

## SWAN SONG— Dinner Marks Farewell for 'Ma' Perkins



Frances Perkins

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WASHINGTON, June 28.—"Ma" Perkins let her hair down last night.

The dignified secretary of labor, Miss Frances Perkins, gave the town something to talk about as she attended a farewell banquet in honor of her 12 years as the only woman cabinet member.

SHE KISSED a senator. She ribbed organized labor. And she said the late Governor Al Smith could have taken her up to his hotel room and given her the low-down on politics.

She was serious, too, challenging America to lick mass unemployment and raise the living standard of all the people in the next 10 years.

Miss Perkins wound up her career in a blaze of glory at the dinner given by fellow cabinet members, congressmen and labor leaders. They bestowed lavish praise on the "Lady with the tri-cornered hat."

PREPARING to yield her position Saturday to Federal Judge Lewis B. Swannellbach of Spokane, Wash., Miss Perkins responded to the laudatory speeches with a school-girl frankness and enthusiasm that had 500 admirers howling with laughter at some of her cabinet experiences and cheering her challenge to lick unemployment.

She kissed Senator Robert F. Wagner (D. N. Y.), who delivered the principal address.

SHE CHOKED UP with quoting Franklin Roosevelt's last letter to her in which he said "there are many other things still to do."

She delighted Postmaster-Designate Robert E. Hannegan, Democratic national chairman, with her assertion that "was not born of poor and honest parents but came from a family of ignorant Republicans."

She tossed a few jokes at organized labor. She hoped the United Mine Workers would come back into the family of labor once the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations branches of the family got on better terms with each other.

NODDING to A. F. L. President William Green and C. I. O. President Philip Murray on either side of her, she told the diners that both had "explained to me in great detail why they can't get together."

"The railway brotherhoods have no difficulty," she said. "They always have been independent. They're like the old maid who never had any marital problems."

The crowd gasped as she began to tell how the late Gov. Alfred E. Smith took her up to his hotel room to explain to her the importance of political majorities.

"HE TOLD me how helpful it is in New York state elections if you come to the Bronx county line with a 400,000 majority," she said.

Then she began her prepared speech. She referred to the New Deal. She sometimes has been referred to herself as "the New Deal" because of the legislation she conceived and helped prepare.

She was a member of the first New Deal cabinet. Others of that group present were Secretary of Interior Harold I. Ickes, Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace who was Mr. Roosevelt's first agriculture secretary, and Homer S. Cummings, attorney general in the first New Deal cabinet.

SHE TALKED about "the American dream."

She said it is "not only the opportunity of the individual to rise to wealth and power but the opportunity for happiness and comfort for everyone."

She said it had made a land "where the Golden Rule is both the only restraint on liberty and at the same time the underlying impetus to our humanitarian, social and economic life."

SHE SAID the nation's biggest task in the next 10 years would be to prevent mass unemployment and raise the living standards of all the people. She warned that the start cannot be delayed by prolonged work stoppages while a dispute is fought or sat out. She said Americans were unafraid as they prepared to tackle the job.

Miss Perkins said that the stabilization of industry to provide an annual wage could be one of the most important achievements.

## SENATE URGED TO O. K. CHARTER

Connally Warns of Peace  
Failure Without U. S.

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united they shall be able to preserve the peace of the world," Connally declared.

"If the great powers should be divided—if discord should arise—they could not successfully preserve international peace."

"So long as the great powers, possessing ample material resources and military and naval might, are charged solemnly by the charter with the high responsibility of preserving the peace of the world, and remain conscious of their high duties and obligations, peace can be preserved."

U. S. Protected

He told the senate that the trusteeship agreement protected fully the interests of the United States, particularly in the Pacific islands wrested from the enemy at a high cost in American lives.

In recognition of the fact that documents and phrases themselves cannot prevent war, Connally said that in the final analysis the new organization must have the continued faith and support of the peace-loving people of the world.

"Its strength rests upon co-operation and a community of interest in providing collective security," he said.

