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SAWING OFF THE LIMB

In one of the most remarkable statements ever made by supposedly responsible people the Railway Labor Executives Association has passed a resolution calling upon the government to "begin preparations for the transfer of railroad ownership from private interests to the United States of America." Inasmuch as the railroads represent an investment of something like thirty billion dollars, that is a large order. Too, it is a little difficult to understand in the light of our experience in World War I when the government took over the industry, lost billions, and standards of service declined sharply. But, even disregarding these points, one wonders just what the railway labor leaders have in mind.

Perhaps they feel they could blackjack the government out of more wage increases. Maybe, they could, for the time being. But the whole history of socialism and communism—which are the economic systems based on government ownership of enterprise—is a history of the enslavement of the working man. No one can strike against the government. No one can go to work for someone else if government has a monopoly. No one can protest against decision of government and be sure of recourse and fair treatment. The commands of government, like the commands of the head of a military force, are necessarily final.

In the words of the New York Times, "These leaders . . . have not merely crawled out on a very long limb; they now seem intent on extricating themselves from their predicament by the dubious technique of sawing off the limb." Socialization of industry would be the surest way to destroy labor's gains—and to destroy freedom for all of us.

PATTERN FOR LABOR PEACE

Settlement of the General Motors labor dispute on the basis of a sliding scale cost-of-living wage adjustment may prove to be the most significant development in industrial-labor relations in recent years.

While similar arrangements have been successfully in effect for some time in a few small businesses, the GM agreement, affecting 225,000 employees, is the first cost-of-living contract to be worked out by a major industrial firm. It may set a pattern for settlement of strikes presently curtailing production in other large-scale industries. If successful, it should take the sting out of the traditionally bitter labor controversies that have plagued the Nation with increasing force.

One fault economists have found in cost-of-living contracts is their eventual effect of freezing living standards. The GM pact, however, appears to have overcome that objection by providing for annual supplement adjustments based on improved industrial efficiency.

It remains to be seen whether the new agreement will prove successful in all respects. But if industry and labor prove they can develop a workable formula for lasting industrial co-operation without the necessity for Government intervention, a vastly important forward stride will have been aken for the Nation's benefit.

GETTING THE STEEL OUT

Walter S. Tower, president of the American Iron and Steel Institute, recently replied to a number of the wild accusations that have been flung at the steel industry.

From some of the charges, uninformed people might think steel production was at an extreme low. Yet, in 1947, tonnage shipped was nearly 20 million tons above the best previous non-war year, and in the first quarter of 1948 it approached the war peak.

Steel is supposed to have made incredible profits. But, while 1947 shipments were 40 per cent over 1929, its profits were actually less than in the earlier year.

The United States has about one-fifteenth of the world's population. Last year we had more steel than as made in all the rest of the world.

Steel has been accused of callously running up the price. But if anyone takes the trouble to read the dry statistical tables he will find that increases in steel prices have lagged behind increases for most other commodities. If steel were sold by the industry on a straight supply-demand basis prices would hit the roof, as the gray market, which the industry has been fighting, proves.

Finally, very large amounts of new steel capacity are being installed as rapidly as materials can be secured. The shortage of scrap, over which the industry has no control, is a serious limiting factor on current output. Steel will produce to the limit of its ability—and it will sell what it produces at the lowest practical price.

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS
George Marshall, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Civil Rights Congress, and Leon Goldsmith, Executive Secretary of the Committee for Democratic Rights, announced the convening of a National Emergency Conference for Civil Rights, to be held at the Hotel Bellevue-Stratford, on Monday, July 19, for the purpose of merging the Committee for Democratic Rights and the many other anti-Mundt Bill Committees throughout the country and the Civil Rights Congress.

