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WHEN WILL THE automobile strike be settled? How far will it spread? And what will its effects be upon the future policies of both industry and labor? These three major questions have been asked every day during the past month.

TO DATE, ONLY one of them can be answered definitely. The strike officially came to a close at 11:46 o'clock last Thursday morning when leaders of the parties involved met after an all night conference and signed a "compromise agreement." In this manner the automobile industry's forty-two days "contest of the century" was brought to an end. From a review of first hand reports of the settlement, it would seem that Mr. John L. Lewis' forces were not very victorious. Whether or not this is an actuality cannot immediately be discerned.

THE SIT-DOWN STRIKE at one time or another affected some 137,000 employees of forty plants in thirty-five cities, and fourteen states. It is a matter of interest that the loss in wages alone, throughout the strike period, was about one million dollars a day.

HOW FAR THIS form of strike will spread is only a matter of conjecture at the present moment. That labor will use the sit down strike time and again in the future, is perfectly obvious from the many advantages it offers the striker. Employers are baffled; there is really little they can do about it. Replacement of men is out of the question since, from the worker's point of view, he is still at his job. Outside pickets are unnecessary because each man is in a position to protect his own job. The last straw—attempts at forcible eviction, by making it difficult for the workers to remain in the plant, are met by such thorough jobs of sabotage that they are not usually tried twice.

ALTHOUGH FOR ALL practical purposes, the strike is over—its effect will be felt for many weeks to come. Industry cannot be expected to recover immediately. Then, too, the need for labor legislation—having been brought to the front once more—is now being sorely felt. Something must be done to bridge the ever widening gap between the policies of capital and labor. Once and for all, the relative positions of the worker and the entrepreneur must be made clear.

LAST WEEK, AS thousands of students throughout the country were taking their final examinations, President Roosevelt — in a message rife with hidden meanings—made known to the nation at large, and to Congress in particular, his desire for legislation which would allow him to "re-organize" the highest court of the land. According to the President's plan, Supreme Court judges would automatically become retired when they reach the age of 70. The plan further provides that in event the justices do not retire, the President shall have the power to appoint (with the approval of the Senate) new justices in their stead. The statement "with the approval of the Senate" has little meaning, since if the original plan goes through both Houses, getting the Senate's approval on appointees will be child's play.

THIS IDEA—WHICH is not new by any means—leads one to believe that Mr. Roosevelt is attempting to "pack" the Supreme Court in such a manner that New Deal legislation will hereafter find little or no opposition.

JUST WHY Mr. Roosevelt picked 70 for the age of retirement is a question about which many arguments are bound to arise. There are at least two different reasons why 70 was chosen. First (and this is the feeling of those persons in favor of the President's scheme) 70 is the retirement age for judges under existing law. Secondly (here is the "rub") any age greater than 70 would not eliminate from the President's path all of the judges who hamper many

News Staff To Hold Housewarming Party

Next Friday, February 19, will feature the *Tech News's* first "Normalite house-warming party" at which the *News* staff will play host to the Normal College staff. Chicago's best (radio) dance orchestras will provide the dance music for the evening. Invitations will be sent to the members of the *Tech* staff, both retiring and new.

The party, which has been promised for almost a year, is in return for the numerous Normalite parties at which the Armour boys were guests. Since the staff rooms have been entirely remodeled and redecorated, they make an excellent place for such a party. The party will last from 7:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m., and refreshments in the form of sandwiches, coffee, and cake will be served. Considering the results of previous similar affairs, the party should provide an enjoyable evening for the attendants.

of the New Deal policies.

AS EXPLAINED BEFORE, under the new system, if the justices (there are six of them over 70 years of age) refuse to retire, the President would name six other judges. This would bring the membership of the Court up to 15 with 8 as the maximum number of possible additions. By a strange coincidence four of the six judges who would be thus replaced have been consistent in their opposition to New Deal legislation. Before this article appears in print, a bill embodying the entire "reorganization scheme" will probably have

Deans Welcome Armour Freshmen

One hundred eighteen incoming students were welcomed to the institute last Thursday morning when their program for the day was begun by Dean H. T. Heald. Dean Heald, after his welcome, pointed out the problems to be faced that are peculiar to an engineering college. Following this, the new men were informed of the various organizations and traditions of Armour by Assistant Dean C. A. Tibbals.

Group meetings for the discussion of various questions that the new students might ask were then held under the leadership of N. