

Reds Facing Darkest Hour In Australia

Have Made Both Government and Labor Hopping Mad

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CANBERRA, Australia, Sept. 1—Australia's Communists are facing what may well be their darkest hour.

On the one hand, they have made a previously tolerant Labor Government hopping mad over Communist activities in this country.

On the other, rank-and-file union members have begun a strong revolt against the Reds' longtime control of Australia's biggest unions.

Clearly the greatest setback to the Reds is the collapse of the nationwide coal strike. Communist leaders of the powerful miners' federation called it June 27.

Miners Defy Leaders

The strike ended abruptly when the miners, once famed for their obedience to their leaders' orders, defied their executive by voting independently to return to work.

The principal reason for this defiance was a growing conviction in miners' ranks that their voice in union decisions was being ignored by their Red-controlled executive, and they voted 4-to-1 to go back to the mines.

Rank-and-filers in other big Red-run unions are giving Communist leaders some uneasy moments, too.

Stress New Mood

Recent stormy meetings of the ironworkers further stress the new mood of Australia's union members.

National Secretary Ernest Thornton, an ardent Communist who has just returned from a trip to Russia, has been hooted and jeered by his members, and Communist-inspired motions in these meetings have been defeated by rank-and-filers.

The same mood is evident among the railroad unionists in Queensland, whose executive is Communist-controlled. The executive put a "black ban" on handling coal during the strike.

But the railroad workers handled it just the same.

Although he seems determined to break the Reds' hold on his union, the average unionist may find that a tougher job than he now anticipates.

The labor government is aroused. Its ministers have frankly hinted at strong anti-Red measures, and they have blasted the Reds with increasing fire.

But in the final analysis, the government has yet to come forward with a program to end the Communist influence in this country.

To a great extent, it would seem, the real fight against Communism here lies with the Australian unionists.

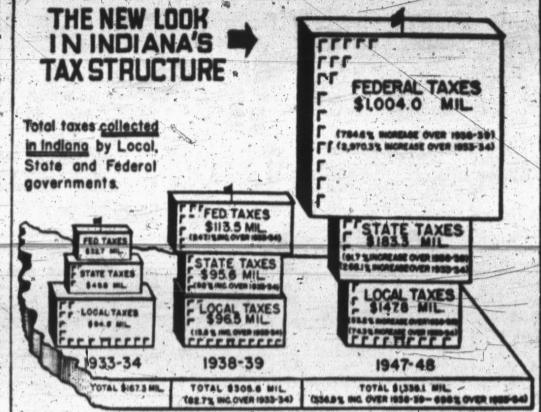
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Elect Two Hoosiers To Legion Fun Posts

By RALPH B. PARON
Times Special
PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 1—Two Indiana men today assumed office in the 40 & 8 American Legion fun organization.

Elected at the national convention were Phil E. Clements, historian national, Indianapolis, and Harold V. Haines, sous chef de chemin de fer, Cedar Lake, Clarence E. Smith, Raleigh, N.C., was chosen head as chef de chemin de fer.

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By United Press
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Nomad Turns Out To Be Walking Variety Store

CLEVELAND, Sept. 1 (UPI)—Talk about the contents of a woman's purse, here's what police found in one Frank J. Cline's pockets today.

Three tennis balls, one pipe, two spoons of thread, a spoon, a cigar, cough medicine, a paper pad, scotch tape, one plastic bird, three flashlight, spectacles, costume jewelry, a comb, six spark-plugs.

A TOOTHPRUSH, razor blades, four pairs of pliers, screwdriver, toy auto, cigarette lighter, swimming trunks, one bird whistle, a set of keys, a toy rattle and an American League baseball schedule.

Police said the 62-year-old man was "a happy-go-lucky nomad" who would probably go to jail on a charge of robbing auto glove compartments.

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Court Challenges Spurlock Order

Judge Reeves Told To Show Cause

WASHINGTON, Ind., Sept. 1 (UPI)—A state Supreme Court judge today gave Circuit Judge Ollie C. Reeves three days to release Mrs. Clarice Spurlock, 25-year-old housewife held in the investigation of her mother's death, or show cause why she is held.

Supreme Court Judge Frank E. Gilkison's order came at the request of Mrs. Spurlock's defense attorney. Judge Reeves yesterday ruled that Mrs. Spurlock must stay in jail until the Vanderburgh County Grand Jury can consider an affidavit issued by him.

A toxicologist yesterday reported finding an "enormous amount" of arsenic in the body of her father, Winter Dearing, 60, exhumed at police request after they said a previous autopsy on Mrs. Dearing revealed that she had been poisoned.

Mrs. Spurlock is held on the affidavit at Evansville, Ind., after her arrest in Memphis several weeks ago.

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