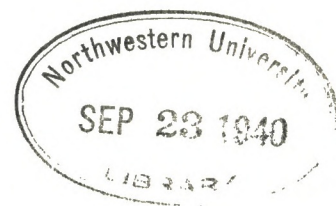


FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION



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SOLICITATION OF WPA WORKERS REFERRED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Howard O. Hunter, Acting Commissioner of Work Projects, today referred to the Attorney General complaints of possible violation of the Hatch Act in the solicitation of Indiana WPA employees for political contributions.

John K. Jennings, Indiana WPA Administrator, forwarded to Mr. Hunter yesterday the complaints of WPA employees that they have received letters bearing the name of the Indiana Willkie Club and inviting \$1 contributions, over the printed signature of Willis N. Coval, Chairman of the club.

One of several such letters, sent to Mr. Jennings by WPA employees who reported receiving them, was referred to the Attorney General by Mr. Hunter. Accompanying the letter are its envelope, addressed to William Bault of Bloomington, a WPA Area Supervising Timekeeper, several enrollment cards and a return envelope addressed to the club headquarters in Indianapolis.

The Hatch Act makes it unlawful knowingly to solicit or receive a political contribution from a person paid from Federal work relief or relief funds. A similar prohibition, with provision for jail sentence and fines, is contained in the current WPA Appropriation Act.

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