

# 49% DROPPED BY WPA ARE REHIRED

Figure Here Under National Average of 54 Per Cent,  
Survey of Results of 18-Month Clause Shows;  
Large Proportion on Direct Relief.

The WPA today revealed what happened to 1,089,000 work relievers who were laid off the program in the nation under the 18-months clause last year.

In Indianapolis, as throughout the nation, only a small percentage of the "separated" workers found their way into private industry.

The majority of them succeeded in getting back on WPA after 30 days. A large proportion went on direct relief. Some found no jobs and could get no public assistance.

The greatest mass layoff in the nation's history took place between July 1 and Sept. 1, 1939, when 783,000 WPA workers were dropped from the rolls as the clause prohibiting relievers from working more than 18 consecutive months went into effect.

From Sept. 1 to Feb. 1, an additional 306,000 were released.

**WPA Checked Results**  
To find out what happened to the dismissed workers, the WPA organized a survey in 23 key cities, including Indianapolis.

The national survey showed that five to seven months after dismissal, 54.1 per cent of the dismissed workers had been reassigned to WPA, 11.6 per cent were receiving direct relief and 12.7 per cent were working in private industry.

In February, the average weekly earnings of relievers who found private employment was \$17.62 in the nation and \$16.79 in Indianapolis. Almost half, or 46.1 per cent, of those who found private jobs earned less than their former WPA wage.

**Fifth Found No Jobs**  
Slightly more than one-fifth, or 21.8 per cent, of the workers dismissed found no jobs and no relief. Their weekly incomes averaged \$5.85.

Approximately 3497 workers were laid off in Indianapolis. By February, one-tenth, or 10.8 per cent, had found private jobs, 49.1 per cent had gone back on WPA, 28.4 per cent had gone on relief and 11.7 per cent had found neither relief nor jobs.

**19 Per Cent Under \$10 a Week**  
Of those who found private jobs here, 19.7 per cent earned less than \$10 a week. Slightly more than 40 per cent was working at wages lower than the former WPA wage.

In Indianapolis, during the winter, 417 families of former WPA workers who could not get public or private jobs or relief, had an average weekly income of \$3.19. Of this number, 27.7 per cent—115 families—had no income in February.

## PRIVATE ARMY RUMOR SCORED

Nothing to Be Done Without  
Full Approval of U. S.,  
Legion Chief Says.

The American Legion is not planning to raise a "private army" for home defense, National Commander Raymond J. Kelly said today.

In a statement issued to clear up reports that the Legion was considering organization of home guard units of veterans and others 18 and older, Mr. Kelly said there has been much misunderstanding about certain efforts on the part of the Legion for national defense and anti-Fifth Column activities.

He said the chairman of the Legion's Americanism commission and its national defense and foreign relations committees met in Washington recently and spent 10 days in intensive study of the situation. If and when the suggestions made by the group are placed in effect, he said, it will be only with the co-operation and full approval of local, state and Federal authorities.

Mr. Kelly said he believes firmly that organized veterans of the World War, even though in the middle age category, are the most valuable home defense nucleus in the communities where the Legion's 11,682 posts are located.

## ELLA WILL SUPPORT WIDOW OF CREATOR

HOLLYWOOD, July 5 (U. P.)—The comic strip girl he created will support the widow of William M. Conselman, author of Ella Cinders. He died May 25. His will, filed for probate today, bequeathed his entire estate, including the proceeds from the daily cartoon, to Miss Mina Conselman or, in event of her death, to their daughter, Dierdre, and son, William Jr.

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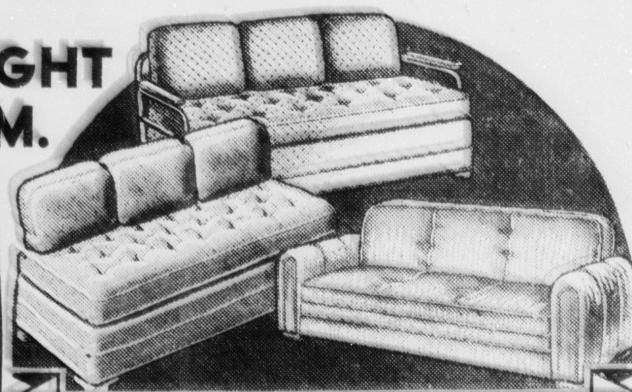
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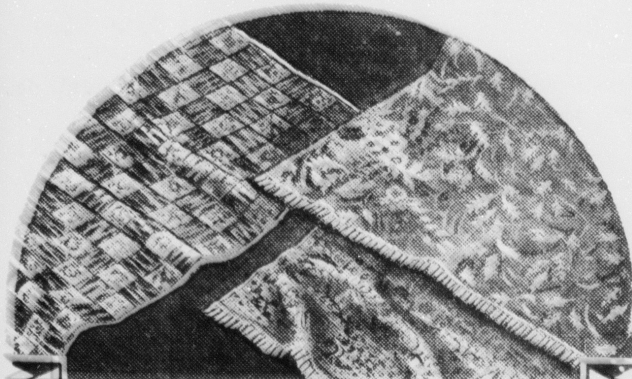
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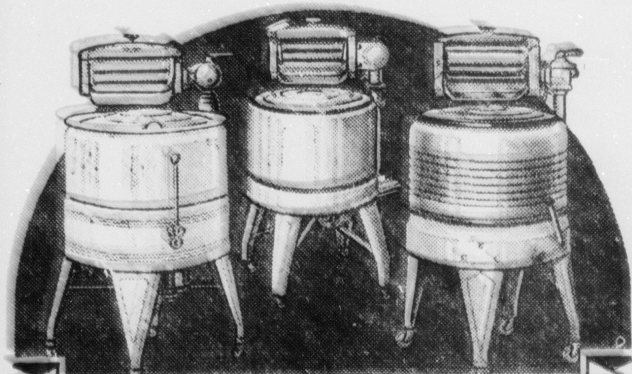
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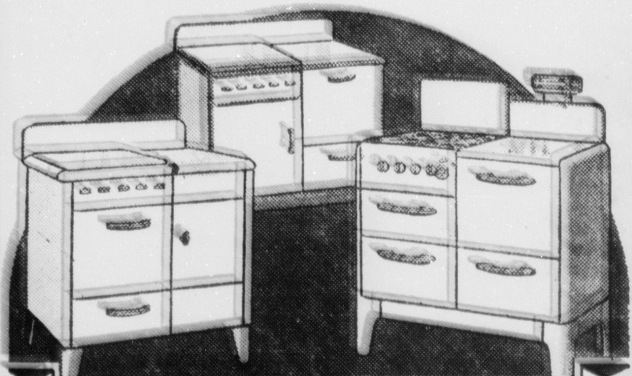
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