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NO SECRET AID, KUSICK ASSERTS

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Engineer on City Planning De-
nies He'll Do Undercover
Work for Eldred Corps.

Vladimir N. Kusick, described by Hubert W. Eldred as a White Russian and under-cover adviser on radical matters for the National Veterans Reserve Corps, is a WPA engineer assigned to the Mayor's Committee on City Planning, it was learned today.

Mr. Kusick denied Eldred's statement he is to do under cover intelligence work for the corps, a private, unarmed but trained army, most of the leaders of which are in the WPA.

"I was to do open propoganda against the Bolsheviks, not underground," he said. "I have been doing it for years."

The Treasury Department, meanwhile, is making "a thorough investigation" of reports of recruiting on WPA projects by Eldred while he was project control expeditor, a liaison position. He is under suspension pending a finding by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Kusick also denied responsibility for Eldred's contention that ninety per cent of the Mayor's Committee on City Planning were reds. "I never said there were many, I think it is not true," he said.

He declined to discuss his anti-Bolshevick activities.