

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

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WOMAN'S COMMITTEE
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To the
Chairman of the State Divisions
of the Woman's Committee
of the Council of National Defense.

In order to make June 5 a day of patriotic service on the part of the women as well as of the men of the nation, it is urged that the various organizations of women federated in the Woman's Committee shall utilize that day in a most helpful, patriotic service by stationing women at each registration booth who will agree to distribute copies of President Wilson's great war message to every man whose name is registered on that day for service for his country.

It is a well known fact that thousands of men are fighting in the armies of Europe who have no well defined idea of the causes which led their country into the war. Let us see to it that no man shall enter our army who has not a true understanding of the ideals which have led his country to take up arms in defense of the things we hold dear as a nation.

The Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense, with the approval of the President and Secretary of War, earnestly requests all State Divisions and Local Units to put all available machinery to work at once for the purpose of securing women to distribute this message at every registration booth throughout the country, in order that every man may thoroughly understand that we are fighting to make the world a "safe place for democracy."

Through the generosity and cooperation of Mrs. Emmons Blaine, of Chicago, the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense will furnish to the various State Divisions as many copies of the President's address as they will agree to distribute.

Notify us of the approximate numbers you will need sent direct to you at State headquarters, or any address you may designate which will be most convenient for distribution. If you find that it will facilitate your work of distribution to have packages of the address sent direct to various points in your state instead of through you, will you furnish us at once with such names by telegraph.

Very sincerely yours,

Anna Howard Shaw

Chairman Woman's Committee
Council of National Defense.