

furnished her a chart of the State origin of reduction protests for November. I have also sent to her from time to time copies of these protest letters as I have received them from Negro welfare organizations, responsible individuals, project workers' organizations, and individual project workers. This material has been included in the total of such material furnished the Administrator's office.

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The matter of difficulty involved in obtaining employment in private industry for Negro project workers has remained active and current. On November 30th, I addressed a detailed memorandum on this subject to Messrs. Aubrey Williams, Thad Holt, Nels Anderson, and Mrs. Ellen Woodward. I pointed out that both Works Progress Administration assignment and employment officials, and U. S. Employment Service officials were finding handicapped persons, aliens without their final papers, and Negroes, the hardest of all persons to place in private industry. Especially has this been true where a living wage has been involved.

This situation is intensified in Northern industrial centers, as for instance in Gary, Indiana:

R. M. Thomas, Indiana State Employment Services:

"About half of the WPA personnel is colored. Some employers object to employing colored help. That leaves many hundreds out as far as our consideration can be concerned in filling job requests.

"Most of those remaining on the WPA list are physically handicapped, too old or too young, unable to show second papers for naturalization, or otherwise unable to meet job requirements."