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### JUVENILE PROBATION

THE TIMES has received several complaints from persons interested in the probation system and from distraught parents of children on probation, based on the current series of articles entitled "How to Grow Your Own Criminals."

This series reveals the breakdown of the probation system in juvenile court and is aimed at improving operation of that court, where the community's most precious asset—its children—is handled when a brush with the law is involved.

"You are using unfortunate children for political purposes," said one complainant.

"You are only trying to defeat Judge Mark Rhoads," said another.

"You are distorting the truth," said still another.

"Do you believe in the probation system?" asked a church leader.

WE do believe in a probation system that rehabilitates, that follows through and helps youngsters reconstruct their lives, that is free of political implications, that is carried out by trained and understanding workers.

It is because of this belief that we are opposed to re-election of Judge Rhoads. If that is politics, then we are guilty of politics. We realize that there would be suffering in some families if the identity of the juveniles cited in "How to Grow Your Own Criminals" becomes known—which is why we have in no case identified the youths whose records are published.

We know that some who honestly believe Judge Rhoads is a good judge interested only in the welfare of the children will spring to his defense with the accusation that the factual records we are printing are distorted. To those people, we say that such is not the case. And facts speak louder than argument.

THE community needs a strong juvenile court. It does not have one now. We support Judge Rhoads' opponent because he is pledged to create such a court and his party leaders have promised a "hands off" policy insofar as his staff and operations are concerned, should he be elected.

The series "How to Grow Your Own Criminals" will be continued in the interest of cleaning up a bad situation. It may offend a few. And it may help benefit many.

### WHERE PEOPLE DON'T COUNT

JOHN STROHM, author of the vivid word-and-picture story of the Russian people currently appearing in The Times, enjoyed a freedom of movement seldom permitted to foreigners during his tour of the Soviet Union.

He found a primitive land, sadly devastated by war, where a simple, friendly and peace-loving people are eking out a bare existence by the most arduous toil. Sawmills had been destroyed, and logs for new homes were being hewn by hand. Where plows had been carried away by the enemy, fields were worked by spades, most of them in the hands of women.

But not all of the misery in Russia today can be charged against the Germans. The political bosses in the Kremlin must accept responsibility for some of it.

Mr. Strohm visited one collective farm which had sent all of its men—146 of them—into the Red army. Of that number 40 are dead, only 15 were back on the farm. And where are the rest? Most of them are in the Red army, living off the toil of other peasants, in Poland, Hungary, Austria, Germany, Bulgaria and Romania. These farmer-soldiers, whose wives must work the fields in their absence, have become pawns in the game of power politics being played by their Soviet masters at Paris.

### RUSSIA has more men under arms today than all of the other nations of Europe combined.

Wherever he went, Mr. Strohm was told by the people they did not want another war, particularly not a war with the United States. Unfortunately, the people are not consulted about such matters in the Soviet Union. When they are allowed to vote, it is only for candidates selected by their Communist overlords. They are given no opportunity to express their views. Even private conversations must be guarded in Russia.

In the Ukraine, people told Mr. Strohm that American food, brought to the country by UNRRA, has averted starvation. They were deeply grateful for our assistance. Yet one of the bitterest critics of the United States at the Paris peace conference has been Dr. Dmitro Manulsky, the Ukrainian foreign minister. He can ignore public opinion, because he lives in a totalitarian state.

It was in the Ukraine that a woman, working in the field with sickle, hoe and flail, asked Mr. Strohm to tell the American people to send more bread, because "we don't have enough to eat."

Surprised, the reporter pointed to the field of ripe grain.

"Yes, but we don't get any of it," she answered.

That is the reward of labor under a dictatorship—where people don't count.

### CHALLENGE TO INDUSTRY

SPEAKERS from industry and labor, brought together in Boston this week by the American Management association, discussed the problems of "Tomorrow's Collective Bargaining."

Heading the list of future problems was the guaranteed annual wage. Labor spokesmen said unions would make this a major demand in the next few years. Industrialists dwell on the difficulties of granting such demands.

Of course there are tremendous difficulties.

But "difficult" or "impossible" is no answer for industry to give when unions ask for an annual wage.

We don't predict that the guaranteed annual wage will become universal in American industry at an early date. We believe, though, that labor will—and should—continue to ask for it. Wise managements will seek the co-operation of employees and their unions in overcoming the difficulties, solving the problems, working toward the goal by steps and stages, perhaps, but striving sincerely to reach it.

Here is a challenge to industry's famed ingenuity and "know-how." If industry does not even try to meet that challenge, government certainly will.

## Remarkable, Weight These Things Can Carry



"I do not agree with a word that you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."—Voltaire.

### Hoosier Forum

#### "Judge Rhoads Has Able Staff Of Non-Political Social Workers"

By Wesley A. Stockinger, 5823 N. Capitol ave., former school principal

Strange how truth can be distorted! Mr. Hoffmann and his subtle promoters behind the screen, in their design to control the juvenile court, are perverting the facts pertaining to the administration of Judge Rhoads.

The writer attended the Church Forum last April to hear the five candidates in the primary. Mr. Hoffmann, in his turn, stated with much emphasis that he would be the Democratic candidate. He made it clear that he is a Democrat, which in itself is no discredit to him. His statements, however, were evasive and not imbued with vision, mission and program. He was candid in admission that he is not versed in problems of juvenile conduct.

Men cannot be built up in a few weeks by some sophisticated and surreptitious group to be a constructive leader in situations of youth adjustment and social guidance.

The court staff as selected by Judge Rhoads consists of people trained and experienced in the broad field of social welfare. Both major parties are represented without discrimination, and some of the best colored skill is doing a splendid work among their people. The background of the entire staff is complimentary to Judge Rhoads.

The writer challenges Mr. Hoffmann, by virtue of his candidacy, on every phase of his recent approach to the many problems in juvenile behavior. Furthermore, the writer, although on the eligibility list of state social welfare workers since 1935, is not now available to service unemployed. Nevertheless, the accomplishments of Judge Rhoads are not to be maliciously scrapped.

"G. O. P. FOLLOWING SAME OLD PATH TO BREAD LINES"

By W. C. Frye, 811 N. Grant ave.

Replying to H. L. Schuck in his article, "New Dealers Best at Forgetting the Past," published in the Forum Oct. 5.

I wish to take issue with you, Mr. Schuck, on your statement quoted above. The New Dealers do remember, quite vividly, clear back to world war I when your favored party put over the famous Teapot Dome deal, killed the League of Nations, and turned out the longest bread lines over the country ever known and allowed them to continuously increase until you were voted out of control.

The New Dealers or any thoughtful unbiased person can see that you are again headed in the same direction today. You have with the aid of the Southern so-called Democrats killed the OPA and an unlimited amount of legislation which has brought inflation which is synonymous with low wages. The next step naturally following this

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