

Missing Leader



STANISLAW MIKOLAJCZYK

IT HAS BEEN announced in Warsaw that Stanislaw Mikolajczyk (above), leader of the opposition Polish Peasant Party "disappeared" several days ago from the Polish capital and has fled the country. Mikolajczyk, an outspoken critic of the Russian influence in the Polish regime, had been under fire within his own party. (International)

Of the 41 members of the 1947 University of Nebraska football squad, 22 are Legionnaires.

Auto License Examiner To Be Here Two Days Each Week In Future

Charles D. Lindsay, state highway patrolman, has announced that a State Auto License Examiner will be stationed in Sylva at the courthouse on Thursday and Friday of each week beginning, Thursday, November 13. Prior to this date he has only been here on Fridays.

All operators of motor vehicles whose sir names begin with A and B are required to have an examination and a new license issued prior to December 31. Those operating in this class after January 1, without having passed their driving examination and having a new license, will be subject to arrest.

A new group of the alphabet starting with C must begin taking examinations after January 1.

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As harvest of North Carolina's corn crop progresses, a production of 63,278,000 bushels is indicated to be in prospect. This is 7 per cent larger than the previous record crop of 58,924,000 bushels harvested in 1946.

The production of peanuts in North Carolina this year is estimated at 350,400,000 pounds, compared with the 1946 crop of 272,875,000 pounds.



LOOKING AHEAD

By GEORGE S. BENSON President—Harding College Searcy, Arkansas

The "Camel" Method

Once the camel gets his head into the tent, he soon has his entire body inside. This old saw lends itself to some modern applications, but it fits none better than the current English situation. Socialism is indeed like the camel; it does not stop at part-of-the-way measures. To put it into a good old Southern expression, it's simply "whole hawg or nothing."

A striking feature of the British "Crisis Bill" which recently became law in that country, was a clause giving government the authority to take possession of any industry which it might pronounce inefficiently managed. Actually, what this means is that no industry in England is safe from government confiscation. The threat will always be present, for the excuse of "inefficiency" could be trumped up at any time.

Invading the Tent

For five years I have contended, in this column and in public addresses, that no country could operate successfully with a "half-and-half" economy. If it's partly government managed and partly private enterprise, pretty soon Socialistic schemes find excuse to invade and take over. The present English government is proving my contention. It's the old "camel" process.

England is a country that long has been known for devotion to the freedom of individuals. Yet, within two years after she started her program of nationalizing major industries, it was found necessary to pass a law giving the government power to seize any industry it may choose on the excuse of "inefficiency." There's a lot of leeway there. An industry might be inefficiently managed from the viewpoint of production, or even from the viewpoint of non-cooperation with the government.

Camel Becomes Boss

Another striking feature of the Crisis Bill, as reported by the Associated Press, was that it gave the government power to tell both men and women where to work and what to do. This includes women from 18 to 40 years of age who have no children under 15, and men from 18 to 50 years of age. This loss of freedom of individuals has been unthought-of heretofore in English speaking countries.

Control the Beast

It is my earnest conviction that England avoided this conscription of her industry and her people just as long as possible. These steps must have been taken reluctantly, for she long has championed all the freedoms that we hold dear. There is only one conclusion to be drawn: these dangerous and drastic steps cannot be avoided under a government managed economy. Once the camel's head is in, there's no keeping him out of the tent. Every free American must take this as warning. If we want freedom to work at the job we choose, where we choose, and to bargain for our wages—then we do not want a government managed economy. If we want the right to own property and to operate a business for what profit there is in it, then we must stay shy of government managed economy. The British experience tells the story.

Words of the Wise

Nothing is so infectious as example, and we never do great good or evil without producing the like. —(La Rochefoucauld)

