

# The Home Town Reporter

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## Congress Veering to Left

WITH congress back in session and unusual activity evident about the headquarters of both national political committees, political leaders here are looking toward the 1946 elections, just about a year off, and scanning the political horizons for the signs of the times.

With these elections in the offing, congressional legislation on reconversion will be tempered by political expediency, and it is likely the Truman administration will take a gradual shift more to the "left."

While the results of the British elections served to bring into clearer focus the trend of mass thinking of the "common man," we have only to recapitulate the results of the last national election in this country to note the power and growth of labor as a political force, and note the leftward trend.

Despite this trend, however, there is little or no indication that labor in America will ever go so far to the left as to advocate state socialism, at least if the government of the United States remains a liberal government.

But whether politicians of either party will admit it or not, the fact remains that the Political Action committee of the CIO, John L. Lewis and his united mine workers, and various factions of the AFL did play an important role in the last election. These labor organizations are now laying plans for the active part they are to play in the elections next year, both congressional and local.

Some weeks ago, your Home Town Reporter wrote that a new line-up of contending forces would see the mass thinking of the large areas of population pitted against the individual thought of the small towns and rural sections. That is exactly what happened in England. In some few agricultural sections, however, the farmers voted with the Labor party in the British left-swing toward a Socialist government.

## England Won't Go 'Red'

According to the political dopsters here, the Socialist leanings of the Labor party in England do not mean that England will abandon the capitalist system. Rather, as Sir Stafford Cripps put it, the Labor party seeks a greater degree of economic liberty for the common people "by a wise combination of state ownership and private enterprise with effective control and planning of our natural resources."

And then he cites our TVA system in America as an example. He might well have cited our Federal Reserve system, the Reconstruction Finance corporation, the Federal Housing administration, social security, the Commodity Credit corporation, the Agricultural Adjustment act, the Federal Deposit Insurance act, the Federal Land banks—for all these reflect the "wise combination of state ownership and private enterprise with effective control, etc." These activities are now integral parts of our governmental system, and are here to stay.

So, despite any left swing in this country, political leaders believe that so long as this wise combination exists, that is, a partnership arrangement between government and people, there is little danger of either a Labor party, as such, or other than our traditional form of government in this country. As a matter of fact, neither England or Russia, both classed as democracies, have any sovereign power or rights vested in the people.

## How Powerful Is Labor?

Political leaders here are watching the power of the Labor lobby here as reflected in two bills before the congress, one the Murray full-employment bill, also sought by the administration, and the other the Hatch-Burton bill which provides a new approach to settlement of management-labor controversies. Labor wants the Murray bill, but is against the Hatch measure. The action of President Truman in calling a labor-management conference under the general supervision of Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach has also drawn some political comment. Some leaders profess to see a move to block participation of Secretary of Commerce Wallace, since labor had asked that the conference be under the joint supervision of Wallace and Schwelienbach.

Speaking before the senate committee, Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) said: "The British election shows a determination of the common man and woman to obtain economic security. American democracy rests on capitalism, and capitalism rests on democracy; both must work in order for the system to last." Senator Murray (D., Mont.) said: "I see nothing but conflict and recrimination for capitalism in America unless we provide a program which will insure employment opportunities for all Americans who are able and willing to work."

# Advance Fall Millinery Shows Reveal Exciting Style Trends

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



(Pictures from Chicago Fashion Industries.)

EIGHT, bulk, rounded lines, thick edges completely transform hat silhouettes for fall. The new bulky brims and tall crowns, some draped or shirred to look imposing, give an entirely different and more important look than last year's flat tops. Berets look rounded and sort of inflated, pillboxes have grown so tall and boxy that only seeing is believing, visor brims take on high balloon-like crowns, the entire bespeaking a "more hat" vogue.

While the new-type hats are flattering with every hair style, most of them will be found particularly adaptable to the popular "up" hairdo. In fact, they have been especially tuned to accommodate up-swept hair with topknot curl and other soft arrangements.

One of the favorites for immediate wear is the new off-face roller after the manner of the hat pictured below to the right. This most likable and shapely little felt requires little trimming to "show it off." In this instance a pert ribbon coracide is held in place with two button-like ornaments.

The cossack style centered in the group is one of the best sellers in the initial fall showings. It is the sort that will declare the "new look" at a glance. The band of ribbon ending in a decorative arrangement of loops and ends is most attractive. It will look stunning with your fall suit or your smart belted-in shortie coat.

Another highlight of the season is the hat with a tiny roll brim surmounted with an imposing balloon draped crown as shown below to the left in the group. This is one of the new-style shapes that is so self-glamorous it requires little or no

trimming. Many of the new hats are just like that, so shapely that interest centers about contour more than anything else. The word "success" is written all over this sensationally new-looking felt.