"A heavy responsibility rests upon every member of the organization not only to use its own powers and efforts to promote the interests of the organization, but it assumes a duty to further the purposes and principles of the organization."

Two-Thirds Vote

"This sense of responsibility, this compelling duty, will generate a desire for peace, a will to live on terms of amity with the other peoples of the earth."

The senate will be asked to ratify the charter by the constitutionally-required two-thirds vote. Connally, who few from San Francisco to make his speech today, gave the senate its first formal report on the work of the conference.

Accompanying him back from San Francisco was Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R. Mich.), the senate's other delegate, who has scheduled a 35-minute speech tomorrow to further clear the way for speedy ratification.

Schedule Hearings

With the preliminary reports out of the way the senate foreign relations committee, of which Connally is chairman, will meet Saturday to outline its schedule of public hearings.

The committee is to be offered a speedup schedule in line with administration hopes that the U. S. will be among the first—if not the first—to ratify the charter.

Deal With Senate

Stettinius is staying home during the coming Big Three conference to act as President Truman's representative in dealing with the senate on the charter.

After Stettinius, so-called public witnesses would be limited to a single appearance by one representative for each national political, social, economic and religious organization desiring to be heard on the subject.

RED CROSS VICTIM

OF HITLER SCHEME

PARIS, June 28 (U. P.).—How Adolf Hitler turned the German Red Cross into a Nazi double cross that netted millions of marks for his war machine was revealed today.

"The Red Cross cared for me when I was wounded in the first war, I'm grateful," Hitler said, and then he proceeded to play the organization for all it was worth.

The story was disclosed by Elizabeth Scholl, New York, editor of the American Red Cross magazine, "Over Here," who last week interrogated Oberfeldfuhrer Sophie Bernas, director of the German nurses aid service.

Fraulein Bernas said the first thing Hitler did to show his gratitude was to make Hermann Grawert, a fanatic Nazi party veteran, director of the organization.

In June, 1938, he stripped it of the right to collect its own funds. He said Nazi party specialists "would be more efficient." He wasn't wrong. The money went to the party.

SIGMA CHI WILL

HONOR STINEBAUGH

Virgil Stinebaugh, school superintendent, and six principals of city high schools will be special guests at a luncheon tomorrow in the Columbia club observing the 90th anniversary of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Butler chapter, will present each principal with a three volume set of the "History of Sigma Chi" for their school libraries. Harry V. Wade, president of the Indianapolis alumni chapter, said.

Principals who will attend are J. Dan Hull, Shortridge; E. H. K. McComb, Manual; Walter G. Givings, Washington; H. H. Anderson, Technical; Karl V. Ammerman, Broad Ripple; and Charles M. Sharp, Howe.

HOLDS DEATH ACCIDENTAL

MT. VERNON, June 28 (U. P.).—A verdict of accidental death was returned today in the case of Franklin Delano Brown, 12, orphan, coroner Harry Wilson said the boy was strangled while playing with a leather belt and binder twine at the Orville Aldrich home a week ago.

## Ragged Flophouse Roomer Leaves Estate of \$250,000

By CLAUDE COX

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CHICAGO, June 28.—Chelestinio Chiesia was buried today in an ornate casket which cost more than he would have allowed himself to spend in years.

Chiesia lived and died in a room that cost him 20 cents a night, but investigators found he had a fortune tucked away in a safety deposit box. He lived in a flophouse, but he was part owner of luxurious apartment buildings overlooking Lake Michigan.

He allowed himself 10 cents a day for food, and he owned stock in the Armour Meat Packing company valued at \$75,000.

Body Well-Dressed

He gambled for pennies with the derelicts in his ramshackle hotel, but on the stock market he ran an inheritance of a few thousand dollars into an estate of a quarter million.

Chiesia dressed in rags, but he went to his grave in a tuxedo. It was the best suit he ever had.

Attendant to his death there was all the luxury he shunned for three-quarters of a century. The bronze casket cost \$1000. There were sleek black limousines to carry the funeral party to the cemetery. The undertaker said it was the best funeral money could buy.

