

Overflow Crowd Hears Sen. Leader At Democratic Fete

Republicans are trying to whitewash the matter of unemployment in Pennsylvania, it was charged Sunday evening by Sen. George M. Leader, Democratic candidate for governor of Pennsylvania.

Senator Leader attacked the well-known GOP thought on this question before an enthusiastic audience of over 2,000 persons at the annual fund-raising dinner of the Cambria County Democratic Committee. The event was held at Oriental Ballroom, Gallitzin, and, according to the Democratic leaders, the attendance set an all-time record for the \$10-a-plate affair.

The Democratic gubernatorial candidate said, "The men of labor, those employed, those partially employed and those out of work are not deluded by Republican efforts to whitewash an economic decline."

Sen. Leader said his Republican opponent has stated that he has a formula for helping the miners. "But," he added, "it was a nebulous formula, which said in effect, just believe in me and everything will be all right."

"Someone should tell Mr. Wood that the era of political fairy tales is ended. People out of jobs do not want a free trip to the moon. They want work, food on the table, clothes for their children and the right to walk in dignity and independence among their fellow men."

Senator Leader said that unemployment compensation fund is almost depleted. He blamed Wood for this. Leader charged that as a result of an amendment by Wood to the compensation act, employers have escaped paying over \$300 million into the fund. The fund, he added, is now nearing its "peril point."

The Democratic candidate said the answer to the stricken coal industry in this state is to bring other industry into Pennsylvania that will use coal.

He said the Democrats will attract industry by three methods—lower power rates, clean streams to provide an abundance of water for industry and by doing in the South for any industry. Pointing out that many plants have moved to the South, Senator Leader declared:

"There isn't anything they can do in the South for any industry that we can't do better in Pennsylvania."

Speaking of the state sales tax which the Democrats are pledged to drop, the Democratic candidate said educators need not fear that any of the schools will suffer in any way.

"We operated the schools for many years without a broad-

based tax," he declared, adding "We are going to do it in the future without a broad-based tax, and we will do it better."

Turning to the Republican tax program in Washington, which he said, his opponent has been pointing to with pride, Leader said:

"It sounds good to say the \$370 Congress cut taxes by \$7 billion but, when put under scrutiny, it turns out that 80 percent of the taxpayers—like most of us here in this room—get only 6 percent of the tax relief."

He said that the average steelworker, making \$5,000 a year, pays \$420 in taxes. The steel stockholder, he said, pays only \$200 in taxes under the same basis of income.

Senator Leader added:

"The impact of the Republican double-cross on taxes will manifest itself next March 15 when you make up your tax form and start hunting for that long-promised Republican tax relief. Then you'll feel like you are the forgotten man for sure."

Voicing confidence that the Democrats will win Pennsylvania Nov. 2, the gubernatorial candidate said:

"I don't think we have it in the bag yet, but we are going to have it there by Nov. 2."

Roy Furman, candidate for lieutenant governor, and Genevieve Blatt, candidate for secretary of internal affairs, also

exuded confidence in brief talks.

Mr. Furman said there definitely is a trend toward the Democrats. He attributed it to economic conditions and disgust of the people with the present state administration.

Miss Blatt said the enthusiasm shown by Democrats at the Gallitzin gathering was typical of that in all counties throughout the state.

John R. Torquato, county chairman, and Attorney Robert S. Glass, candidate for Congress from the 22nd District, renewed their attack on the incumbent congressman, Republican John Saylor.

Mr. Glass cited Saylor's voting record in Congress, which he claimed was strictly against labor and against the people as a whole, and also for a record for utilities and big interests. Saylor, Mr. Glass declared, should be "smoked out" on his stand on the Taft-Hartley Labor Law and whether he is for or against the GOP state ticket, headed by Wood.

Mr. Torquato said that it is a known fact that the big utilities have been pouring a huge amount of money into this district for Saylor to use in buying Democratic votes.

Judge A. A. Nelson served as toastmaster. The audience paid a standing tribute to the late President Judge John H. McCann of the common pleas court.

