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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY... Exclusive.

Commentator.

Speakers at the International Women's Day meeting in London have some sound common-sense things to say on the Post-War world. Lady Beveridge adds a sixth freedom to the five of the Beveridge plan.

Lady Beveridge.

"After Peace - and no world can hope for progress if every successive new generation grows up in the fear of a fresh convulsion, what are the crying needs of people everywhere?

They want the certainty of employment under conditions of freedom. We desire to be freed from the dread of want when circumstances force us temporarily or permanently out of work. We need the right kind of homes, where needless toil is eliminated and with space and sunshine for many children. We want a good system of education, carrying the hope of continuing opportunities throughout life for the development of the mind according to its special qualities. We want not only the best medical treatment for all when sickness comes but, the best chance for health at all times, with all that that implies. These are the five freedoms from what my husband has called the Beveridge Plan. Here they are. Freedom from idleness, freedom from want, freedom from squalor, freedom from ignorance, freedom from disease with a sixth added - freedom from war."

Commentator.

Another speaker ~~xxx~~ is Miss Frieda Miller representing the USA; with home life as her ~~xxxxxx~~ theme she says -

Mrs. F. Miller.

I don't believe we're going to get the homes we want - not even the labour saving kitchens - not the community centres, nor the other community aids that during the war have made their first feeble beginning of showing us that we have a choice about how we will use our free time, unless we work for them.

Commentator.

China is represented in the person of Mrs. P.W.KUO who voices the hopes of millions with this remark.

Mrs. P.W.KUO

In the rebuilding of the post-war world each of us has our part to play. Indeed we are not so much interested in the restoration of the good old days as we are in the brave new world which you and I are going to make.