However, the prospects are for most elaborately trimmed millinery for late fall and winter wear. Hats will be gorgeously be-feathered and lavishly garnished with ribbons, embroidery and glitter-glamour decor. Fur will be played up in trimming accents, and for the entire hat in every possible way. Even now hats are being shown with a flash of fur trim that tunes most effectively into the autumn scene. As a forerunner of the big vogue for fur that is on its way, you will find fetching little models as the hat shown above to the left. Its swish of silver fox pompons not only gives it style distinction, but it will be found the answer to what type hat to wear with the handsome silver fox scarf to complete a patrician ensemble.

A very effective use of ostrich is seen in the lovely off-face hat pictured above to the right. This charming use of ostrich as a halo about the upturned face-framing brim is but a forerunner of that which is to be this fall in way of extravagantly beautiful ostrich.

One of the new trends that makes for charming millinery is seen in the cunning bonnet types that are showing up in the new fall collections. These include endless versions, from girlish little flat scoops to wide face-framing brims with high crowns. Rumor has it that before the season is over we will be wearing quaint little bonnets that tie under the chin with pretty bows of ribbon or lace.

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## New Fall Costume



Here is a costume that carries that new fall look. For dramatic gesture, it takes on stunning red lizard trapunto detail in a manner that bespeaks high style distinction. The one-piece dress underneath has a black satin top.

## Velvet in Comeback Combined With Wool

We haven't been seeing so much of velvet in the past several seasons, but this season it is staging a real comeback. Velvet in combination with wool is featured smartly in the new collections. The coat with velvet sleeves has high fashion rank. Dresses with velvet yokes are very smart also suits the jackets of which half velvet and half wool. Velvet tunic suits for restaurant wear present a most intriguing theme. They have deep armhole sleeves and a softly belted waistline. Some velvet hats are seen in the new collections with soft plumage or jeweled ornament.

## Poncho Blouses Are Chic, And Easy to Launder, Too

Write "poncho blouse" on your shopping list. The poncho blouse is a real "must have" for the girl that wants a simple easy-to-laundry blouse to wear with her suit or to complete her chic blouse-and-skirt costume. The poncho blouse is a one-piece affair that has a pretty neckline and that takes a minimum of material to make and best of all it opens out flat for easy ironing. You slip it over the head (it has no under-arm seams) but the trick is that the front part fastens at the back and the back section is brought to the front by way of short sash ends which tie at the front waistline. Excellent patterns are easily available for the poncho blouse, or you can get charming styles all made up ready to wear.



## THE BATTLE OF THE TINKERS

"Galway, Ire.—The annual finals in the battles for the championship of the Tinkers will be held tonight. The Tinkers are caravans of gypsies. They precede the main bouts by competitions in drinking potens and boasting, after which the bare-knife fights begin.—News Item.

The tournament began shortly after 9 p. m. Padriac O'Feeney, a top Tinker, began the boasting. "I kin lick any bucko in the glen with me arms in a sling and me feet in a cast," he declared, baring his chest. "I was niver in bitter shape since the night I kilt the four bullocks with slaps from the palm of me left hand. Bring on me opponent!"

"Why the foul-mouthed . . . !!!" roared Finley Mulligoweneagh, 6 foot 5, and built like the Irish gods of old. "A sissy he is! 'Twas medium-sized bullocks he kilt an' it took him five minutes. I could of finished all four with the thumb o' wan hand. Let me at him!"

"I could bate the likes of ye fresh off a sickbed and without a drink in me system," barked O'Feeney. "Did ye iver hear o' the time I took on the sivin mad stevvidores of . . ."

The bell rang for the first round, after two hours of this, and Terry Moolhahn, the referee, called, "come out for your instruckshins!" "Put a more respectful tone to your words," snapped O'Feeney, glaring at him.

"Now I want ye both to come out fightin'," began the referee.

"The likes of ye tellin' me what ye want!" roared Mulligoweneagh, flooring him with one punch.

Numerous referees being always carried as "spares" at the Tinker fights, Garry Finnerty took his place.

"Now in case of a knockout," began Finnerty.

"In case!" bellowed O'Feeney, giving him the butt. "In case of a knockout? Hear the mon!"

### ROUND I.

Whereupon the two principals tore out of their corners. They had a little trouble finding each other.

Finally they met accidentally and fell into a clinch. The referee tried to part them but found he was separating two spectators by mistake.

### ROUND II.

O'Feeney fell on his face three times as he came from his corner. His opponent, falling but twice, was the sharper as they got to their feet. Both swung haymakers at the same time and landed on the referee, who was saved by the bell.

### ROUND III.

O'Feeney's eye had been cut. His seconds had leaped in to put a patch on it, but they put the patch on an innocent bystander in their general uncertainty. The bell for the round failed to sound as the official timekeeper had become engaged in a brawl of his own. There were 30 or 40 other fights in progress all over the glen now. The spectators began to yell for action.

