In the 1949 Cary Grant movie, *I Was a Male War Bride*, there is a scene where Captain Rochard (played by Grant) walks through a military building in search of his superior officer. As he moves through the corridors of power, he decodes the letters on the door signs: **waanco** expands to ‘War Administration Industrial Relations Coordinators Office’; **sosdppdd** becomes ‘Service Or Supplies Displaced Persons Property Disposal Department.’

Rochard starts on another sign: **ladies**. He starts the process – ‘Labour Administration Department Inter …’ – at which point a slightly blushing, young lady officer walks through the door.
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