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NINE REGIONAL DIRECTORS NAMED BY HARRINGTON IN NEW WPA ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP.

Appointment of nine Regional Directors to supervise field operations of the Works Progress Administration was announced at Chicago today by Colonel F. C. Harrington, WPA Administrator.

The new regions, supplanting five large areas previously designated as field units, were established to provide more effective and economical supervision, Colonel Harrington said. Without increasing personnel, he added, the new system is expected to reduce travel costs and bring the regional director in closer touch with his States, which have been grouped by economic as well as geographical relations.

With the exception of Region II, these changes will be effective February 15th.

Designation of the new Regional Directors, their territory and headquarters, was announced as follows:

Region I: John J. McDonough, formerly WPA Administrator for Massachusetts, supervising the New England States, with headquarters in Boston.

Region II: R.C. Branion, formerly field representative in charge of Region I (the New England States and New York), supervising New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, with headquarters in New York City. This will not be made effective until about April 1st.
Region III: Francis H. Dryden, formerly field representative in charge of Region II (the Middle Atlantic States), supervising Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, with headquarters in Baltimore.

Region IV: Malcolm J. Miller, formerly field representative in charge of Region III (the Southern States), supervising Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky, with headquarters at Atlanta.

Region V: George Field, formerly chief regional engineer of Region IV (the Middle West), supervising Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas and Oklahoma, with headquarters in New Orleans.

Region VI: Bruce Uthus, formerly field representative for the eastern States in Region IV, supervising Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Indiana and Ohio, with headquarters in Chicago.

Region VII: Howard S. Drew, formerly field representative and assistant to the director of Region IV, supervising Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas, with headquarters at Minneapolis.

Region VIII: R.L. Nicholson, formerly regional employment director for Region V (the Western States) and recently Acting Administrator of New Mexico, supervising Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, New Mexico and Idaho, with headquarters in Denver.

Region IX: H.E. Smith, formerly acting field representative in charge of Region V, supervising California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington and Oregon, with headquarters at San Francisco.