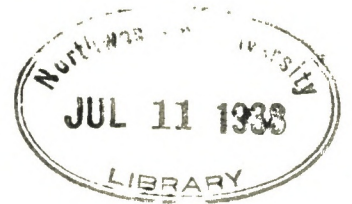


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HOPKINS ANNOUNCES WPA PURCHASE OF \$10,000,000 WORTH OF CLOTHING
FOR RELIEF DISTRIBUTION

Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, announced today the purchase of \$10,000,000 worth of men's, women's and children's clothing, for distribution to people otherwise unable to buy such clothing.

The clothing will be bought from manufacturers in all parts of the country, on the basis of immediate delivery. The distribution will be handled by State Departments of Public Welfare.

Mr. Hopkins stated that this would make possible immediate resumption of employment in clothing-making industries through the absorption of existing inventories.

The purchase by WPA of surplus clothing stocks was proposed to Administrator Hopkins recently by Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. He estimated that about 160,000 employees in the industry would be directly or indirectly benefited by the plan.

Once the present surplus has been eliminated, he informed Mr. Hopkins, manufacturers would gain confidence, acquire new stocks and put people to work. He estimated that an outlay of from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 would dispose of the present surplus.

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