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NEW DEAL AGENCIES

Former President Hoover came in for a good bit of Democratic criticism for his "commission" form of government. He had more than 40 such commissions and committees. But since the coming of the New Deal that record has been laid in the shade. While criticizing the Republican "commissions" the Democrats undoubtedly did not foresee at that time that more than 60 new government agencies, commissions and committees would spring up to guide the New Deal. President Roosevelt now has 62 such federal groups. A new compilation by the United States Information Service entitled "A Digest of the Purposes of Current Federal Agencies" lists 49 such agencies. Among them are some hold-overs from the commissions of the Hoover administration, but those Hoover commissions which have survived have been given additional money, new duties and broader powers. These 49ers follow:

- AAA**—Agricultural Adjust. Admin.
- CSB**—Cent. Statistical Board.
- CCC**—Commodity Credit Corp.
- CCC**—Civilian Conservation Corps.
- EC**—Executive Council.
- FCA**—Farm Credit Administration.
- FMC**—Farm Mortgage Corp.
- FICB**—Fed. Intermediate Credit Bks.
- FLB**—Federal Land Banks.
- PCC**—Production Credit Corp.
- RACC**—Reg. Agri. Credit Corp.
- SCPLA**—Seed & Crop Production Loan Agency.
- BC**—Bank for Co-operatives.
- LBC**—Land Bank Commissioner.
- FACA**—Fed. Alco. Control Admin.
- FAC**—Federal Aviation Commission.
- FCC**—Fed. Communications Com.
- FCT**—Fed. Co-ordinator Transportation.
- FDIC**—Fed. Deposit Ins. Corp.
- PWA**—Public Works Administration.
- PWEHC**—Pub. Works Emerg. Hous. Corp.
- FERA**—Fed. Emerg. Relief Admin.
- FSRC**—Fed. Surplus Relief Corp.
- FHLBB**—Fed. Home Loan Bank Board.
- FSLA**—Fed. Savings & Loan Association.
- HOLC**—Home Owners' Loan Corp.
- FHA**—Federal Housing Administration.
- FSLIC**—Fed. Savings & Loan Ins. Corp.
- FSHC**—Fed. Subst. Homestead Corp.
- FTZB**—For. Trade Zone Board.
- IEC**—Indust. Emergency Committee.
- NEC**—Natl. Emergency Council.
- USIS**—U. S. Information Service.
- NLRB**—Natl. Labor Relations Board.
- NMB**—Natl. Mediation Board.
- NPPC**—Natl. Power Policy Committee.
- NRS**—Natl. Re-employment Service.
- NRA**—Natl. Recovery Administration.
- NRB**—Natl. Resources Board.
- E-IB**—Export-Import Banks.
- PA**—Petroleum Administration.
- RFC**—Reconstr. Finance Corp.
- SAB**—Science Advisory Board.
- SEC**—Security and Exchange Com.
- SES**—Soil Erosion Service.
- TVA**—Tenn. Valley Authority.
- EHFA**—Elec. Home and Farm Authority.
- TVAC**—Tenn. Val. Asso. Co-ops., Inc.

The New Deal Alphabet

To this list of 48 alphabetical agencies must be added the Office of Special Adviser to the President on Foreign Trade. And not listed by the United States Information service are a small group of New Deal agencies which have ceased to exist. Many of them were simply cabinet committees, but we all remember the NEC—National Emergency Council which was succeeded by the Executive Council. Then there was the CWA—Civil Works Administration, and the equally famous National Review Board headed by Clarence Darrow.

Besides the 49 current agencies listed here, there are 13 committees not included in the new listing of agencies. Among the latter are the Committee on Economic Security, the Business Planning and Advisory Council and the various special labor mediation boards, steel board, auto board, etc.

All of these agencies have of course increased the number of federal employees. In fact they have added nearly 100,000 persons to the federal pay roll. Figures recently released by the Civil Service Commission show an increase of exactly 95,662 persons on the government job list since the beginning of the New Deal. This increase, which is exclusive of legislative and judicial employees and uniformed men of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, brings the total number of employees in the executive branch of the government to 661,094—a peacetime high. In Washington at the end of June the total number of permanent government workers was 87,186, representing an increase of 20,000.