

climbed the stairs to the second floor, for the last time, and opened the door that displayed a sign saying "Works Project Administration", Recreation Division," <sup>with</sup> With a good morning to the office staff, I had crossed the room and seated myself at a desk where the nameplate said, "W.E. Pollock, Supervisor." For the last time I ~~had~~ started the day with a review of the projects within the district that needed my attention before leaving. This District covered the central valley portion of California from Merced on the north to the Ridge Route south of Bakersfield. It included a large part of the Mojave Desert area east of Tehachape. But the heart of the district was the San Juaquin valley, that flat productive land along the backbone of California, bounded on the east and west by mountain ranges.

It was only ten days ago when the State Director of the W.P.A. Recreation Division, seated across from me at that very desk, had surprised me with an offer of a new and challenging assignment directly concerned with the war effort. It was an offer I ~~had~~ accepted at once because I considered it an opportunity to contribute more to national interests than the work I had been doing, <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> enormou<sup>s</sup>ness of the unprecedented undertaking fascinated me.

Today I was underway for the first day on the new project. I stopped for the traffic light at the next intersection beyond <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~ memory-provoking building, where I spent so many, pleasant to recall, days. While waiting for the signal light to change from stop to go, I wondered who had been selected to replace me as <sup>S</sup>upervisor for the <sup>R</sup>ecreation Project. Maybe they would be considering elimination of the program soon because it was no longer needed with the ever increasing availability of all kinds of jobs in wartime industries. There had been ~~so~~ many people working on the program because they did not want ~~any part of some sort of~~ <sup>the</sup> welfare, ~~dole.~~ <sup>they were</sup> Working because