

Public Works Program To Be Functioning In August

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The gigantic public works program, exclusive of highway construction which is already under way, will be fully organized and functioning not later than the middle of August, Cecil Creel, relief administrator for Nevada informed members of the Clark county relief boards at a meeting this morning.

The program in Nevada will be administered in three different di-

visions, Creel explained. The highway work will be handled by the highway department as in the past. All reclamation work, which includes the Boulder dam project Humboldt and Truckee river storage projects and others similar, will be under the direction of the reclamation bureau. The remainder of the program in this state, including public buildings, sewer and paving projects and others of that

nature, will be handled by the state advisory board, to consist of R. A. Allen of Carson City, Ed. W. Clark of Las Vegas and Wm. Settlemyer of Elko.

Preference in all employment will be given to local residents in the communities in which the projects are located, Creel said, and this preference will be insured thru the setting up of employment offices in the larger communities

thru which hiring for all jobs will be handled.

The federal-state employment offices in Reno and Las Vegas will function as they have in the past in this regard, he said, while offices will be established in Elko, Ely, Fallon, Tonopah and other cities where there is need for them.

A state committee to consist of
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the chairman of the public works advisory board, the state highway engineer, state labor commissioner and secretary of the state board of relief, will hold regular meetings to see that the employment is handled in accordance with the regulations laid down insuring preference for local labor, Creel said.

Concerning the relief work, Creel said a county board would be appointed in the near future, in accordance with recommendations made by local citizens, to handle this work in Clark county. This board which will probably consist of W. E. Ferron, Ed Von Tobel, Tom Fanatia, Dr. Wm. S. Park and the secretary of the local Red Cross chapter, will be formally appointed at the meeting of the state board next week, Creel said.

The work will be handled as in the past until September first, at which time a local relief administrator, to be known as federal relief administrator for this county will be appointed to serve as executive officer in this area, Creel said. This appointment will be made upon recommendation of the county board, and consideration is being given to Deborah Penz, former secretary of the local Red Cross who is scheduled to resume her duties here on that date, Creel said.

After October first, relief work will be separated into two divisions Creel stated. The federal government will assume full responsibility for the aid of transients, and a system of registering all those wandering from place to place will be inaugurated to check this work. Separate funds will be forthcoming for this work, Creel informed the committee.

The ultimate goal of the relief program, he stated, is to have all those able to work in jobs by the latter part of the year, with direct relief being afforded only the physically unfit, and those who are temporarily destitute thru circumstances beyond their control. The president is confident, Creel said, that the public works program, and the industrial recovery

measures, will result in clearing up the unemployment situation to a degree which will materially reduce the relief work necessary.

Under the new program relief funds can be used to dispense medical aid and provide clothing for the destitute, Creel said. Hospital expenses cannot be paid, however, he pointed out. This aid will not be available until after September first.

Creel expects to return to Las Vegas for a conference with the county board as soon as it is formally commissioned, he said. He leaves tonight for a conference in San Francisco.