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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEFENSE COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: WOMEN TO WORK IN SHIPYARDS

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New arrangements to meet with regulations and restrictions affecting employment of women in war work were being worked out as of September 9, by labor and government officials following discussion in the office of William K. Hopkins, Regional Director of the War Manpower Commission.

The announcement came after a conference between Hopkins, Ed. Rainbow, business representative of the Boilermaker's Union Local 6, and president of the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, Archie J. Mooney, representing Governor Olson, and C. W. Eliason, of the Maritime Commission. They met to consider the complaint of women welders that they were prohibited from working in shipyards.

Rainbow, Mooney and Eliason concurred in a policy statement issued by Hopkins:

1. "We have to build ships."
2. "We must employ women."
3. "Women will be employed within forty-eight hours on work for which they are now qualified."
4. "As soon as their experience qualifies them, women will be advanced to other work in ship construction."
5. "Sanitation and health safeguards for women in the various shipyards will be provided."
6. "The same easement on women's hours under the state laws as was provided in the aircraft industry will apply in the shipyards."

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