

# THOUSANDS AT BUTLER BOWL HEAR NRA 'ACE'

Roosevelt 'Brain Trust' Speaker Summarizes Work to Date.

A brisk young officer of the NRA who wears instead of an "eagle on his shoulder" the Blue Eagle of the national recovery army in his coat lapel was in Indianapolis Monday.

A. L. Raffa, of Washington, one of the so-called "brain trust" of the Roosevelt administration, and regarded as an "ace" speaker of the NRA, summarized the work of the NRA to date for the crowd of 35,000 at Butler bowl, celebrating Indiana Recovery day Monday night.

A graduate of Harvard, a former member of the faculty of Georgetown university, Raffa, a 28-year-old economist, drafted by the administration, typifies the men with whom the President has surrounded himself.

He explains economic riddles in terms that a child can understand. His answers to questions dealing with policies or motives are direct. He asks newspaper men to withhold confidence, but resorts to no subterfuges.

**Compared to Card Game**

At the Claypool the young economist, seated in an armchair, discussed the New Deal. Dark-haired and bespectacled, he showed the strain of a two weeks' speaking tour to all sections of the country as chief co-ordinator of the NRA.

"The new deal," he ruminated, in answer to a question, "let me give you an analogy. Let us consider the new deal as a card game. In the game are four players, namely, the government, the employer, the worker and the public as a whole. The trump card, the Blue Eagle, is dealt to the public as a whole. There the analogy stops, because it's the sort of card game where every one must play together."

**Cites Recovery Purpose**

Like a new Messiah, the young economist searched for more parallels.

Denying use of the term "applied Socialism," to the New Deal, Raffa said:

"The national industrial recovery act is made up of three main points. First, the substitution of a co-operative economic system for unfettered, cut-throat individualism in business. It aims to set up industrial democracy in keeping with the Democratic traditions.

**Tests Human Nature**

"Second, the NRA aims to bring order out of chaos and substitute a co-operative form for the anarchy existing in business relationships, to produce material well-being which the resources of the nation can provide.

"Third, the plan will demonstrate the possibility of a tremendous advance in human nature, as the era marks the first time that social control has been tried in the history of the world without the element of dictatorship."

On the question of enforcement, Raffa said that the general feeling in Washington now is that employers who fail to live up to the terms of the President's covenant will be deprived of the Blue Eagle, although the method of enforcement still is incomplete.

**Old Song Abandoned**

"It is the policy of this administration to abandon the old song of 'prosperity is right around the corner' and to maintain a policy of absolute frankness with the people. If things are not going well, the administration will be the first to announce it; if things are good, we will spread the glad tidings.

"In this connection, I must say that success of the NRA has surpassed even the fondest dreams of the administration to date."

Raffa's dark face grew serious. His voice took on an apocryphal note.

"It's got to succeed," he said earnestly, "there's just no alternative."

## DR. T. B. DAVID, NEGRO, IS BELIEVED SUICIDE

Death Apparently Follows Domestic Quarrel, Says Coroner.

The body of Dr. Theodore B. David, Negro, 28, was found in his automobile in the garage at the rear of his home, 1731 North Arsenal avenue, Monday. He is believed to have committed suicide Saturday.

According to Dr. E. R. Wilson, deputy coroner, Dr. David is believed to have shot himself after his wife had gone to the home of a brother, following a quarrel. The widow, Mrs. Hester David, said her husband had ordered her to leave the house Friday.

The body was found by two youths, Richard Clay, 18, of 2451 Martindale avenue, and Willie Wilson, 2440 Ralston avenue.

Theodore Pfafflin, who has been living in the Tremont hotel, died at city hospital Monday afternoon after taking poison in his room. Management of the hotel said Pfafflin engaged a room Sunday. He is believed to have relatives in Michigan and Florida.

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## The ABC of the NRA

Below are given answers to questions sent to The Times by readers seeking information on problems arising from the National Recovery Act. Answers to other queries will be printed from day to day.

If you have problems to which you wish answers, write to The Times, or call Riley 5551, ask for the ABC department, and dictate your question. It will be answered as soon as possible.

Q—Does the NRA affect outside salesmen, on a salary basis alone, with no commissions, as to the number of hours they may work? Can they work an unlimited number?—S. P.

A—Paragraph 2 of NRA exempts outside salesmen from the maximum hour provisions of the agreement.

Q—What should my wages and hours be if I am employed from ten to twelve hours a day? (Seven days a week).—K. E.

A—Domestic employees are not included in provisions of PRA.

Q—I am a domestic working 11 1/2 hours a day, on an average of six or seven days a week. What should my wages be, and should my hours be limited?—K. E.

A—Domestic servants are exempt from provisions of PRA.

Q—I am the proprietor of a barber shop complying with the hour and wage scale, but I am losing money because my barber shops are not doing the same? Has the code been formulated for the barber shop? If so, what is it?—M. J.

