

SOVIET WORKER HAS GIVEN UP MANY RIGHTS

Laborers Rule Nation But Individual Has But Little Personal Freedom.

The sixth in the series of eleven articles by the United Press correspondent in Moscow, Eugene Lyons, follows. Lyons has just completed three years' residence in the Soviet Union.

BY EUGENE LYONS
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MOSCOW, Feb. 28.—The working class has been lifted to power by the Russian revolution. The whole Bolshevik state is run in its name and dedicated to its service. The very word "rabotchi"—workingman—rings in Soviet ears like a title of nobility.

The power and the glory, however, largely are collective things. The worker, as an individual, has for the time being lost what is normally his fundamental right, the right to choose his own job and place of employment.

He has become part of a labor army which is maneuvered by the highest organs of the Communist party, as required by the great war for industrializing this country.

Must Take Job Given

At this writing, for instance, mobilization of all former transport workers is under way. They are being torn out of accustomed jobs and assigned to service on the railroads.

It has all the outward appearance of a military conscription, leaving the recruit no choice but to register and accept service, and providing penalties for evaders.

As far as possible the government seeks to give men and women the work which they desire and for which they especially are qualified. It would be stupid not to do so.

But the need of the state is the determining factor always; the individual has a choice between the work assigned and starvation.

Do Not Miss Freedom

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Masses Approve

The whole procedure has a stamp of approval by the working elements as a whole, if not by individuals, which makes it voluntary in the larger collective sense.

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Youth Fights for Life in 'Gin Trial'



Key figures in Indiana's dramatic "gin orgy" murder trial at Valparaiso are shown here as they appeared in court.

At the left, Virgin Kirkland, former Gary football star, accused of the death of Arlene Draves, 18.



at a gin party, is shown with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Kirkland, who are aiding in his defense.

At the right is Mrs. David T. Thompson, at whose home the fatal party was held. Her husband is one of the defendants slated for trial later.

KIDNAPERS OF BANKER GIVEN 7-YEAR TERMS

Yocum's Abductors Are Sentenced to Illinois State Prison.

By United Press
CAMBRIDGE, Ill., Feb. 27.—Four men who kidnaped Earl Yocum, wealthy Galva banker, but were outwitted by his wife into freeing him without receiving a cent of ransom, today faced terms of seven years each in state prison.

The men, Orville and Harry Whiskers, Lloyd Winslow, and Vernon Ahlgren pleaded guilty and were sentenced Thursday by Judge L. E. Tellen, who heard testimony by them and Mr. and Mrs. Yocum. Judge Tellen said he did not

believe the men were capable of such a crime.

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MENTALLY UNFIT WOULD SUFFER STERILIZATION

Senate Favors Action to Be Carried Out in Judicial Discretion.

Sterilization bills had varying success in the Indiana senate Friday.

One, a house bill, permitting judges to impose the added penalty of sterilization upon criminals convicted of a felony in commission of which human life was taken or threatened, was killed by indefinite postponement.

But a short time later, the senate passed the house bill giving courts the right to prescribe sterilization for mentally unfit persons they commit to insane institutions and setting up procedure for the sterilization of idiots and feeble-minded.

The measure was opposed by Senator William P. Dennigan (Dem., Davies and Knox) who said, "I question if we have a moral right to mutilate innocent people. This bill is materialistic, paganistic."

"Society has the right to protect itself against propagation of the mentally unfit, hasn't it?" countered Senator John L. Niblack (Rep., Marion). "We concede the nation's right to demand the life of its citizens on the battle field."

"If you want to get rid of them, why not electrocute them and be done with it," Dennigan retorted. The bill passed 31 to 8 and now goes to the Governor.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:

Harry Lewis, Chicago, Ill., Buick sedan, 1-10-31, Illinois, from Washington and Illinois streets.

Ed Martin, 2322 McPherson street, Buick coupe, from garage in rear of 3292 McPherson street.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:

W. W. Wiles, 5015 West Fifteenth street, Marion sedan, found in rear of 2330 North Meridian street. Automobile equipped with two front wheels, two spare tires.

WORTH FORTUNE NOW

Historic Boston Common Valued at \$200,000 an Acre.

By United Press
BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Historic Boston Common, where cows grazed in colonial days, is now valued at something like \$200,000 an acre.

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PARIS WILL SEE FAMED BERBER DESERT DANCE

Daughters of Tribal Chiefs in Contests to Make Trip to France.

By United Press
ALGERS, Feb. 28.—All over the Sahara desert, the dancing girls of the Berber tribes, who perform the far-famed "dance of the hands," are preparing for the elimination dance contests to decide which will go to Paris for the colonial exposition.

Tribal dances will be a feature of the exhibition. Native dancers will be brought from all parts of France's far-flung colonies, from Indo-China in the east, to the Antilles, in the west.

The Berber dance girls earn their living in the native cabarets in the oases villages of the Sahara.

Born in the mountains, daughters of fierce tribal chiefs, they come down to the hot, sandy plains with the sole idea of earning enough money with which to buy a husband when they reach marriageable age.

Teach Dance to Daughters
As soon as they have amassed a large enough dot, they return to the mountain fastnesses, marry and settle down. In due course, they teach their daughters the "dance of the hands."

The dance has been handed down for centuries. It is as slow and stately as a cotillon, yet it rouses the menfolk to wild applause, as they crouch in a circle in the open air, under the desert moon, or in the mud-walled native cabarets.

