

# Million Get Jobs on New U.S. Projects

## C. W. A. FUND TO FINANCE ROADS

Albany, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—A road improvement program designed to relieve unemployment was discussed today by district engineers, Highway Commissioner Arthur Brandt and Public Works Superintendent Greene.

The program, to be financed from funds of the civil works administration through the state temporary relief administration, involves more than \$50,000,000, it was said.

Engineers from the 10 districts outside of New York city submitted a list of projects which they desired to have included in the program. The proposal will be offered by Col. Greene and Capt. Brandt to the T. E. R. A. in New York city later this week for approval.

Under the plan, men from both the unemployment and relief rolls would be selected to widen highways, repair shoulders and generally improve town roads from Dec. 1 to Feb. 15.

Funds will be allocated to engineering districts according to population. No contracts will be let.

Seventy per cent of the funds will be used for labor, Capt. Brandt said. The remainder will purchase materials and equipment.

Col. Greene and Capt. Brandt refused to disclose details of the projects or state how much money would be spent to carry out the program.

## PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM OPEN

Mass. Movement Designed to Lift 4,000,000 From Relief Rolls

### STATE, MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS HELP CARRY OUT SCHEDULE

\$400,000,000 WILL BE SPENT WITHOUT CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

### WOMEN GET 10% OF JOBS

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Washington, Nov. 20. (U.P.)—On million jobless men and women were to find employment throughout the country on civil work projects today, starting a mass movement designed to remove 4,000,000 persons from the relief rolls by Dec. 15.

Cooperation of state and municipal officials was relief upon by Administrator Harry L. Hopkins to carry out the schedule.

### \$400,000,000 Available.

Four hundred million dollars was available for wages, Hopkins said, from the \$3,300,000,000 public works fund appropriated by the special session of congress last summer. It will be spent directly, without contract requirements.

"We have accepted the challenge presented by the lack of work for millions of willing and capable workers," Hopkins declared. "Relief is not enough. Our goal is real jobs at real wages."

The wages are intended to provide work relief until the red tape, consisting of plans and specifications, legal reviews and formalities, applications and approval, can be disposed of to inaugurate public works, such as slum clearance, public buildings, flood control, reclamation and collateral projects.

The workers on the civil works projects will be selected from relief rolls and registers of the unemployed. Ten per cent of the workers will be women, who will be placed at nursing and sewing and in clerical and stenographic positions in offices where employes have been laid off because tax yields have dwindled.

The men will be put to work building parkways, sewers, repairing buildings, paving streets, and otherwise doing neglected work of cities and states.

### 40 Cents to \$1.10

Their pay will range from 40 cents an hour for common labor to \$1.10 an hour for skilled work.

The predominantly industrial states of New York, Pennsylvania, and Illinois were expected to be the first to benefit although the strain of unemployment was expected to be relieved in every community, irrespective of size.

To communities willing to undertake civic improvements, 75 per cent of the funds were allocated on a basis of population. The remaining 25 per cent was apportioned on a basis of the number of needy.

Local communities will be expected to furnish and heat quarters for women's sewing centers and bear as much of the cost of the job project as their relief budgets will stand. No definite percentage of federal and local shares of the cost has been fixed.