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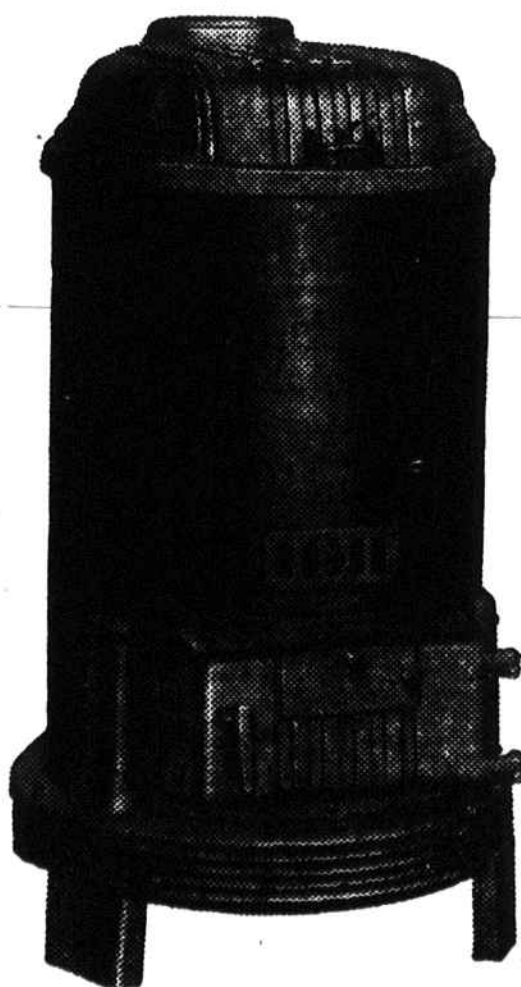
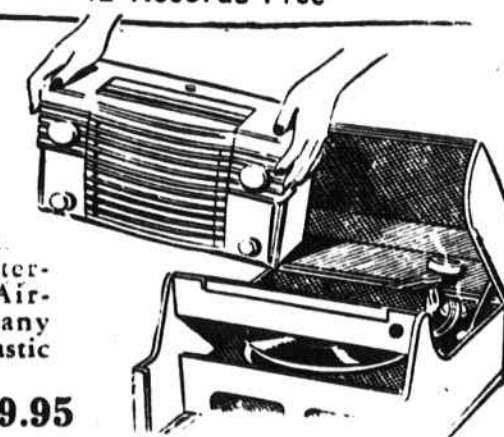


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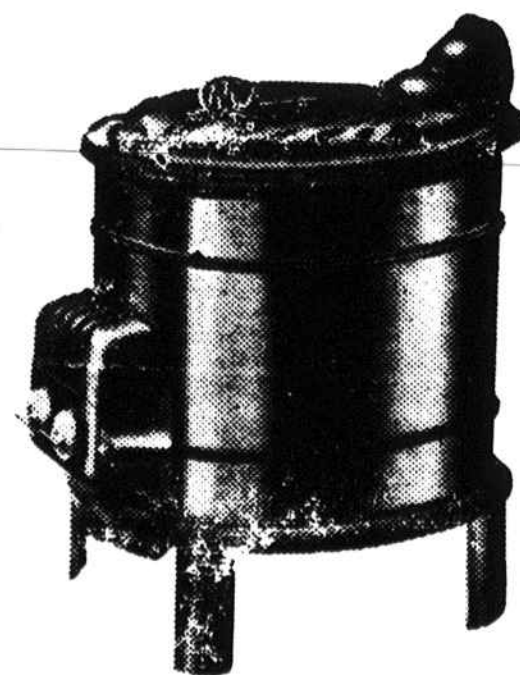
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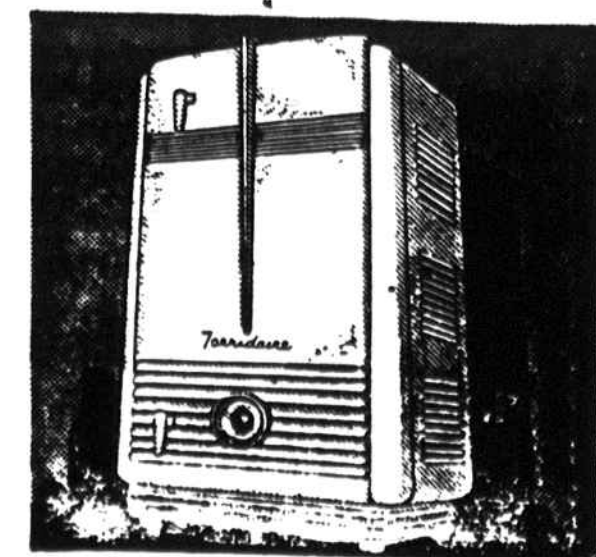
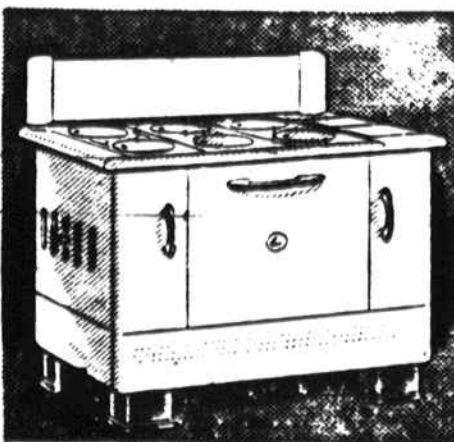
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