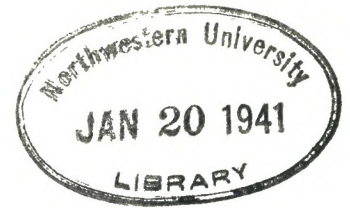


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400,000 WPA WORKERS ENGAGED ON DEFENSE PROJECTS

Howard O. Hunter, Acting Commissioner of Work Projects, said today that more than 400,000 WPA employees are working on national defense projects.

This civilian army, as great as the Regular Army of the United States, comprises approximately 370,400 on construction projects and 36,600 on other types of projects.

Buildings, airports and other construction, including work on Army and Navy reservations, account for about 190,000 project employees. Road projects along the strategic routes designated by the War Department as of military importance employ 180,000.

There are 28,300 on occupational training projects, which to date have enrolled a total of nearly 50,000 WPA workers preparing for employment in defense industries, and 8,300 on other non-construction projects such as surveys and mapping for military agencies.

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