

Other miscellaneous matters were:

Complaints from persons who have left the relief rolls and accepted temporary employment; that they are refused reemployment by WPA.

Letters pointing out political services rendered during the campaign, and requesting rewards in the form of WPA employment.

Complaints of racial discrimination in dismissal of white collar workers.

Appreciation for the Works Program.

Christmas and New Year's greetings.

Reports:

Reports have been received from State officials on numerous matters.

Commenting on the employment of Negro WPA workers in the cane fields of Louisiana, Mr. John R. Murphy, of the Adjustment Department, states:

"When the harvesting of the cane crop in the vicinity of Alexandria began, there was a considerable shortage of labor. A meeting was held at which were present a representative of the Cane Growers Association, our District Director, our District Supervisor of Employment and the District Manager of the Louisiana State Employment Service. At the meeting it was agreed that the Louisiana State Employment Service would endeavor to furnish as much labor as possible to the cane fields with our assistance. The plantation owners specified Negro laborers and were willing to use inexperienced labor. They promised to furnish transportation to the cane fields and pay the prevailing wages.

"Because of this agreement, and because of the acute shortage of labor, it was necessary to remove a number of Negroes from the two projects mentioned in Mr. Jackson's letter."