

American Labor Leaders in Mexico

The economic and social conditions of Mexican labor are being studied by the American Federation of Labor. Matthew Woll, the vice-president of the Federation, was quoted in the Mexico City "Excelsior," of October 21, as saying that he was in Mexico "as a friend and observer." The results of his investigation, he told the newspaper, would be given out from the national headquarters of the Federation in Washington.

The reporters wanted Mr. Woll's opinions about those strange doctrines of communism and socialism that are dominating labor-unionism beyond the Rio Grande. "If I believed in either of those doctrines I certainly would not be vice-president of the American Federation of Labor," was Mr. Woll's answer.

A month before, John L. Lewis had been in Mexico City attending the Latin-American Workers' congress, telling the misguided Mexicans that "workers throughout the world always have the same foes," whom he named as "the large corporations that voraciously exploit labor." He denounced them as "common enemies."

The questionable methods of the Mexican government that have been denounced by Secretary of State Hull as confiscation and seizure of American lands and properties were praised, in a subtle way. "Under the regime of President Cardenas, we have seen with deep satisfaction," said Mr. Lewis, "the extraordinary determination to place the natural wealth of this country in the service of the people of Mexico." The reference was plainly understood by the vast audience as referring to the seizures of American oil properties.

With the echoes of the great international communistic gathering still ringing throughout Mexico, the newspaper "Excelsior" asked: "Will not democracy in the long run be a failure, economically, at least, as perhaps in the United States?" To

this question Mr. Woll replied: "My opinion is that democracy will have the best results in the long run. It is my country where the highest wages are paid, where the standard of living is highest and where inequality of classes is less apparent. The North American people are individualists, and believe above all in property rights and freedom."

At least, Matthew Woll gave some very frank and sound advice that may help some of the officials and agitators of the Mexican capital to realize how much they are out of step with the spirit of democracy that other southern republics are anxious to improve upon in Latin-American countries.

Architectural Service Helps Home Owners

The Federal Housing administration recommends that architectural service be employed in construction of a dwelling, although it does not insist that such service be retained.

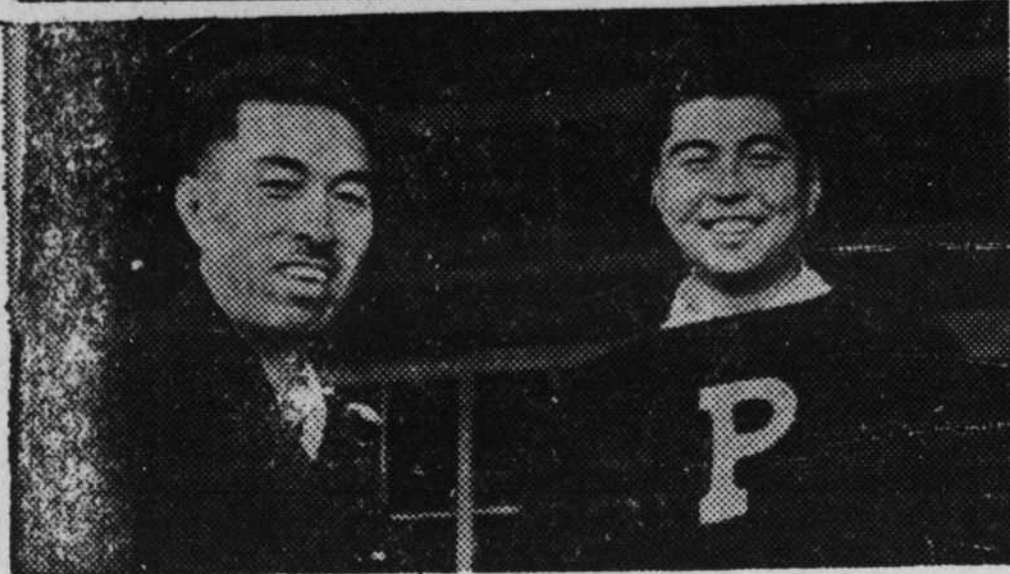
Architectural services tend to give added assurance that the mortgage loan will be adequately secured. An inferior structure may be built from

even the most attractive plan if skilled service is not used in connection with the preparation of the contracts, working drawings, specifications, and actual construction.

While the Federal Housing administration requires contract documents and makes inspections to assure compliance with them, it does not consider that these features of its procedure are substitutes for professional services.

In a Kansas shop is this sign: "We require a deposit of 50 per cent from customers we don't know and 100 per cent from some we do know." — Wichita Eagle.

