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Slaying Evokes Discussion

Mrs. Roosevelt Urges Mothers Teach Girls of Life's Evils

Mrs. Roosevelt, commenting on the rape-murder of 17-year-old Dorothy Berrum, yesterday urged mothers to teach their daughters about the "evils of life."

Earlier in the day, Ray H. Everett, executive secretary of the Social Hygiene Society, called on the Government to send 'teen age Federal girl employes back home, and proposed a four-point program to safeguard the girls who have come to Washington from all over the country to take wartime jobs.

The First Lady said that too often mothers don't want to tell their daughters about the evils of the world, thus leaving many of the girls unprepared to meet situations when left on their own.

"They must be able to take care of themselves," Mrs. Roosevelt declared.

Two other suggestions for protecting Government girls were offered by Mrs. Roosevelt: Increased policing of Hains Point, where Miss Berrum was found strangled and ravished Friday morning, and psychiatric examination and treatment of returned war veterans who have criminal records or who are under observation for battle strain.

Everett, a social service leader, pointed out that care for the Government girls was a major wartime problem of the Nation's Capital, and he urged the Federal Government to take four steps toward alleviating the problem.

1. Send the 'teen age girls home.
2. Accept as Federal employes only those girls who are able to pass rigid medical and psychiatric examination.
3. Inform the girls about the difficulties they will face in the District, and offer them guidance in meeting the difficulties.
4. Increase the police force.

Everett asserted it was the Federal Government's responsibility to properly protect the girl employes, since it was Government jobs that brought the girls to the District. He said that many of the girls are young and inexperienced, come here seeking glamour and adventure, and find themselves making more money than ever before. Without proper aid and guidance, Everett pointed out, too many of the girls find the wrong kind of adventure.

The social hygiene executive strongly urged screening tests of

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Federal job applicants, the examinations to check for disease and mental instability. The younger girls, he suggested, should not be allowed to live alone in rooming houses.

Everett praised the social work of the churches, YWCA, USO, and similar organizations. He added, however, that not all girls were finding their recreation at these places, and that these girls needed help and guidance from the Government.

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