

POST-WAR SANITATION WORKS

public willingness to schedule their construction to meet this need.

A reserve of planned public works projects will require more than the mere tabulation of recognized public needs. Advance planning will require the completion of detailed engineering studies and the preparation of engineering reports. It will require that there be an acceptance of the project by the sponsoring community and the completion of necessary legal and financial clearances for construction. The orderly development of a reserve of planned public works may well require that there be a coördination of governmental interest, local, state, and federal, in the planning of projects for deferred construction. The maintenance of an adequate reserve of planned public works to attain a national objective of

effective employment stabilization may require that there be an acceptance of some control of possible over-expansion of construction activity.

Through a properly integrated program of public works, this nation can achieve a standard of national well-being beyond our present expectations. There is little need to catalogue the improvements that can be made in the field of sanitation—they are known to most of us.

If we truly believe in a democracy and are willing to work at keeping its principles alive, we can have this material progress and at the same time save the spirit that has made this nation great. If in the planning for the future we neglect democratic procedures, our public works may well become but a monument to a decadent civilization.