Represented at the Conference will be delegates from the national unions, AFL and CIO, Negro, church, veteran, youth, and civic organizations. In issuing a call to the Conference, Marshall and Goldsmith said: "Our victory in the right against the Mundt-Nixon Bill

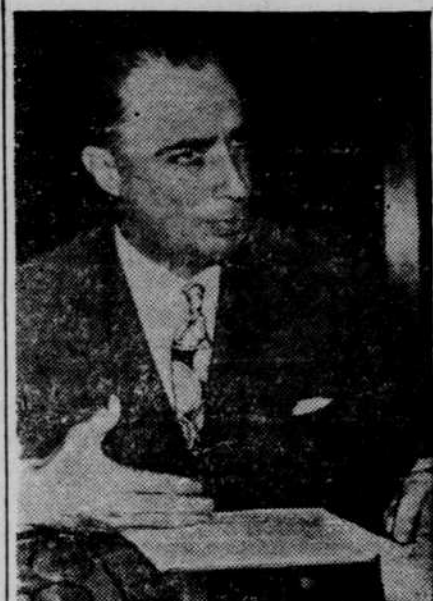
An Open Letter

You are cordially invited to the KMA Sing to be held at McComb Park on Highway 2, southeast edge of Shenandoah across from Mustang Field. This sing will be held each Sunday evening at 8:15 from July 11th until fall.

We have chosen Sunday evening as the appropriate time since we are extremely interested in keeping any commercial taint from this enterprise. This is a good old fashioned "get together. We ourselves, have nothing to sell and are not permitting any group to exploit this good will project.

Once again we want to urge you to come. Bring the family and a blanket. We plan to have a "whale of a lot of fun."

Testifies



WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Sound-photo)—Charles R. Denny, vice president of the National Broadcasting Company, told the Senate expenditures committee investigation as to "slandering" broadcasts to Latin America that only "a check of the files" was made on two men responsible for the much-criticized "Voice of America" programs. Sen. Ferguson, (R) of Mich., immediately demanded that the FBI investigate fully all writers employed on "Voice" programs broadcast by private companies under state department contracts.

COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

Len Goldsmith, Executive Secretary of the Committee for Democratic Rights, today called upon Leon Henderson, Chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action, and Jack Kroll, Chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee to appear before the Credentials Committee of the Democratic National Convention to oppose the seating in the Convention of all delegates elected by poll votes and members and supporters of the Ku Klux Klan.

In the event that the Credentials Committee refuses to heed this protest, the Committee For Democratic Rights called upon Henderson and Kroll to carry the credentials fight to the floor on the grounds that the "Democratic Party cannot rightfully claim support of any decent thinking American as long as it permits, advocates of white supremacy and incites of lynching to participate in its deliberations."

The text of the telegrams to Kroll and Henderson are as follows:

"As delegate to Democratic National Convention, we call upon you to appear before Credentials Committee and oppose seating of any delegate elected by a poll tax vote, on grounds that such election is unconstitutional. Abstract statements defending Negro rights to vote and participate in the affairs of our nation are meaningless unless accompanied by action. We urge that if Credentials Committee fails to heed such protest that floor fight be made against seating of these delegates as well as any delegate who is a member or supporter of the Ku Klux Klan. Democratic Party cannot rightfully claim support of any decent thinking American as long as it permits, advocates of white supremacy and incites of lynching to participate in its deliberations. We call upon you and other delegates associated with you to stop talking and start fighting now."

proves that this situation need not continue. We cannot afford to lose the initiative and the momentum we have gained through this fight. Therefore, we invite your organization's participation in a National Emergency Conference for Civil Rights. The objective of the Conference is to merge the many emergency anti-Mundt Bill committees with the Civil Rights Congress; to



There is no limit to what has been written and said about changing fashions for women—the "new look". Like it or not, it's created plenty of comment. But the grown-ups are not the only ones in the spotlight, for we think it should be noted that the small set is also wearing a new look.

Many of the saucy sixes and sevens have adopted the new short hair cuts, now so popular with the teen-agers. Even the four and five-year olds find it a relief to be closely shorn and thereby escape the untangling of long hair, always an irritating ordeal.

One look that never changes for youngsters, however, is that of freshness and crispness. How a little pinafore, starched till it almost cracks, can turn an impudent misdo into a little earthy angel. And only a mother knows what a short time her little one will remain her shining self!

well-scrubbed. Not just faces and hands but their clothes. Sometimes it seems outfits for the small fry are as expensive as those of their elders, not to mention how quickly they wear out or are outgrown. But take a tip or two from a smart young mother who knows how to conserve to get the most for her money.

Pinafores and sun suits which become faded from frequent launderings get fresh color with all-purpose dye. If it is a fragile little dress of light color, it is tinted a pastel in the washing machine. For numbers that are tubbed over and over again, color is restored in a simmering dye bath.

