

I QUESTION

BY WM. S. GREENE

EMPLOYMENT? Senator Borah has always been noted for his statesmanship. He is outspoken as an ISOLATIONIST. He has been one of those things (and so have I) for many years. My humble opinion is that the U. S. could be made entirely independent of all other nations, commercially. But, sometimes things change. And the older we get, the less able to adapt ourselves to changes we become. Times have changed since Statesman Senator Borah first stated his ISOLATIONIST views. Transportation and communication improvements have made terrible inroads on my Isolationist viewpoint, particularly the Aeroplane, Submarine, and Radio. Radio comes to us from every point in the world right into our own homes. How can we call ourselves Isolationists any more? I recognize that neutrality of thought is impossible outside of trying to keep an open mind as long as possible. Neutrality of acts by our Government is entirely necessary to keep us out of war. Mr. Borah told us that his sources of information told him that a crisis was not due in Europe about the time of adjournment of the last Congress, and that his sources were better than those of the Government. This turned out to be a dud. The fact that war has been declared in the interim between the last Congress and the special session also has nothing to do with the consideration of neutrality that was proposed under the Blum bill in the last session. Cash and Carry provisions, with various safeguards to American shipping and citizens planned to keep us from getting involved, also mean good business in certain lines, meaning more employment to U. S. labor. And the neutrality revision requested by President Roosevelt in my opinion makes us more neutral in

fact. And Senator Reynolds is another citizen who stated there would be no war. Evidently his sources were also not as good as those of our Government.

PLAUDITS? We are told that self-praise has a bad odor. But the Charlotte Central Labor Union has the right to feel proud of their meeting, held on September 20, with many officials visiting, even though I happen, in passing, to be Secretary of that body. It is the efforts of the delegates that are wholly responsible for the spirit that prevails in Charlotte. It is an education in labor problems to listen to the various and widespread activities covered in these meetings. The writer is proud to belong to this truly American organization, and in his little way, help as much as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS? Two new locals affiliated with the Central Body in their Sept. 20th meeting, with others falling in line. The meeting was the best attended in many months. What a difference a few years of hard effort makes in an organization. Let everyone keep up the spirit of the Central Body as it is being displayed at present, and no one knows to what size we may grow. This column takes this opportunity to congratulate the Teamsters and Chauffeurs local and their striking members in the excellent way they are conducting their strike against the Great Southern Trucking Company.

PERSONAL? Constitutions of International Labor Organizations are about the most important part of their makeup. We, in the A. F. of L., claim that our organizations are truly Democratic in character.

Let each reader of this column get his book on union rules and regulations out, and study it, to make sure that his organization is founded on truly Democratic lines. If you see anything that smacks of anything else but pure Democracy, then it is your duty, to do your best at your annual conventions to try to correct same as you see it. Of course the others might not see it as you see it, but anyway, you have shown your good intentions. Let us do our best to keep our Organizations Democratic in actions, as well as in the public print.

The American farm has become a mechanical institution almost to the extinction of the horse and mule.

WPA Investigation Of Need To Start By October 1st

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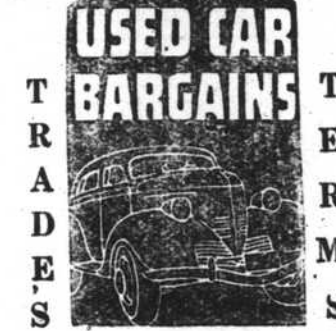
full swing throughout the country by October 1, Colonel F. C. Harrington, Works Project Commissioner, announced today. Every person on WPA must submit at least once every six months to a re-examination of his eligibility for work relief, Colonel Harrington explained. If his status is found to be changed through the acquisition of new resources he will be dropped from the rolls.

Plans for conducting the survey have been submitted to Washington by most state WPA offices, the Commissioner said, and in many instances investigative work already has begun. It is expected that the remaining states will have completed their plans and started investigations by October 1, at the latest.

"Force may subdue, but love wins." —William Penn.