Bob Glass Charges Miners Are Victims Of Republican Hoax

Wants to Know Why Research Project Sold

Attorney Robert S. Glass last Thursday charged that Congressman John Saylor is playing a "cruel hoax" on miners when he claims that the importation of residual oil is wrecking the coal industry.

Glass, who is seeking to unseat Saylor in the Nov. 2 election, said it would be simple to solve the industry's problem if that were the cause.

Instead, he contended that Republican Party policies are just "hastening the death" of coal and that powerful interests are to blame.

The Democratic candidate spoke before a rally of about 400 people in the United Mine Workers Hall in Gallitzin.

Attorney Glass asked why his Republican opponent has remained silent about Defense Secretary Wilson's "bird dog-kennel, dog" remarks about the unemployed.

"If I were the congressman in a district in which so many people are unemployed," he declared, "I would have rebuked him for such an insult—even if he were the President of the U. S. and was a Democrat."

John R. Torquato, Democratic county chairman, also asked the question why Congressman Saylor voted to sell a government coal research project in Missouri. Mr. Torquato said the Congressman should explain this to the district miners.

It was also brought out at the rally that big utility interests are pouring money into this area to help Saylor get elected. This was just one of the reasons to show that big money wants the Congressman back in Washington to help their efforts along.

Rep. Philip Lopresti, seeking reelection to the General Assembly, told the audience that help now being given the unemployed was a direct result of the Democratic-passed unemployment compensation law.

Others on the speaking program included Reps. Louis Rovinsky and E. J. Parabaugh, Pro-Democratic Joseph Dolan, Commissioner Thomas Owens and Attorneys Alton McDonald, Arnold Sumarto and Samuel R. DiFrancesco.

The rally followed a similar one held Wednesday night in the Italian Hall, Crumson, when over 350 persons attended to hear the congressional and assembly candidates speak.

County PTA's Fall Meet Scheduled For This Saturday

Cambria County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations will hold its fall meeting Saturday in Oakland Grade School.

Registration for the session will be conducted at 9 a. m. Reservations are being accepted through Monday by Mrs. John Shearer, 1728 Limestone Ave., Johnstown.

A board of managers meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a. m. The board consists of elected officers of the council, council chairmen, all local unit presidents and all state board members living within the county.

The general session will open at 10 o'clock, with membership chairman from the local units as platform guests. Unpaid state and national dues are to be paid at the meeting to Mrs. W. D. Statlerfield, county council treasurer.

The morning session will include a film discussion led by Mrs. Robert Lydie, parent education chairman. The afternoon portion of the meeting will be under the direction of Mrs. William Minahan, a county vice president. Featured speakers are Mrs. Dr. Addison

Recent Deaths

Mrs. Mary Semelsberger

Hastings—Mrs. Mary Semelsberger, 74, died at 2:40 a. m. Thursday, Oct. 21, 1954, at Miners Hospital, Spangler. She was born Aug. 8, 1880, in Elder Township, daughter of George and Magdeline (Thomas) Kibler. Preceded in death by parents and husband, Anthony.

Those surviving are these children: Merl, Akron, O.; Mrs. Agnes Kruse, Patton; Mrs. Margaret Kruse, Altoona; Gerald and Russell, both of Hastings, and Mrs. Helen Sargent, Ebensburg. Sister of Thomas, Tyrone; Martin, Chest Springs; George, Carrolltown; Mrs. Margaret Cence, Hastings; and Mrs. Elizabeth Giordano, Braxton, N. Y.; two brothers in France, two sisters in Italy, 13 grandchildren.

Friends were received at the late home. Funeral mass was at 9 a. m., Saturday at St. Bernard's Church, Hastings. Rev. Father Adalbert Kalach, O.S.B., Internment was in the St. Boniface Cemetery, St. Boniface. Arrangements in charge of Easly Funeral Home, Hastings.

Geremia Gherardi

Colver—Geremia Gherardi, 74, died Saturday in home, 305 Third St. He was born April 8, 1880, son of Giovanni and Barbara Gherardi.

