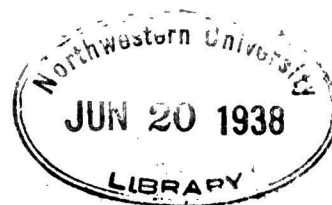


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Ohio Officials Confer with Williams on Relief Problems.

Congressman Byron B. Harlan, Mayor Myron B. Gessaman of Columbus, Ohio, and E. E. Hagerman, Director of Finance of Dayton, Ohio, and President of the Ohio League of Municipalities, today conferred with Aubrey Williams, Deputy Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, on relief problems in Ohio.

As a result of the acute needs in Ohio industrial communities during recent months, Mr. Williams pointed out, this State has the second largest WPA employment in the Nation and for a time had the heaviest enrollment. WPA rolls rose from 84,539 during the week ending October 2, 1937, to 238,609 during the last week of May, a gain of more than 180 per cent in eight months.

The Ohio officials agreed with Mr. Williams that the Federal government was giving all possible assistance in providing work for employable persons in need and that the distress in Ohio is primarily the result of inadequate State and local funds for the relief of unemployable persons.

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