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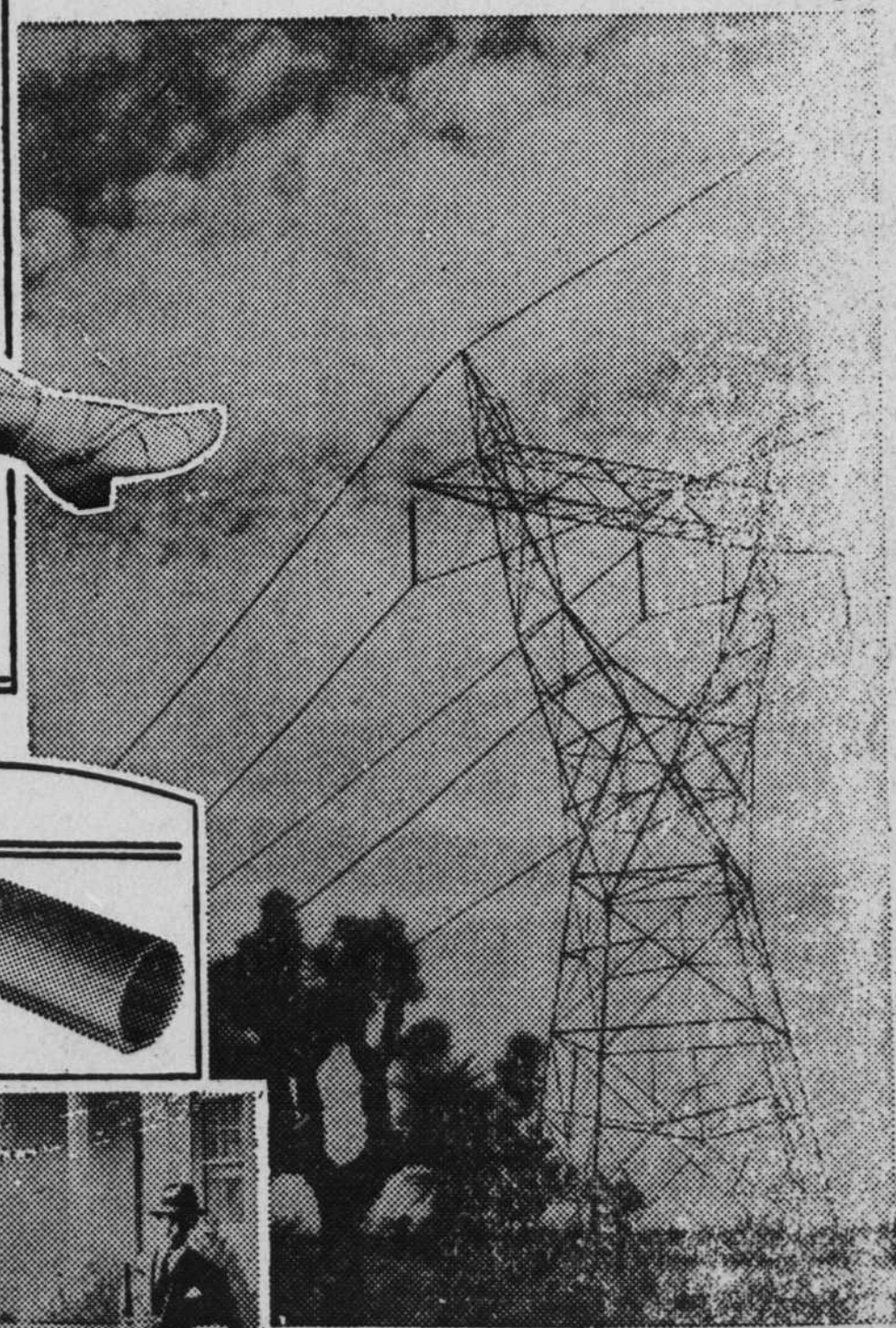
JAPAN'S PREMIER FOLLOWS FDR'S LEAD! Premier Fumiamaro Konoe, head of the Japanese Government, shown with his son, Fumitaka, whom he has just appointed as his secretary. Young Konoe acts in the same confidential capacity for the premier as James Roosevelt does for his father. Photograph was taken on a golf course outside Tokyo. The varsity "P" was won by Mr. Konoe as captain last year of Princeton University's golf team.



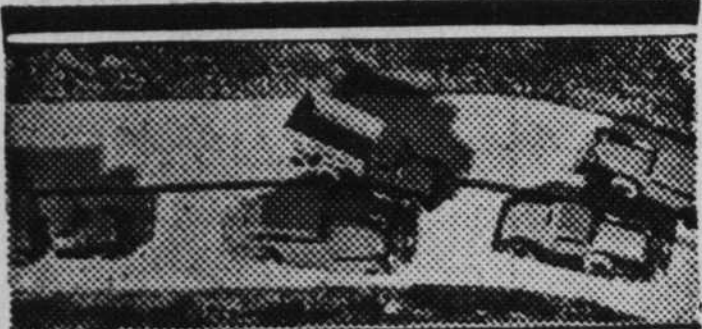
CHORUS GIRLS persuade Ted Lewis to include a brand new Tyrolean hat with his topper in the famed "hat with the silver lining" song act which continues to be a favorite with his public.



TRANQUIL: In midst of world troubles, election returns and various other minor and major upsets, pretty Gloria Dickson spends a restful afternoon at a local beach club.



NEW WORK FOR MEN and machines will be found in the new \$10,000,000 electric transmission line from Colorado River's Boulder Dam to Los Angeles on which construction is about to start. Towers like this one will carry the world's highest voltage 145 feet above rivers, mountain ranges and deserts. The inset shows the revolutionary General Cable type H H conductor, a spiralled hollow copper "rod" which will carry 267,000 volts.



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