Memphis Mayor Praises WPA Flood Aid.

Mayor Watkins Overton of Memphis, Tenn., today advised Deputy WPA Administrator Aubrey Williams that Memphis is safe from inundation in the lowest sections, even if the flood crest is several feet higher than predicted, expressing gratitude for the aid of WPA forces.

"If we built our temporary bulkheads an inch too low, they would have been no good, so we built them several feet too high, knowing then that we would be prepared for the worst," Mayor Overton explained in a telegram to Mr. Williams. "We got our bulkheads up in a hurry and we can thank the Works Progress Administration for the safety from the river this city now enjoys.

"The WPA has given us every conceivable assistance. When levees protecting certain parts of the city were in danger, the WPA put at our disposal its every available resource. The WPA gave us about 5,000 workers on the levees and assigned hundreds of men and women for general utility work in the refugee camps. WPA carpenters assisted in the barracks construction at the fairgrounds. The Works Program projects turned over approximately 50,000 garments to the Red Cross."