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First Lady Blames Delinquency On Inadequate Social Services

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt charged yesterday at her first regular press conference that the failure of communities to provide adequate social services is the main cause of juvenile delinquency.

Mrs. Roosevelt made this statement in connection with the activities of a Detroit group, which, she said, is urging mothers to stay home instead of taking jobs in war plants. She declined to name the group, but said its efforts are detrimental to the war effort. "We're far from reaching the point where we can allow production to go down one bit," she said.

Mrs. Roosevelt added that juvenile delinquency could have been curbed if communities had adopted the block-by-block services which she sponsored as assistant director of the Office of Civilian Defense. She said curfew hours for youngsters are not practicable because young people cannot be controlled by suppression.

Another organization called "Peace Now" came in for criticism from the First Lady. The group is sending mothers to Capitol Hill to urge a negotiated peace on Congressmen. Mrs. Roosevelt said the group "must have very little understanding of past history," asserting that a negotiated peace would be an obvious violation of our pledge to force an "unconditional surrender" from the Axis.

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