Surviving are: widow, Josephine (Alotto) Gherardi, and these children: Mrs. Pauline Baldini, John (Jerry), Mrs. Anna Kokus, and Mrs. Inez Wahna, all of Colver; Peter, Detroit; Mrs. Adeline Butchkoosky, Erie; Joseph, Detroit, and Mrs. Elizabeth Giordano, Braxton, N. Y.; two brothers in France, two sisters in Italy, 13 grandchildren.

Friends were received in late residence. Services were at 9 a. m. Tuesday, Holy Family Catholic Church, Colver. Rev. Father John Gura. Internment was in the Holy Name Cemetery, Ebensburg. In charge of Bacha Funeral Home, Barnesboro.

Mrs. Lois Weakland

Barnesboro—Mrs. Lois Weakland, 23, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 1954, in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburg. She was born Jan. 3, 1931, daughter of Charles and Violet (Bergreen) Plasky.

Surviving are mother, Mrs. Violet Plasky; husband, Paul, and son, Charles. Sister of Charles Lima, O.; Delmont, Detroit, Mich.; Robert, Camden, N. J.; Bernard, Baden, Pa., and Donald, U. S. Navy, Washington, D. C.

Friends were received in Long Funeral Home, Barnesboro, where services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Rev. James Long. Internment was in the North Barnesboro Cemetery.

Alfred Nelson

Spangler—Alfred Nelson, 73 Campbell Ave., died Sunday, Oct. 24, 1954, in Ebensburg. Mayor, Ebensburg. He was born Feb. 14, 1881, in Sweden, son of John and Johanna Nelson.

Surviving are: widow, former Mary Craft; daughter, Mrs. Clementine Stratton, Spangler; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Brother of Mrs. Frank North, Youngstown, O.

Friends were received in Long Funeral Home, Barnesboro, where services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, Rev. Sheridan Rainey. Internment was in the East Ridge Cemetery.

Ashville Soldier Serves On School Staff Overseas

M-5gt. Raymond F. Belwenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Belwenger, Ashville, recently served on the staff of the Seventh Army's fall machine gun school in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Belwenger, regularly a first sergeant with the 463d Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion in Europe, assisted in training more than 700 Seventh Army soldiers in the firing, care, and adjustment of the .60 caliber machine gun.

Sergeant Belwenger has been in Europe since November, 1952.

