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WOMEN TO WORK NOW

British Leaders Make Wide Appeal For Mothers and Others To Take Jobs

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LONDON, May 14 (CP)—More women must work in this war is the word Labor Minister Bevin has for the women of Britain, nearly 8,900,000 of whom are registered for full-time war work with half of this number already called up.

To bolster production the immediate emphasis now is on part-time workers and Mobile Employment Exchanges are being used to recruit women, a move which is still in the experimental stages.

So far mobile recruiting has been confined to Middlesex county, a highly - populated residential district with many local factories. Labor ministry officials say they consider the first response to the experiment gratifying to the extent that mobile employment exchanges may be sent through the length and breadth of the land.

As Machinists

During the first excursion of the first mobile unit 75 women registered within four hours and of these 44 were given immediate part-time jobs as machinists, assemblers, domestic workers in hospitals and canteens and in laundries.

The mobile employment exchange was conceived when the minister of labor and national service felt there would be more volunteers for part-time endeavor if the employment exchanges went to women instead of waiting for women to come to the employment exchanges which in many cases are three or four miles from the women's homes.

The first mobile exchange is an old ambulance equipped with loud speakers. On drawing up in an area where women are shopping for their rations or on any of the jobs which take a housewife out of doors, a labor ministry official appeals to passers-by to volunteer for part-time work and stresses the urgency of his case in these words: "Part-time women war workers are as important as Commandos."

Register and Work

The women reached by the mobile canteen need only stop a few minutes to register and if immediate employment is wanted they are given a card of introduction to a local employer. Some, authorities say, specify the type of work they would prefer or in which they are experienced. Then the exchange tries to find them such a job locally. A woman employment officer registers the women, the floor of the van being used as a table. She keeps a record of all vacancies in local factories.

Labor authorities report there is a great potential of women workers, the only bar to employment being their family responsibilities. To overcome this hundreds of creches and day nurseries have been opened all over the country where working women can leave their children during the day.

The women volunteer for either the morning or afternoon shift, the hours varying in each factory but generally being from 8 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. for the morning and from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for afternoon labor.

This allows time for women to do their shopping and housework and for the few hours they are away from home most mothers can arrange for neighbors to look after their children should nursery facilities not be available.

Wages vary from the equivalent of $6.03 to $6.75 a week with an increase as the workers become more proficient. Already Britain has 10,000 women employed in part time work.

The latest class of women notified to register for compulsory call-up to full-time endeavor is the 41-year old group and consideration is being given to registering women up to the age of 45 or 50. While the young women called up are more generally directed into the services the older ones are all sent into factories.

WHERE RADIO OFF

LONDON, May 14 (CP)—Sir James Grigg, war secretary, polled a majority of 6,700 votes in the Cardiff by-election, but the German-controlled Oslo radio declared he was "defeated" by the independent candidate.

DUTCH PIPES EMPTY

LONDON, May 14 (CP)—Tobacco will be rationed in the Nazi-held Netherlands after May 17, but natives claim they can't get any less than they have now.

JAMAICAN INVENTOR

LONDON, May 14 (CP)—Edward G Smith, 25-year old Jamaica engineer, who came to Britain 16 months ago to work in a factory invented a new serrating tool which doubled production.

A TAIL WIND WOULD NOT HELP MUCH NOW

Pilots are shown looking over a Douglas dive bomber which had its tail sheared off when a Jap bomber crashed on the deck of an aircraft carrier. The damaged Jap bomber unsuccessfully attempted to crash amid the planes that were lined up along the flight deck of the carrier which took part in the U.S. navy raids on the Japanese Marshall islands.

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