

P E T I T I O N

BY THE CITIZENS OF CALIFORNIA

California is faced with economic chaos and financial ruin through the influx of tens of thousands of families, displaced in other states and superized by the depression, who are attempting to eke out an existence in agriculture and other labor here.

California now is giving daily support to over 800,000 people in all forms of relief. We have four agricultural workers for every single available job.

California does not have housing facilities for these people, and they are now living throughout the state, in tents and trailers, under conditions most menacing to the public health.

These people are immediately given relief by the Farm Security Administration, under a supposition that there will be available work for them in agriculture. They cannot find that work unless they take jobs which now go to men and women who have established a legal residence here.

To place these people upon Works Progress Administration projects would only aggravate this most serious situation.

The influx of these people in such large numbers is destroying our wage structure, is periling industry, is laying a burden of confiscatory taxes upon our property, and is increasing unemployment and distress among our resident population.

We request that all agencies of the Federal Government provide relief for these people in their home communities, and that information be disseminated at the source of the influx by the Federal Government, that there will be no relief available for them if they migrate to California. That the Federal Government aid and encourage the return of the idle thousands now here to their respective homes, there to be given aid by the State and the Federal Government.

(This petition addressed to the United States Senators and all members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of California.)