Here the spectators became disorderly.

Cries of "they're stallin'" and "Throw the sissies out" rang through the fields.

The fight was then stopped as a FAKE.

But it took 27 referees to stop it.

### MORE ABOUT HORSE SHEDS

Our recollection of old-time horse sheds at Mansfield Grove, hard by the East Haven river, before the days of trolley cars is shared by Bob Stevenson.

"We remember those sheds. We used to hold the annual great family picnic there, with the uncles and the aunts and the cousins and the great-aunts, and the grandmothers and the grandfathers and heaven only knows how many kids of all sizes and degrees of inevitable addition to falling off the rocks into the sea, getting lost in the far meadow reaches, or adventuring in some boat to look for pirate treasure or distant Thimble Islands," writes Bob.

"The New Haven members of the clan would roll out in the grandeur of the finest that they could hire at Kirk's livery, with fringed surreys, red-striped yellow wheels, shining black-enameled dashboards and ribbon-tied whips in flare sockets.

"Aunt Eliza made the clam chowder in an iron pot braced on stones over a driftwood fire, enough for the entire picnic. The rest of the food came in large, heavily laden baskets, traveling under carriage seats. But any further recollections of what we had to eat at those long grove tables would only make us sadder in these days of rationing."

Elmer Twitchell suggests that we let Japan keep the emperor and one end of the horse. Or maybe we should take him off that horse and put him on a mouse.

### NO DOUBT OF IT.

If Hirohito is a god, Then when he passes out He'll meet two other fellow gods, Adolf and Ben, no doubt. If Hirohito is a god Then "Hit and Miss" of course, Will be included in the set Called "Three Men on a Horse."



## Contour Cultivation Grows on U. S. Farms

### Bigger Yields Result From Soil Protection

Expansion of contour cultivation under the Agricultural Adjustment agency program has been rapid during the war years. Assistance for contour practices was given on a record total of 29,217,806 acres last year, including contouring intertilled crops, contouring drilled crops, contour listing, furrowing, chiseling, and subsoiling, and contour strip cropping.

This method of farming "around the slope" instead of up and down the hill cuts down erosion by preventing water from carrying off the soil. It increases acre-yield of crops, maintains their quality by holding the fertile topsoil in place, and increases the moisture content of the land. Combined with other better farming practices, it has been found to add to their effectiveness.

States in the north central area more than tripled their acreage of contour drilled crops and almost doubled their acreage of contour intertilled crops, reports show. Three southern states — Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas—raised their acreage of small grain and other drilled crops on the contour by about 50 per cent.

Studies have brought out that when contouring cuts the speed of



Ideal contour arrangement.

the water run-off in half, for example, its capacity for carrying soil drops about 75 per cent.

Some startling increases in acre yield have been reported in specific areas as a direct result of the conservation of moisture, soil and plant nutrients through contouring. An increase of 23 bushels more corn an acre in one Iowa area, 6.2 bushels of soybeans per acre in Illinois, 44 more bushels of potatoes per acre in New York, an increase of four bushels of wheat per acre in the Great Plains, and 29 pounds more cotton per contoured acre in Texas.

## Postwar Machinery Haymaker



The haymaker cuts the hay and passes it directly from the mower cutter bar by means of a pickup attachment to a pair of rollers to crack the stems.

The haymaker, designed by John Bean Manufacturing company, has a seven-foot cut, with mower built into the machine, operated from the power takeoff by any full two-pow tractor. Has hydraulic lift and reduces the time of drying at least 50 per cent.

## Ideal Leather Punch



Belt Punch Made of Cartridge Shell.

By using the size rifle cartridge shell desired, leather punches may be made. Holes cut in the side of the shell enable the emptying of leather without trouble.

## Treat Pullet Ills

Pullet flocks often are affected by a strange malady known as Pullet Disease, or Blue Comb. Individual birds may show darkened combs, labored breathing, inactivity and sleepiness and the legs have a dry withered appearance. Rutgers university recommends for an emergency treatment that 2 tablespoonfuls of muriate of potash be placed in each gallon of drinking water. To prevent the disease 1 1/2 pounds can be added to 100 pounds of mash.

# AROUND THE HOUSE

Poached eggs are much tastier if fixed in hot milk instead of water.

To keep brass or other metal door knockers, door knobs, and the like shiny, apply a thin coat of colorless wax to them occasionally.

When saving buttons from an old garment, put matching ones on a safety pin to keep them together. It will save time later.

Keep all furniture about an inch away from the wall, then you are certain you will not rub the wallpaper and make a mark or grease spots by an overdose of furniture polish on the back of a table or chair.

To make candles last double time, hold each by the wick and coat with white varnish. Dry and harden. The varnish prevents the grease from running down to waste.

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