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EDUCATORS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONFER THIS WEEK ON LAUNCHING
CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM

A detailed program for the education of possibly a million aliens in the privileges and obligations of American citizenship will be worked out during a two day conference of educators and government officials to be held in Washington this week under the auspices of National Citizenship Education Program, recently approved as a WPA project, supplemented by funds from the Department of Justice.

Dean William Fletcher Russell, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, Director of the program, has invited State commissioners of education, regional and state administrators of WPA and district directors of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to attend the meeting. More than 130 persons have accepted.

The opening session and a tea tendered by Mrs. Roosevelt will be held at the White House Wednesday afternoon. This will be followed by a dinner given by Dean Russell at the Cosmos Club at 7 o'clock and by a general meeting at the Department of Justice at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

The National Citizenship Education Program is an outgrowth of the alien registration conducted last year by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice in which it was revealed that there are approximately 5,000,000 aliens living in the United States and its possessions. Set up as a WPA project with the Department of Justice as official sponsor, the program will endeavor to make citizenship instruction available to all aliens desiring to become naturalized. Officials estimate that as many as 1,000,000 aliens probably will seek this assistance during the next twelve months.

The program will utilize the nation-wide organization already set up by the WPA in the conduct of its Adult Education Program. There will be, however, considerable expansion in the number of these classes and in the teacher personnel assigned to citizenship work. A special pre-service training program for teachers to acquaint them with the latest techniques in citizenship education is now being worked out by Dean Russell. The teachers are to be drawn from rolls of the WPA Adult Education Program.

The National Citizenship Education Program is organized with a National Advisory Committee of five members to assist the Director in the formulation of broad, national policies. State directors are now being named in each of the States and they, in turn, will be assisted by State advisory committees. State commissioners of education, WPA administrators and directors of Immigration and Naturalization will serve

on the advisory committee in each State, and the conference in Washington is designed to familiarize these officials with the objectives of the program.

"We are anxious to maintain a maximum of State and local autonomy in the operation of the National Citizenship Education Program," Dean Russell said. "We want responsible officials and citizens in each State, who understand the peculiarities of their own alien situations, to have the fullest say in just how the program is to operate locally. The function of the Washington staff and the National Advisory Committee is simply to lay down broad, general policies and to make available the best techniques and teaching materials."

The conference is to be attended by high ranking officials of both the Justice Department and the WPA. Educators from out of town who have signified their intention of attending are as follows:

A. H. Collins, State Superintendent of Education, Montgomery, Alabama; E. D. Ring, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Phoenix, Arizona; Walter F. Dexter, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Sacramento, California; Mrs. Irene T. Heinman, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Los Angeles, California; Inez J. Lewis, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Denver, Colorado; Alonzo G. Grace, Commissioner of Education, Hartford, Connecticut; H. V. Holloway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dover, Delaware; Colin English, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tallahassee, Florida; M. D. Collins, State Superintendent of Schools, Atlanta, Georgia; C. E. Roberts, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Boise, Idaho; John A. Wieland, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Springfield, Illinois; Clement T. Malan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indianapolis, Indiana; Jesse M. Parker, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Des Moines, Iowa; George L. McCleeny, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Topeka, Kansas; John W. Brooker, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Frankfort, Kentucky; M. S. Robertson, State Department of Education, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Harry V. Gilson, State Commissioner of Education, Augusta, Maine; T. G. Pullen, Jr., Assistant State Superintendent, Department of Education, Baltimore, Maryland; Walter F. Downey, Commissioner of Education, Boston, Massachusetts; Eugene B. Elliott, State Director of Public Instruction, Lansing, Michigan; J. S. Vandiver, State Superintendent of Education, Jackson, Mississippi; Lloyd W. King, State Superintendent of Public Schools, Jefferson City, Missouri; Elizabeth Ireland, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Helena, Montana; Charles W. Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lincoln, Nebraska; Walter M. May, Deputy Commissioner of Education, Concord, New Hampshire; Charles H. Elliott, Commissioner of Education, Trenton, New Jersey; Mrs. Grace J. Corrigan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Santa Fe, New Mexico; L. A. Wilson, Commissioner of State Department of Education, Albany, New York; James Marshall, President of the Board of Education, and Harold G. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools, New York City; J. E. Miller, State

Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, North Carolina; A. E. Thompson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Bismarck, North Dakota; Kenneth C. Ray, Director of Education, Columbus, Ohio; A. L. Crable, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Rex Putnam, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Salem, Oregon; Francis B. Haas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; James F. Rockett, Director of Education, Providence, Rhode Island; James H. Hope, State Superintendent of Education, Columbia, South Carolina; J. F. Hines, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Pierre, South Dakota; B. O. Duggan, Commissioner of Education, Nashville, Tennessee; L. A. Woods, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Austin, Texas; Charles H. Skidmore, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Salt Lake City, Utah; Clarence H. Spain, State Board of Education, Richmond, Virginia; Mrs. Pearl A. Wanamaker, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Olympia, Washington; W. W. Trent, State Superintendent of Free Schools, Charleston, West Virginia; and C. L. Greiber, Superintendent of State Board of Vocational and Adult Education, Madison, Wisconsin.