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DRYDEN APPOINTED DEPUTY WPA COMMISSIONER: MacDOUGALL HEADS OPERATIONS

Howard O. Hunter, Commissioner of the Work Projects Administration, today announced the appointment of Francis H. Dryden, Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Division of Operations, to be Deputy Commissioner effective July 1.

He also announced the appointment of R. L. MacDougall to succeed Mr. Dryden as the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Division of Operations. Mr. MacDougall, formerly Regional Director for the Southeastern States, was named an Assistant Commissioner May 1.

Mr. Dryden was Regional Director for a group of mid-Atlantic States with headquarters in Baltimore for four years and also served as Maryland State WPA Administrator until his appointment to the operations post in Washington last September.

Before entering the Federal work-relief field as Chief Engineer for the Civil Works Administration in Maryland, Mr. Dryden held engineering positions in private business, State and local governments and the Army. He was born in Pocomoke City, Maryland, in 1891 and was graduated from the University of Maryland with a civil engineering degree in 1909.

Mr. MacDougall was made Director of Operations for WPA in Georgia at the beginning of the program. After a year as technical director of an \$18,000,000 program for the Atlanta Housing Authority, he

became Georgia State Administrator for WPA in December, 1939, and Regional Director the following fall. He was granted leave from WPA to serve temporarily as special assistant to the U. S. Housing Coordinator in Washington.

Following his graduation from the Georgia School of Technology, Mr. MacDougall was engaged in the construction business in Atlanta for several years.

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