

SELECTIONS FROM REPORT OF SURVEY, based on FAMILIES RELIEVED WINTER-SPRING 1940.

16,170 families, containing 54,144 persons, received aid.

802 families, containing 4,136 persons, were really outside the scope of the Committee's work, and may presumably be dropped from our plans.

4,900 ~~XXXXXX~~ persons received the minimum of relief; and their group was found statistically to be in less distress than others.

Thus 9,000 persons can be dropped with little harm, relatively.

Of the remaining 45,000, those who received nearly the maximum of relief, a group of 18,200, were found clearly to be in the deepest distress, as measured by statistics of age, sex, employment, earnings, number of widows, and so forth.

The residual 26,800 persons we found it impossible to divide on the basis of potential earnings ability, with results that would be fair and practical. We turned to another approach.

By excluding families which contain able-bodied males aged 18 to 49, our past program has tended to draw old persons, but to assist comparatively few children. Of the 54,000 persons aided last winter, only 14,650 were children 12 years and under (27% of all persons). Since it is unlikely that with the present prices of rice we can aid all of the 26,800 persons in the second group, we might well consider provision for families with children, going as far as our resources permit. Details will be shown in the Proposed Plan.

Let us add that families headed by widows were 6,107, or 37% of all families aided. The total number of widows aided was 8,804, or 40% of all females over 15 years; and an average of slightly more than one widow in each two families aided.

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