A—The temporary agreement for the barber industry has been approved. Copies may be had at 5 cents each from superintendent of documents, Washington, D. C. A maximum week of forty-eight hours work is provided for barbers. The minimum wages are those of PRA, copies of which may be had from your postoffice.

Q—What are the maximum number of hours that an operator of a barber shop can work? What are the maximum hours for a journeyman barber? Is there a limitation as to hours for a salesman of men's tailoring suits and shirts—Who would take orders for above mentioned sales of men's clothing interfere with maximum working hours in the barber shop?—B. B. Medora.

A—The owner of a barber shop is restricted to forty-eight hours a week if he actively engages in barbering. These also are journeyman's hours, under the barbers' code. Salesmen whose compensation is solely from commissions with no base salary and no guaranteed compensation are not restricted in their hours, nor would these hours be reflected against the maximum served in barbering.

Q—Do state industries come under the NRA ruling?—G. R.

A—No local or state government is affected by PRA.

Q—What is the code for clerical workers?—E. W.

A—If under PRA and not under a separate code, the hours are limited to forty hours a week.

Q—What are the maximum number of working hours for a drug store clerk at a night counter? Do they have to be worked out as a regular number out of each day?—W. G.

A—Under the modified agreement approved for drug stores, clerks' hours are limited to forty-eight hours a week and eight hours a day maximum.

Q—What are the details in the theater code—wages and hours for the railway?—E. W.

A—No code for movies has been approved, and details of the proposed code are not available. Submission of this code is expected each day now.

Q—What are the hours and wages for an apprentice in sign painting?—A. B. H.

A—No code has been approved for this industry, so the general provisions of PRA govern this type of work. Hours are limited to thirty-five hours a week and a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour is set by PRA, with the provision that apprentices under contract prior to Aug. 1, 1933, are not affected by the agreement. Neither are union contracts affected.

Q—What are the wages and hours for the detective department on the railway?—L. S. F.

A—Railways are not under PRA, and it is doubtful if a code for this industry is formulated.

Q—Is a small food company which has signed the code and which displays the eagle, living up to the pledge when it closes the doors of its shops at the appointed time, but has men out over the city selling on a purely commission basis for any number of hours? Is it violating the pledge to have outside labor working indefinitely?—L. S. F.

A—Men selling strictly on commission basis are not affected as to hours by provisions of PRA or of the grocery code. You do not define outside labor, so we are unable to answer the second question specifically.

Q—I own a barber shop. I have a porter working for me, and I have provided him with room, materials and working stand, furniture, etc. He keeps all that makes, and I pay him no salary. Should he be paid a regular wage?—L. S. F.

A—Under the temporary code, such condition is not specifically mentioned, but it is our opinion that the porter is an independent operator and not subject to the provisions of the code.

Q—I understand that big concerns—manufacturers of cosmetics—can not send

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### PROGRESS LAUNDRY

## BLAMES LAND BANK FOR LOSS OF FARM HOME

Loan Application Delayed, City Man Forced to Release Property.

Tragic tale of the loss of his farm home, representing his life savings, because, he alleges, officials of the Farm Land bank of Louisville delayed his attempts to obtain a loan, was related today by Alfred Brickham, 79, former Indianapolis resident.

Brickham, who now is living with a son at 1636 Le Grande avenue, resided for thirty years at 874 North Gladstone avenue, and for several years was an employee of the E. C. Atkins Company.

Two years ago he moved to a sixty-acre farm near Courtland, Ind. A mortgage of \$598 threatened

the property and six-room home, and in May, he said, he applied to the land bank for a loan of \$800 to pay his debts.

Brickham charges the bank did not take immediate action and that he was referred to other agencies. He says he spent money on application fees for the loan and it was not until a few days before the mortgage was to be foreclosed that appraisers for loan organizations visited the property.

Rather than surrender the property to the mortgage holders, Brickham, Aug. 12, twenty-four hours before the foreclosure, managed to sell the property for \$700 cash, he said.

Of this amount \$598 went to meet the mortgage and, Brickham said, only \$22 remained after he had paid other debts and loan application fees.

## FALLS FROM BOAT; DIES

Bedford Man Is Found Drowned in White River.

By United Press  
BEDFORD, Ind., Aug. 22.—Ralph Carter, 45, was found drowned in White river near here Monday night. He apparently had fallen from his motor boat.

## M'NUTT SPEAKER AT NEGRO ELKS' SESSION

Governor Pleads for Unified Front in Drive on Depression.

"Honesty, harmony, industry and frugality are the only necessities to break through the pressure of the economic crisis," Governor Paul V. McNutt said, addressing the

opening session of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Negro, Monday in Bethel Avenue M. E. church.

J. Finley Wilson, Washington, grand exalted ruler of the national body, lauded McNutt for his policy of breaking down intolerance in racial matters.

McNutt stated that "wholehearted co-operation among all races is the only way to solve the present economic situation."

Other speakers at the opening meeting included Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, Police Chief Michael F. Morrissey, State Representative Henry J. Richardson Jr., and Perry W. Howard, Washington, legal adviser.



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