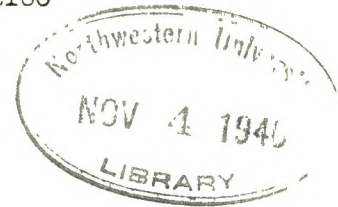


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WPA DEFENSE PROJECTS SPEEDED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH WAR DEPARTMENT

An arrangement between the Work Projects Administration and the War Department will give blanket priority to all projects of types designated by the Army as important to national defense, Howard O. Hunter, Acting Commissioner of Work Projects, announced today.

The new system, Mr. Hunter said, will substantially reduce the time required to begin operating projects providing or improving the country's military facilities.

Since July 1, projects in these categories have been certified individually by the Secretary of War. Certification by the Secretary of War or Navy not only gives priority to a project but also permits relaxation of requirements regarding sponsors' funds, limitation on hours of work and monthly wages and restrictions on the amount of WPA funds which may be spent on individual buildings.

The Secretary of War has now given "blanket" certification to all pending and future projects in certain categories, making it no longer necessary for the War Department to act on individual applications except in certain instances, Mr. Hunter explained.

The categories of projects covered by the "blanket" certification follow in the order of priority designated by the War Department:

1. All projects sponsored by the War Department.
2. Airport projects at sites designated by the War Department as important for military purposes, except those for construction of hangars and other buildings.
3. Construction or reconstruction of access roads to military posts and concentration areas designated by the War Department.
4. National Guard facilities, except buildings for which WPA funds would exceed \$100,000.
5. Reserve Officers' Training Corps facilities, except buildings for which WPA funds would exceed \$100,000.
6. Highways on a national strategic network designated by the War Department.
7. Health and sanitation projects approved by the U. S. Public Health Service in the vicinity of War Department posts and concentration areas, if the Surgeon of the appropriate corps area considers the work beneficial.

Certification of individual projects will continue to be required on airport buildings and on National Guard and R.O.T.C. buildings on which WPA funds would exceed \$100,000.

The method of individual certification also continues for projects sponsored by the Navy Department or in which the Navy is interested.