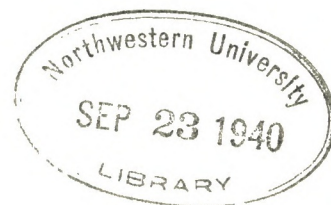


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WPA TO AID ALIEN REGISTRATION.

Full assistance to the Department of Justice in the nationwide registration and fingerprinting of aliens will be extended by the Work Projects Administration, Colonel F. C. Harrington, Commissioner, said today.

Through its education, recreation, art, music and other programs reaching large numbers of people, WPA will aid in making generally known the requirements of the registration law. In addition, workers on the Adult Education Program, particularly those engaged in teaching literacy and citizenship, will be available to assist aliens in properly filling out the forms which the registration act requires.

"There are, of course, no aliens on WPA rolls", Colonel Harrington explained, "but by the nature of certain of our community service projects we reach a great many non-citizens. They attend our adult education courses, engage in recreational activities conducted under our recreation program, visit our art exhibitions and musical performances.

"At the request of Department of Justice officials conducting the alien registration, we have agreed to cooperate in making the facts of the registration known and in assisting aliens who need help in filing the proper forms."

An act requiring the registration and fingerprinting of all aliens in the country was passed by Congress during its present session. The period in which this is to be done has been set from August 27 to December 26. Conduct of the registration has been placed in the hands of the

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Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice, using post offices throughout the country as registration centers. Officials estimate there are approximately 3,500,000 persons who come within the requirements of the act.

One means by which WPA will assist in spreading the word of the registration will be the reading of a brief announcement at all performances by units of the WPA Music Program. During an average week of autumn and early winter, Colonel Harrington estimated, the Music Program will give approximately 1,500 public and radio concerts in towns and cities all over the country. Several million listeners will be reached in this fashion.

Similarly, the Adult Education Program, conducting an average of 100,000 classes weekly, and the Recreation Program, operating in thousands of playgrounds and community centers, will also serve as effective mediums of information on the registration.

Adult education classes will be additionally helpful, it was pointed out, in assisting persons properly to fill out the forms required by the registration. Many thousands of aliens already are enrolled in literacy and citizenship classes conducted by WPA. During the last few years it is estimated that an average of 30,000 aliens have been assisted each year in achieving naturalization through these classes.

Plans are now being made, the Commissioner added, whereby the WPA Art Program will prepare a series of stencils from which a large number of colored posters will be made announcing details of the registration. These will be displayed in store windows, post offices and other public buildings throughout the period of the registration.