

Sewing rooms for Negro women in rural areas, although continuously requested to fill a real need, are difficult to set up. The women are widely scattered, making it necessary to provide transportation, and almost impossible to maintain schedules of attendance and production. The Resettlement Administration has recently indicated a desire to cooperate in providing some form of employment opportunities for women in such areas. The problem is still acute and unsettled.

Recent reductions have intensified problems resulting from what amounts to forcing Negro women into domestic service at starvation wages. State officials point to continuous demands of white housewives that the supply of domestics be replenished by Works Progress Administration and Public Welfare reductions. The domestics point out that they are forced to accept jobs paying as low as two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per week and that inasmuch as they are in many instances heads of families and the only employable member, this means that a family of eight or ten is forced to subsist on about twelve dollars (\$12.00) per month. This is less than one-half of what they previously received as WPA workers. Domestic workers are frankly told they must accept proffered employment or be stricken forever from all relief rolls.