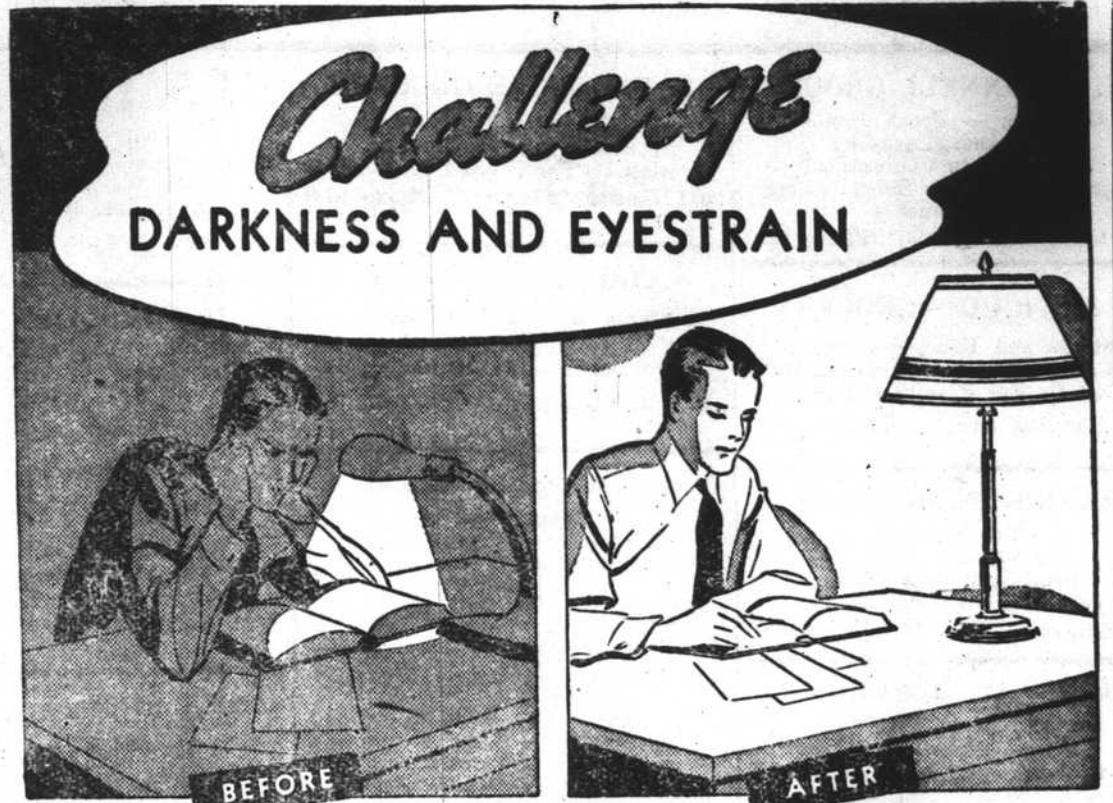
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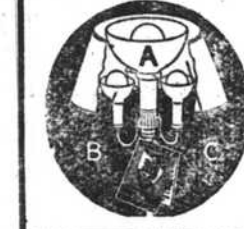
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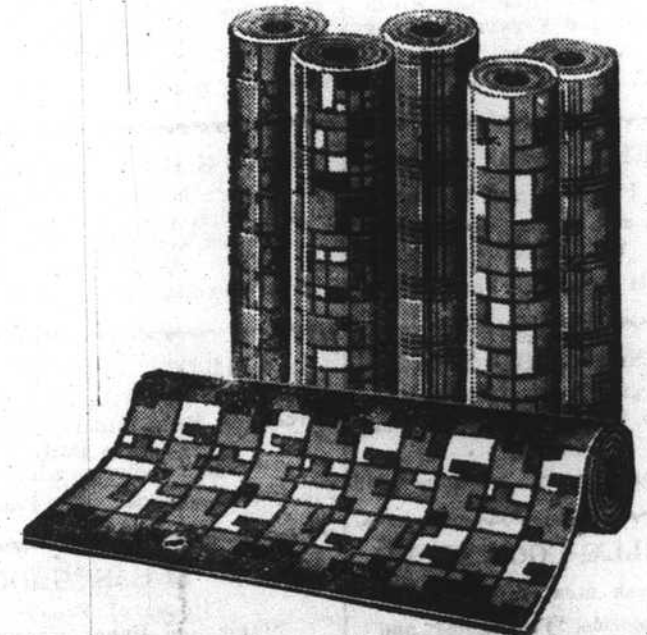
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