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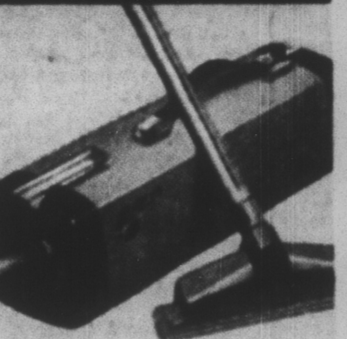
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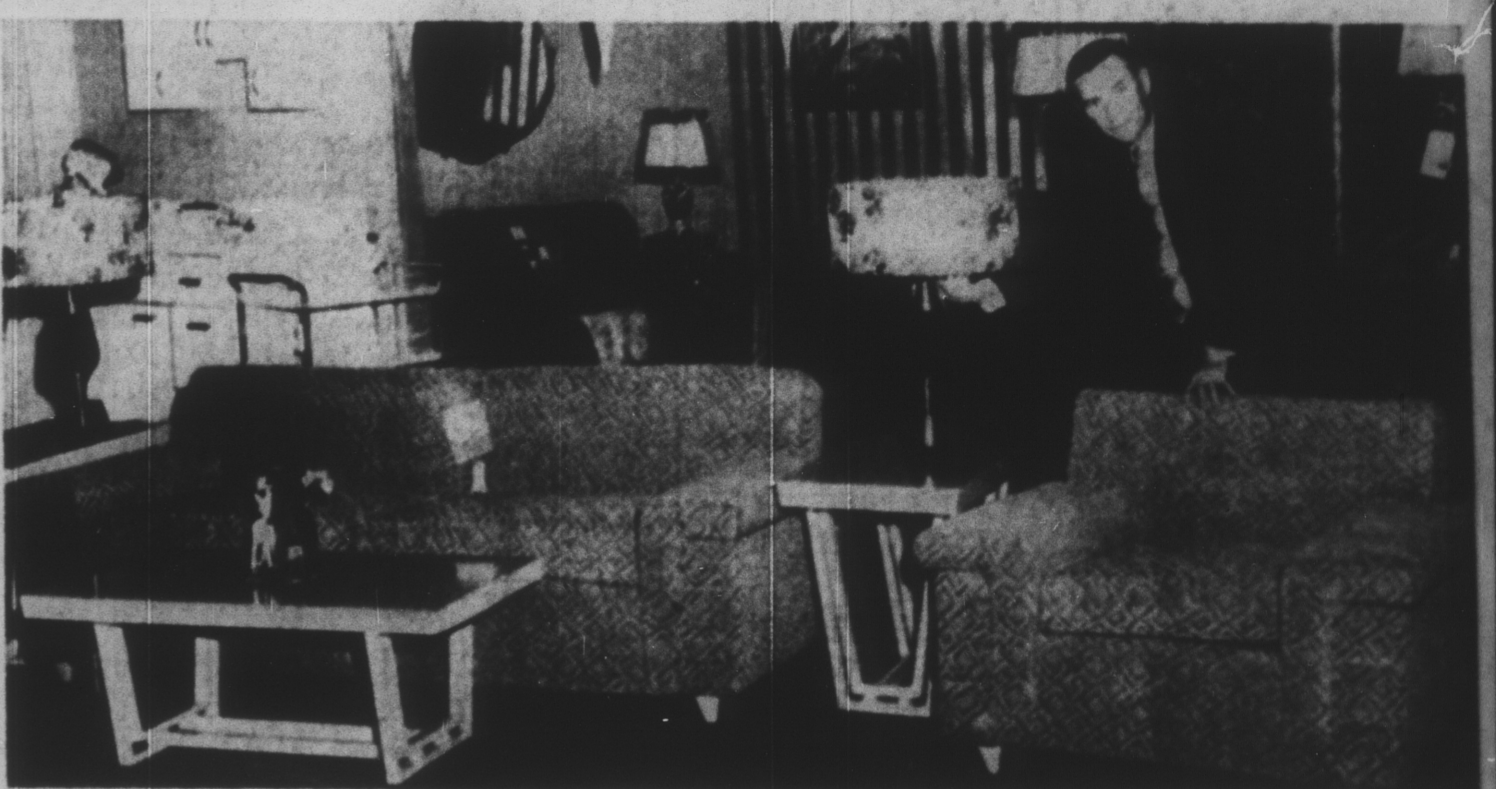
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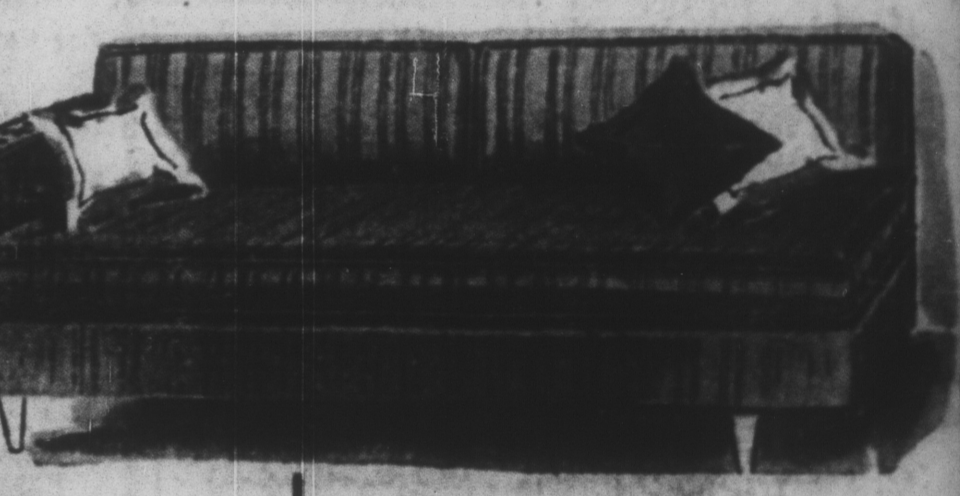
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