There was a solemn high requiem mass in a church not far from the 20-cent flophouse where Chiesia died. Only 50 people were there, and most of them apparently out of curiosity.

Known to acquaintances as "Chester," Chiesia lived in a seven by four foot cubicle. So penurious was he that he was known to walk miles to save carfare.

An undertaker who took charge of Chiesia's body found a key in the man's dirty, torn trousers. Turned over to the state public administrator, the key was found to fit a Continental Illinois State bank vault.

There Jack Rubens, chief investigator for the administrator, opened a safe deposit box from which cascaded gilt-edged stocks and bonds, property deeds and the miser's will.

Inherited \$13,500

In a building owned by Chiesia, investigators found documents indicating he had amassed the fortune from \$13,500 he inherited in 1900 from his father.

For 24 years Chiesia had worked as a guard for the Chicago elevated lines but he quit to manage his numerous financial interests many years ago.

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## OPA GETS CASH FOR SPUD PROBE

Local Dealers to Bid on 396  
Carloads.

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wholesalers, the entire situation will improve of its own accord.

Produce men contend that the retailer cannot afford to "talk." Wholesalers can "freeze" them out of business too easily, they add, by stopping supplies of other commodities that are sold at OPA prices.

Potatoes Spoil Fast

Berg King of George Hitz & Co., commission merchants, had his own solution.

"Potatoes spoil fast. If all retailers would refuse to accept potatoes for a few days, the situation would be considerably improved, I'll guarantee."

A black market operator in the Carolinas also is affecting the local supply, others in the industry said. The produce buyer for a large grocery chain held out a gloomy potato picture for the future.

"We'll see a lot worse shortage here as the California supply of potatoes is exhausted," he said. "Arkansas and Missouri have very light crops. Our next big deal is New Jersey. We can't buy Idaho potatoes, due to a cornering of the market by the large Eastern operators. My firm could sell 15 to 18 carloads every week, if we could get them."

Ask Double Price

Practice at the South side market, say retailers, is to ask from \$6 to as high as \$8.50 a bag for potatoes, insisting also that cabbage, onions and other produce be bought. It was common gossip at the market that only two wholesalers there are following OPA regulations.

Those in the know assert that several South side market operators have ample supplies of potatoes. Long-established commission merchants find it difficult to get enough to satisfy their customers at the OPA ceiling price of around \$4 a 100-pound bag.

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## NOTIONS

PRESS-ON MENDING SETS, were 1.39. Now .79c

BLANKET BINDING—Rayon on satin. Originally 1.00. Now .50c

SYNTHETIC RUBBER GLOVES—Originally 49c, 69c. Now .29c, 39c

PEGGY SEWING SETS—Complete with materials, were 1.69 and 2.50. Now .1.00, 1.50

BRASSIERES—Teasore only, broken sizes. Originally 1.25. Now .75c

WOOL FOAM—Originally 25c. Now .2 for 15c

SEWING BAGS—Originally 2.25. Now .50c

CELLOPHANE CAP PROTECTORS—Originally 35c. Now .15c

CALIFORNIA POTTERY SALT AND PEPPERS—Originally 1.50. Now .75c Pr.

GARTER BELTS—Sizes 24 to 30, were 1.25. Now .50c

WOODEN CLOGS—Women's sizes only. Originally 1.00. Now .59c

JEWEL CASES—Were 2.50 now JEWEL CASES—Were 2.50. Now 1.25\*

\* Plus Tax. —NOTIONS, STREET FLOOR

## MEN'S FURNISHINGS

HOSE—Were 39c pair. Now .4 Pcs. for 1.00

HOSE—Were 1.50 pair. Now .75c

ODDS AND ENDS IN TOBACCO. Greatly Reduced

SUSPENSERS—Were 1.50. Now .75c

SUSPENSERS—Were 1.00. Now .49c

BILLFOLD, LETTER CASE, KEY CASE COMBINATION—Was 13.50