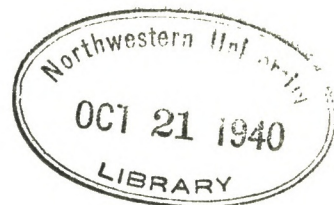


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HUNTER CITES ACTS OF CONGRESS DISPROVING BARTON CHARGE THAT ARMY
FUND WAS SPENT ON RELIEF

Charges attributed to Congressman Bruce Barton that money specifically appropriated for national defense had been used for the CWA relief program are "utterly false, as anyone who examines the Acts of Congress will see," Howard O. Hunter, Acting Commissioner of Work Projects, said today.

"It is difficult to believe that a Member of Congress should know so little about the Acts of Congress as to make the statement attributed in press dispatches today to Congressman Barton of New York," Mr. Hunter said. "Having seen no correction of the glaring misstatement that \$2,000,000,000 appropriated for the specific purpose of mechanizing the Army in 1933 was used to finance CWA, I wish to set the record straight.

"When CWA was set up by executive order, November 9, 1933, funds totaling approximately \$400,000,000 out of the \$3,300,000,000 authorized by Section 220 of the National Industrial Recovery Act, were allocated by the Public Works Administration to finance this program.

"Although the National Industrial Recovery Act did not mention the strengthening of our armed forces in its declaration of policy, millions of dollars were spent for national defense out of the \$3,300,000,000 then appropriated. This was under the discretion granted the President, rather than any specific appropriation for such purpose, and was continued until Congress itself prohibited such use of the funds.

"Subsequently, \$87,777,000 was transferred direct from Federal Emergency Relief Administration funds to CWA--out of funds authorized specifically for

relief programs. The final appropriation of funds for CWA came February 15, 1934, when an additional \$335,616,000 was made available by Congress. Again the authorization was specifically for this type of program, with no reference to the Army.

"Some funds out of the relief appropriation acts have been transferred to the War Department for the operation of projects aiding national defense and employing relief labor--but there is no record of any Army funds ever having been transferred to the CWA, or any other relief agency, for the employment of relief labor."

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