

Teen To Address First Ladies About Drugs

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Robin [redacted] the 16-year-old Cincinnati student and former drug abuser who traveled with Nancy Reagan on part of a drug-abuse prevention tour last fall, was "nervous but excited" about speaking before 17 other first ladies today.

"I'm excited, but I'm really nervous too," Robin said Tuesday night, after a full day of rehearsals and visits to Ohio congressmen's offices. "I hope I do a good job."

Robin will be the youngest of four speakers during the summit meeting on the international narcotics problem in Washington today when she delivers a 15-minute speech about her life before, during and after drugs.

MRS. REAGAN, who has emerged as one of the administration's most vocal anti-drug crusaders and who will host the summit meeting of first ladies today, met Robin, a former drug abuser, on Sept. 18 at Straight Inc. in Clermont County.

The First Lady had come to the drug

rehabilitation center for young people near Milford during a four-city tour to promote drug-abuse prevention.

During their conversation, Mrs. Reagan invited Robin to accompany her to Indianapolis the next day. Robin joined Mrs. Reagan on stage at a junior high school for a speech about the problem of teenage drug abuse.

Robin, who said she wrote today's speech about three weeks ago so it could be turned in for interpreters to prepare, said she was glad Mrs. Reagan remembered her.

"I feel privileged," she said, because there are a lot of people Mrs. Reagan could have picked.

Mrs. Reagan greeted Robin Tuesday when the teen-ager arrived for rehearsal in the East Wing of the White House.

"WHEN I came in she was there. She hugged me and said hello. I told her I was nervous and she said I didn't have to be."

Jerry Rushing, director of Straight Inc. who went with Robin to Washington, is especially proud that Robin is representing Cincinnati.

Robin's mother, [redacted] Annelise [redacted] of College Hill, was excited about her daughter's invitation. "I was glad Nancy remembered her."

Although some of the women at the summit meeting represent countries that produce or process heroin, marijuana and cocaine, there will be no discussion of their nations' complicity in the world drug trade, said Ann Wroblewski, deputy assistant secretary of state for international narcotic matters.

"This is a mother-to-mother, first-lady-to-first-lady conference on education and prevention," said Wroblewski, who termed the scope of the cram course a "summit meeting on drugs."

The meeting, which opens at the White House today and moves to Atlanta Thursday, will focus on drug abuse prevention, treatment and education.

Mrs. Reagan will not address the ticklish question of whether the United States should cut foreign aid to countries that do not co-operate in efforts to reduce their illicit drug exports, Wroblewski said.