

Yesterday was

~~Thisxxxxxx~~ a day spent very largely on one subject because from nine o'clock until twelve thirty we sat in Room B in the Labor Auditorium and talked about participation of young people in civilian defense. ^{The conference} ~~It adjourned here at the White House~~ ^{at the Labor Dept building} for lunch and we were back ~~there~~ at two o'clock. We actually finished at four o'clock which was the time we had scheduled to bring the conference to a close, ^{that} which I think speaks well for the young people and their ability to keep their program ^{moving} ~~to a~~ ^{on time} ~~xxx schedule. without~~ ^{is good at making} There was a feeling that certain goals should be set ^{should} ~~for~~ which we all strive to ^{attain} ~~xxxx~~ attain in our defense work in the next few years. It was agreed that these goals could not be goals for youth, ^{also} but must be goals for every age and group, and cover the entire overall picture, though there ^{may} ~~might~~ easily be certain ^{on} ~~special~~ interests ^{well} ~~xx~~ which youth ^{would} ~~wanted~~ to place special emphasis.

Mr. Eugene Meyer came in to tea with me ^{yesterday} ~~today~~ to tell me how deeply impressed he ^{is} ~~was~~ with the work of the women. He considered ^{in England} ~~that~~ ⁵ that this work not only ^{is} ~~was~~ contributing valuable service, but ~~was~~ ^{is} creating unity throughout the British nation. There is no doubt that women have a tremendous role to play and I am looking forward to the meeting which Miss Eloise Davison will hold on November the Eighth, when the role of women in civilian defense will be canvassed from many points of view.

I have been reading some accounts of the removal of ^{the} Jewish people from Germany to Poland and Russia. Somehow the ~~idea~~ ^{fact} of being suddenly told that within an hour you must leave your home ~~perhaps~~ never to return, is a very difficult one for us here to visualize. It would be the kind of leave-taking which ~~will~~ ^{would}

savor somewhat of death. In ~~all~~ partings with people whom we love, there is, in a minor way that sense of ~~even~~ temporary loss which presages that horrible finality ^{of separation} ~~of never to be recovered~~ ~~something~~ ^{which comes back only at the time of} ~~which accompanies~~ death. These mass removals where people are treated like animals and not like human beings, are so horrible to contemplate that one can only hope that at a certain point feelings become numb and suffering ceases to be acute.

There will be at Madison Square Garden on October 27th, a mass meeting to ^{compensate for the} alleviate suffering in Russia, not only through the Red Cross services to military units, but on a wider basis for the civilian population. The Russian people are fighting heroically for their homes and we must admire their courage and do what we can ^{to lessen their sufferings -} ~~not only on the military front, but on the humanitarian side.~~