

# PROMISES WOMEN EQUALITY IN RELIEF

**FERA Women's Head Says  
Many Will Work Compiling  
a 'Baedeker of America.'**

## FIRST LADY PRAISES IDEA

**Mrs. Roosevelt, at Press Confer-  
ence, Suggests Home Manage-  
ment Courses for Housewives.**

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WASHINGTON, May 20. — Em-  
ployable women eligible for work  
relief will receive the same consid-  
eration as men under the new work  
relief program, it was announced  
today at the White House.

This promise was made by Mrs.  
Ellen S. Woodward, in charge of  
the women's department of the Fed-  
eral Emergency Relief Administra-  
tion, in the presence of Mrs. Roose-  
velt and newspaper women at her  
weekly press conference.

At Mrs. Roosevelt's request, Mrs.  
Woodward explained in detail the  
program now in process of formula-  
tion, including several old and a few  
new relief projects affording spe-  
cial opportunities for women.

One new project, which Mrs.  
Roosevelt acclaimed as a "grand  
idea," is the preparation of a "na-  
tional guidebook" which, according  
to Mrs. Woodward, will supply for  
the first time authoritative informa-  
tion about the United States avail-  
able now only partially in local or  
regional guidebooks. The proposed  
national guidebook, which Mrs.  
Roosevelt said "would be a Baedek-  
er of America," is to include maps  
and illustrations as well as textual  
material, the preparation of which,  
according to Mrs. Woodward, will  
give employment to many "white  
collar people," including newspaper  
and educational writers and artists,  
both men and women.

Another project, suggested by Mrs.  
Roosevelt, may involve the educa-  
tion of women in the matter of  
standards of home management and  
service as well as those seeking  
employment as domestic servants.

"Now, I'll suggest one, a project  
for educating home makers to high-  
er standards," Mrs. Roosevelt said.  
She proposed the employment of  
women qualified as experts to teach  
housewives how to organize their  
households so that servants in their  
homes may have "decent and  
equitable standards of working and  
living."

"President Roosevelt said that  
3,500,000 men and women are to be  
put to work, and that meant and  
will include women," Mrs. Wood-  
ward declared. "It has been a lit-  
tle more difficult to put women to  
work because men still think of  
themselves rather than of women  
as supporting heads of families. But  
we know our relief rolls include  
women who are heads of families  
just as men are, and these and sin-  
gle women also will receive equal  
consideration with family men and  
others eligible for and in need of  
work relief."

Recreational, sewing and research  
projects, library work, arts and  
crafts, and vocational training, were  
included in the program outlined by  
Mrs. Woodward.