairs of water mains and highways. The water supply in many communities has been cut off or contaminated and the first objective of WPA health units is to restore pure drinking water to those communities.

"While every facility of WPA was brought into use to save life and property during the flood period, WPA's big job began with the recession of the flood waters in the upper Ohio valley. This flood drove several hundred thousand people from their homes. Proper sanitary precautions must be taken before these homes are reoccupied if the health of the communities is to be insured. This is WPA's job."

Reports to Administrator Hopkins this morning from State Administrator George E. Goodman of Kentucky, state that WPA forces have begun to clean away debris in Ashland and other eastern Kentucky cities. With the water slowly receding in Louisville, Administrator Goodman said, the WPA forces in that city will start their clean up work Saturday morning.