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WPA Issues Study of "The People of the Drought States"

Publication of "The People of the Drought States", second of a series of research bulletins dealing with problems of the Great Plains agricultural area, was announced today by Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator.

The bulletin deals largely with the movement of population in and out of 803 counties which have been subject to drought at various intervals in 10 States—the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico. Problems arising from uncontrolled settlement also are considered. A third bulletin is to follow, dealing with efforts to relieve distress in recent years.

All of the bulletins are prepared by the Division of Social Research under the general direction of Corrington Gill, Assistant Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, in cooperation with the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the Social Research Unit of the Resettlement Administration.

(A copy of the second bulletin is attached.)