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HINCKLEY RESIGNS AS ASSISTANT WPA ADMINISTRATOR; H. E. SMITH NAMED
ACTING FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Robert H. Hinckley, Assistant Administrator and Field Representative
of the Works Progress Administration, announced his resignation, effective
today, as he prepared to assume his new duties as a member of the Civil
Aeronautics Authority.

In accepting the resignation, Administrator Harry L. Hopkins expressed
keen regret at the loss of Mr. Hinckley's services. Mr. Hopkins announced
the appointment of H.E. Smith as Acting Field Representative in charge of
the region previously administered by Mr. Hinckley. This includes Arizona,
California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah,
Washington, Wyoming, Hawaii and Alaska. The regional WPA headquarters
will continue to be in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Hinckley has been connected with some phase of relief work since
1930, when he became a member of the Ogden Community Service Committee,
a private organization which took over the unemployment relief problem in
that city. Later he became a member of Governor Dern's State Relief
Committee. In 1933 he directed Utah enrollment in the Civilian Conservation
Corps and later, at the request of the Governor, established the Utah Relief
Commission on a business basis. Because of his work in this field he was
asked to direct activities of the Civil Works Administration in the State and, in the spring of 1934, was appointed Assistant Administrator for the western states under the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, and later the WPA. His administrative record in these posts and his outstanding contributions to airport and airway development in the West led to his appointment to the new Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Mr. Hinckley has pioneered aviation in his own city since 1929 where he assisted in organizing a local airplane company and in establishing a municipal airport.

Mr. Smith has served as Mr. Hinckley's assistant since 1934, under both the FERA and WPA. A native of the State of Washington, he has lived in California for the last 20 years. Prior to his connection with the Federal relief program he was a member of an accounting firm in San Francisco.