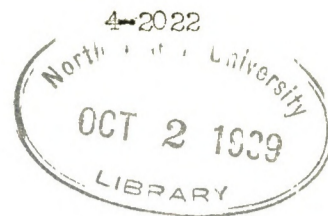


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COLONEL HARRINGTON ORDERS RESUMPTION OF WPA DISMISSALS UNDER 18-MONTH PROVISION

Colonel F. C. Harrington, Work Projects Commissioner, today directed all State Administrators to resume the dismissing of persons who have been on the WPA rolls continuously for 18 months. Dismissals were ordered suspended July 28 pending final decision by Congress.

His telegram follows:

"Proposed amendments to Section 16B of Public Resolution #24 were not adopted by Congress. Consequently provisions of this section remain in force and my telegraphic instructions of July 29th are herewith rescinded. All relief workers except veterans who have been continuously employed on WPA projects for eighteen months or more in accordance with definition contained in Operating Procedure E-9, Section 53 must be dismissed prior to August 31st and after August 31st all relief workers except veterans who have been continuously employed for eighteen months must be discharged at termination of such continuous employment. No persons discharged because of this provision will be eligible for reassignment until expiration of thirty days from date of discharge and will be eligible at such time only upon recertification. Such recertification does not entitle person to immediate reassignment to a project but merely entitles such person to have his name placed in waiting assignment file. You are instructed to make replacements on projects within your employment authorization for all persons discharged because of eighteen months provision. Careful planning should be made for such replacements and new assignments during the next two weeks. September employment authorization for your state which was announced at Chicago meeting will stand as minimum employment authorization. In view of anticipated large number to be discharged in accordance with eighteen month provision between now and September 1st you are instructed not only to plan for reassignment within your employment authorization but also to plan for protection of proper project supervision and operation in cases where eighteen months provision will mean discharge of key project employees. This may mean planning for transfer of certain project supervisors from one project to another. If eighteen months discharge provision in your state will mean that more people will be discharged between now and September 1st than can be assigned from your eligible waiting assignment file wire me at once the difference in these figures."