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Equal Pay for Women Ordered

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 26. — The War Labor Board (WLB) has decreed "equal pay for equal work" for women in war industry.

A unanimous decision in a dispute involving 7600 employes of the Brown and Sharpe Manufacturing Co., Providence, R. I., broke the prejudice against women workers.

It was hailed here as being as important as the "Little Steel" decision by the WLB which allowed pay rises of 15 per cent above Jan., 1941, levels.

George W. Taylor, WLB vice-chairman, wrote the decision and said that any other condition than that of pay equality was "not conducive to maximum production."

Taylor pointed out that more and more women will be called to industry as the war progresses and said:

"In calling upon American women to assume a vital role on the industrial front, the country has an obligation to provide the utmost assurance that they will not be subject to discriminatory treatment in their compensation. They have the right of economic equality."

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