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Meeting of Regional and State Directors of the Division of Women's and Professional Projects of the Works Progress Administration in Washington, D. C. -- May 4th, 5th and 6th.

Directors of the Division of Women's and Professional Projects of the Works Progress Administration from the 48 States, New York City, and the District of Columbia, with the five regional directors of this Division meet in Washington today for a three-day conference.

Under the Division of Women's and Professional Projects of the Works Progress Administration, a total of approximately 690,000 persons are employed on non-construction projects. Of this number, approximately 242,000 are men and 448,000 are women.

The meeting has been called by Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward, Assistant Administrator in charge of the Women's Division of the Works Progress Administration, to consider plans for a future program after reviewing and evaluating accomplishments to date.

The mornings are to be devoted to executive sessions. The State directors will make reports of their work at the afternoon sessions, which will be open to the public. A luncheon will precede each afternoon session.
Today's luncheon will be held at the Mayflower Hotel at 12:30 o'clock, when Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, will state the purpose of the conference, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will be the guest speaker. Immediately following Mrs. Roosevelt address, State directors will report on their work. Mrs. Woodward will preside at the luncheon and the afternoon meeting.

Tomorrow's luncheon, also at the Mayflower Hotel, will begin at 1:00 o'clock. The Secretary of Labor, Miss Frances Perkins, will be the speaker. Mrs. Woodward will preside.

Mrs. Izetta Jewel Miller, regional director for Regions 2 and 6, will preside at the afternoon meeting. The Division of Professional Projects and Federal Projects are listed as subjects for discussion at 2:45 p.m. At 3:30 o'clock the State Directors will continue with reports on their work.

Wednesday's luncheon is scheduled for 1:00 o'clock at the Carlton Hotel. Dr. Dorothy B. Nyswander, regional director for Region 5, will preside. Frank Bane, executive director of the Social Security Board, will be the speaker. At the meeting which immediately follows the luncheon, Miss Mary Anderson, Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor, is scheduled to speak at 2:45 p.m. The Division of Emergency Education will be the topic of discussion at 3:15 p.m. Beginning at 4:15 p.m., the State directors will continue and finish reporting on their work.

In the Mayflower Hotel lobby, today and Tuesday, there is on display an exhibit of articles, demonstrations and photographs, representative of the work of the Division of Women's and Professional Projects in all the States.