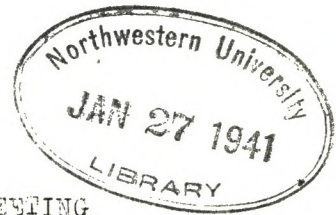


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MRS. ROOSEVELT TO ADDRESS WPA EDUCATION-RECREATION MEETING

Approximately 100 representatives of education and recreation departments of cities in all parts of the country will assemble in Washington Monday at the invitation of the Work Projects Administration to discuss problems relating to these activities in the light of the national defense program. Highlight of the gathering will be a joint session of the two groups Tuesday afternoon at which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will speak.

The conferences have been called, according to Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner in charge of professional and service projects, at the suggestion of public school and recreation leaders. Similar meetings were held two years ago, she said, for the purpose of working out plans for closer collaboration between WPA and local educational and recreational officials. The present conference will cover the same ground but in the light of new problems arising out of the defense program.

The recreation group will hold its first session at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, convening in the conference room of the Social Security building, 815 Connecticut Avenue. Members of the education conference will convene at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Washington Hotel. Remaining sessions of both groups will be held at the hotel, with adjournment set for Wednesday afternoon.

"New problems are arising daily over the adjustment of education and recreation programs to the fast-moving needs of national defense," Mrs. Kerr said. "There is a tremendous demand for the training of industrial workers, for reorienting school and adult education programs and for guidance in leisure time activities both in the neighborhood of military camps and expanding industrial areas.

"In each of these fields the WPA is in position to render considerable assistance to established authorities in expanding their programs to meet the need. There are approximately 60,000 workers in our education and recreation programs and their activities extend into every city and practically all of the 3,100 counties in the country.

"These conferences were requested by many public officials who wanted to develop means for further coordinating their own activities with those of the WPA. The WPA, in turn, is pleased to take any steps that will result in the wider usefulness of its program.

"It is significant of the urgency of these problems that Mrs. Roosevelt has agreed to devote most of an entire afternoon to taking part in the discussions."

Invitations to attend the conferences were sent education and recreation officials in all cities of 100,000 population and over, Mrs. Kerr explained. As of the end of the week 51 representatives of public recreation agencies and 38 representatives of public school boards from as far away as the Pacific Coast had accepted. Later acceptances may increase the attendance to more than 100, she added.

Those attending the conferences do so at their own expense.

No set agenda has been prepared for either conference, Mrs. Kerr explained, with the idea that the meetings will best serve their purpose as open forums. It is expected, however, that the discussions in both cases will be confined to the two major problems of gearing the respective programs to defense needs and the part to be played in those programs by the WPA.

Opening sessions will be presided over by Dr. L. R. Alderman, Director of the WPA Education Program, and G. Ott Romney, Director of the WPA Recreation Program, respectively. Permanent chairmen will be elected from among the members of the two groups.

Representatives of several other government agencies directly or indirectly concerned with education and recreation are expected to attend some of the sessions. Among these are the United States Housing Authority, National Defense Advisory Council, the Army and the Navy.

Public school officials who have stated they will attend the education conference are as follows:

Vierling Kersey, Los Angeles; Paul Essert, Denver; S. M. Stouffer, Wilmington, Del.; Dr. F. W. Ballou, Washington, D. C.; Dr. William A. Sutton, Atlanta; Dr. William H. Johnson, Chicago; Dr. Ralph Irons, Evansville, Ind.; Dr. Herbert S. Jones, Gary, Ind.; Dr. Zenos E. Scott, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. David E. Weglein, Thomas A. Van Sant, Baltimore, Md.; Hector L. Belisle, Fall River, Mass.; Edward M. Lane, Detroit, Mich.; Miss Katherine M. Kohler, and two members of Board of Education, Minneapolis, Minn.; F. J. Jeffrey, St. Louis, Mo.;

Dr. Leon N. Neulen and 8 members of Board of Education, Camden, N. J.; Ray E. Cheney, Elizabeth, N. J.; James A. Nugent, Jersey City, N. J.; Louis Herbert, New York City; Dr. W. W. Ankenbrand, Yonkers, N. Y.; Ralph H. Waterhouse, Akron, O.; J. H. Mason, Canton, O.; Mr. Earl T. Gold, Cincinnati, O.; Dr. Charles H. Lake, Cleveland, O.; B. H. Landis, Dayton, O.; Dr. E. L. Bowsher, Toledo, O.; Pliny H. Powers, Youngstown, O.; Dr. A. J. Stoddard, Dr. Albert A. Owens, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Thomas H. Ford, Reading, Pa.; Dr. James L. Hanley, Providence, R. I.; Clyde Richards, Nashville, Tenn.; A. H. Hughey, El Paso, Tex.; Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer, Houston, Tex.; and Ralph Backman, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Public recreation officials who have stated they will attend the recreation conference are as follows:

Lewis R. Barrett, Washington, D. C.; P. W. Binford, Richmond, Va.; E. R. Bowman, El Paso, Tex.; Howard Braucher, Executive Secretary, National Recreation Association, New York, N. Y.; C. E. Brewer, Detroit, Mich.; V. K. Brown, Chicago, Ill.; H. S. Callowhill, Baltimore, Md.; Alfred P. Cappio, Paterson, New Jersey; James H. Dillon, Hartford, Conn.; Willis H. Edmund, Akron, O.; Dorothy C. Enderis, Milwaukee, Wis.; Charles H. English, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. Paul L. Essert, Denver, Colo.; Thomas C. Ferguson, Baltimore, Md.; G. B. Fitzgerald, President, Minn. Public Recreation Association, Minneapolis, Minn.; Corrine Fonde, Houston, Tex.; Samuel Fulton, Camden, N. J.; E. C. Goranson, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. George Gorton, Kansas City, Mo.; J. Edward Hargraves, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Nash Higgins, Tampa, Fla.; George Hjelte, President, Society of Recreation Workers of America and Supt. of Recreation, Los Angeles, Calif.; Charles L. Howells, Cleveland, O.; Gordon Jeffrey, Toledo, O.;

Ernest W. Johnson, St. Paul, Minn.; Thomas W. Lantz, Reading, Pa.; William P. Long, Boston, Mass.; Mark McCloskey, New York; Claire McCarthy, Richmond, Va.; Francis J. Mahoney, Somerville, Mass.; R. S. Marshall, Birmingham, Ala.; John H. Morris, Sixth Deputy Police Commissioner, New York; Robert K. Murray, Dayton, O.; J. R. Newcom, Evansville, Ind.; Martin E. Noonan, Providence R. I.; Arthur T. Noren, Elizabeth, N. J.; Marvin Ray, Charlotte, N. C.; K. B. Raymond, Minneapolis, Minn.; Edward J. Ronsheim, Anderson, Ind.; W. A. Ross, Executive Secretary, Future Farmers of America, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; Floyd A. Rowe, Cleveland, O.; Carl Schmitt, Media, Pa.; C. W. Schnake, Canton, O.; John F. Scully, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Philip L. Seman, Chicago, Ill.; John Sieker, Acting Chief, Division of Recreation and Lands, Forest Service, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; John V. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Fred C. Stewart, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. P. H. Valentine, Executive Director, Smith Memorial Playgrounds & Playhouses, Philadelphia, Pa.; A. H. Wyman, St. Louis, Mo.; and Col. H. H. Pfeil, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C.

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