

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.

As 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 subterfuge.

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 government is the dealer. 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 parables.

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 form 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 adventure 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 Pafflin, 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 Pafflin 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?—F.

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.)

A—Domestic employees are not included in provisions of P.R.A.

Q—I am a domestic working 11½ hours a day, on an average of six or seven days a week. What should my wage be and should my hours be limited?—K.

A—Domestic servants are exempt from provisions of P.R.A.

Q—I am the proprietor of a barber shop competing with other barbershops. Is there a maximum number because neighborhood 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 P.R.A. copies of which may be had from your postoffice.

Q—What are the maximum number of hours an apprentice of a barber shop can work? What are the next maximum hours for a journeyman barber? Is there a limit to the hours for a salesman of men's tailoring? Is there a minimum wage for barbers? Would it be safe to take orders for above mentioned sales in men's clothing interests with maximum working hours in the barber shop?—Medora.

A—The owner of a barber shop is restricted to forty-eight hours a week if he actively engages in barbershop. These also are journeymen'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 be reflected against the maximum served in barbershop.

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

A—No local or state government is affected by P.R.A.

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

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

Q—What are the details in the theater code—wages and hours for reel men, etc.?—G.

A—No code has been approved for this industry, so the general provisions of P.R.A. 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 P.R.A. 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 hours and wages for the detective department on the railways?—A.L.H.

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

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