The men clap their hands rhythmically, while the male musicians, in a corner, play on small drums with their hands.

Invest Saving in Gold
For curious women tourists, the Berber girls dance partly nude, but the men musicians must turn their backs while they play, because according to tribal tradition a curse will fall upon a man who gazes upon the nude body of an unmarried girl.

The Berber girls invest all their savings in gold, sending couriers hundreds of miles from the desert villages to Algiers to buy gold coins from the money changers.

They string the coins around their necks as if they were strings of beads and the chains are made up of coins from all over the world.

Give Money to Husband
When they marry, they hand over their necklaces to their husbands, who use the gold to barter for sheep or camels or Arab steeds.

Only after prolonged negotiations with the Berber chiefs has the French government secured consent to bring the girls from the Sahara to dance the weird dance in Paris, where it will be seen for the first time.

PAY CHANGE ADOPTED

House Would Put Prosecutor on Straight Salary.

Killing a bill which would place all sheriffs in Indiana on a straight salary basis, the house reversed itself Friday and passed 75-9 a similar measure for prosecutors.

These two measures contain the same stipulations and figures as the Democratic party pledge general fees and salaries bill which is still on the speaker's desk. It is hoped to get through the senate the companion measure, if the other fails.

In the meanwhile the senate passed the house bill placing Lake county officers on a salary basis effective July 1, by a vote of 41-1 with an amendment raising the salary of the recorder from \$5,000 to \$6,000. The house is expected to concur.

DENIES POISON CLAIM

Fish and Milk Combination Don't Give Ptomaine, Dealer Says.

By United Press
MEMPHIS, Feb. 27.—J. J. Carigan, sea food dealer here, recently said there was no truth in the saying that eating fish and drinking milk will give one ptomaine poisoning. "My family have been doing it twenty years," he said.

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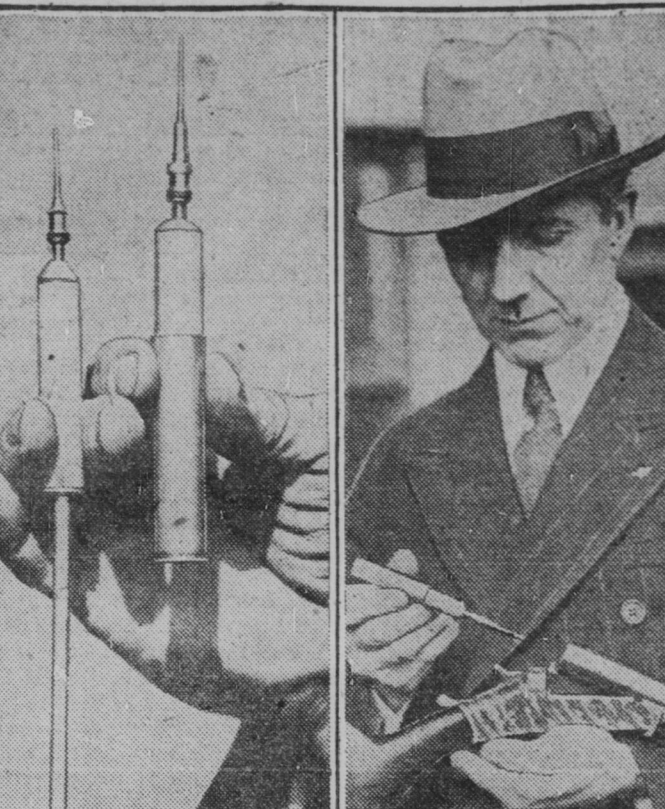
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Gun Puts Deer to Sleep



The Michigan state conservation department has retained Captain Barnett Harris, big game hunter, to help save the lives of Michigan's wild deer. Captain Harris will shoot the deer with a gun which fires "hypodermic bullets," invented by himself, which will put the animals to sleep temporarily, but will do them no lasting harm.

The deer then can be captured and transported to regions where there is better forage. At present many Michigan deer starve in the winter. Captain Harris and some of his peculiar bullets are shown above.

One ton of coal yields nearly 10,000 feet of gas.

Veteran, 70, Dies

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., Feb. 28.—Funeral services will be held Sunday for William A. Miller, 70, veteran barber, who died in the National Soldiers Home at Dayton, O.

GROCERY STORE PICKETERS HELD

Agitators Protest Against Hiring White Clerks.

Picketing of a Standard grocery, 1419 East Twenty-fifth street by alleged red agitators protesting employment of white clerks in the store, Friday resulted in arrest of a man and two women by police.

Forty or fifty picketers, mostly Negroes, carrying banners, sought to dissuade Negro patrons from entering the store until white clerks were displaced by Negroes, police said.

Those arrested and held in city prison on vagrancy charges are James Hallahan, 27, of 933 South Senate avenue; Mrs. Marie Hicks, 20, of 17 North Tacoma street, and Mrs. Lula Griffin, 42, of 1619 Yandes street, Negro, Hallahan rooms with Theodore Luesse, much-arrested leader of unemployed demonstrations, police said.

\$50,000 Case Shifted

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., Feb. 28.—A suit filed in circuit court here against the Orinoco Furniture Company and the Lincoln Chair Company by Carl D. Spencer asking for \$50,000 on a contract and an accounting of the assets of the defendant companies, has been sent to Decatur county on a change of venue asked by Spencer, former employee of the companies.

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