Another economy measure is the use of all good materials, no matter how old. Sun suits, for example, require such a small amount that most any faded cotton can enjoy a new career with bright color from all-purpose dye and a short session at the sewing machine.



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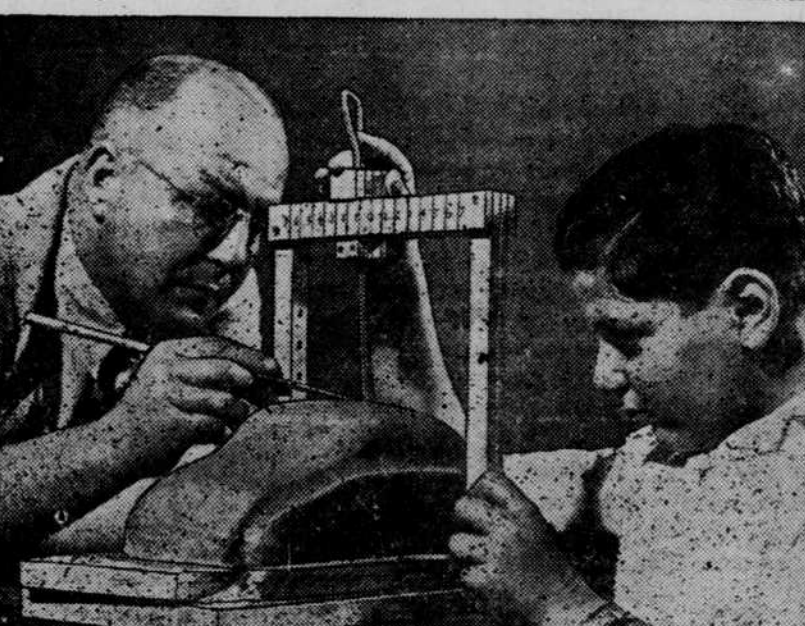
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Today's Student—Tomorrow's Craftsman



Typical of thousands of boys throughout the nation who are designing model cars in the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild competition is Harley Ross (right), a Detroit student who is learning the use of the designer's bridge from his industrial arts instructor, Ole V. Oleson. The clay model beneath the bridge eventually will lead to a miniature automobile cast in plaster of Paris, sanded, painted, trimmed, and finally entered in the Craftsman's Guild competition before the July 1 deadline.

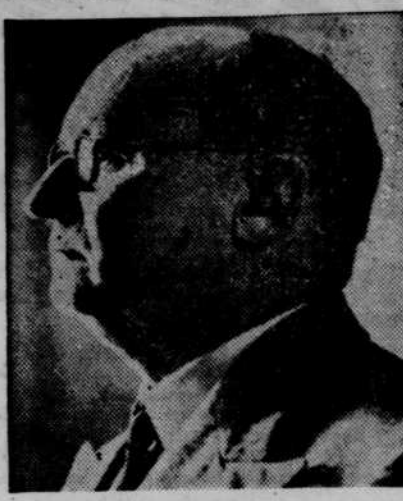
Good Neighbor Policy Begins At Home



Irene Dunne, moving picture star, sets the pattern for neighborliness by entertaining leaders of the international coffee industry at an afternoon coffee. Stimulated to good conversation by both the beauty and the beverage, George V. Robbins, President of the National Coffee Association of the U.S.A., and Antonio Stockler de Queiroz, Chairman of the Pan-American Coffee Bureau, enjoy her hospitality. Dr. Queiroz is in the United States representing Brazilian coffee interests which supply the American public with over a billion pounds of coffee a year.

adopt a freedom program and to designate bread leadership for the merged organization and establish it as a fighting "Sponsors of the Conference include Edward K. Barsky, Earl B. Dickerson, Len Goldsmith, Donald Henderson,

Heads South Africa



CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA—(Soundphoto)—Following the resignation of Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts as prime minister of the Union of South Africa, Nationalist leader, Daniel F. Malan, above, who led the opposition, was summoned by Governor General Gideon Brand to be given the job of forming a new cabinet. Malan, who draws his support from the descendants of the original Boers, is an advocate of complete South African independence. His rise to power might mean the breaking of all ties with Great Britain.

NEWS-ODDITIES

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