

# \$1,500,000,000 RELIEF FUND IS ROOSEVELT AIM

President Asks Congress  
To Provide Sum To Care  
For N e e d y During  
Next Fiscal Year

## PROBLEM REVIEWED

Chief Executive Proposes  
That Entire Amount Be  
E a r m a r k e d For  
Works Progress  
Administration

Washington, March 18.

(A) — President Roosevelt today asked congress to appropriate \$1,500,000,000 for work relief during the next government year beginning July 1.

In a special message to Congress the Chief Executive reviewed the unemployment problem, proposed that the new funds go entirely to the ~~works progress administration~~ and added:

"The trend of reemployment is upward, but this trend, at its present rate of progress, is inadequate. I propose therefore, that we ask private business to extend its operations so as to absorb an increasing number of the unemployed. x x x

"If the employment gains are substantial enough, no additional appropriation by the next Congress for the fiscal year 1937 will be necessary. The ultimate cost of the federal works program will thus be determined by private enterprise."

### \$1,000,000,000 In Treasury

In making the request for \$1,500,000,000 Mr. Roosevelt noted that more than \$1,000,000,000 would be spent out of the Treasury in the next fiscal year from prior appropriations, while the budget contained \$600,000,000 for various public works and the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The gross projected relief outlay, consequently approximated \$3,100,000,000. This compared with the President's estimate that relief outlays in the current financial year will amount to \$3,500,000,000.

In making his relief request, Mr. Roosevelt told Congress:

"This request together with those previously submitted to the Congress to provide for the Civilian Conservation Corps and certain public works will, if acted upon favorably by the Congress, give security during the next fiscal year

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