

WORK RELIEF PLAN FOR WOMEN URGED

**Joblessness Building 'an Army
of Misfits,' Conference of
30 Groups Is Told.**

FEDERAL AID TO BE SOUGHT

**Tasks That Will Not Conflict
With Industry Proposed by
Trade Union League.**

Warned that long unemployment was building "a permanent army of misfits and unemployables" in the ranks of single women, representatives of thirty women's groups moved yesterday to draft a work relief program to aid women in industry. The delegates, meeting at the office of the New York Women's Trade Union League, 247 Lexington Avenue, named a committee of three to confer with FERA officials in Washington on appropriations to finance such a program.

As a guide in the conference's discussion Miss Eleanor Mishnun, organizer for the league, presented a program designed to provide relief jobs for single women with a minimum of conflict with private industry. It called for sewing shops staffed by women to provide garments for families on home relief and advocated the employment of women in the rebinding and repair of books in schools and libraries. The report also proposed the opening of new fields for women in gardening projects.

In outlining the league's suggestions Miss Mishnun pointed out that joblessness was not only exerting a grave psychological effect on unmarried women but, through the production of unemployables, was "costing the nation far more than an adequate work relief program would."

A similar view was taken by Miss Rose Schneiderman, president of the league and only woman member of the Labor Advisory Board, who said:

"Women who want work and cannot get it begin to feel that they themselves are somehow responsible, that there is something wrong with themselves, not with society."

Miss Schneiderman, together with Miss Ollie A. Randall, assistant director of the Work Bureau of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, and Miss Orlie Pell, chairman of the Association of Unemployed Women, will represent the conference in Washington. They will visit Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Emergency Relief Administrator, and Mrs. Helen Woodward, chairman of the women's division of FERA.

The conference voted to adopt a permanent organization, with the following serving as a steering committee:

Miss Mabel Leslie, member of the executive board of the league, chairman; Miss Marjorie McFarland of the New York Consumers League, Miss Lillian Robbins of the United Neighborhood Houses, Miss Marjorie Shuler of the New York Business and Professional Women's Club and Miss Schneiderman, Miss Randall and Miss Pell.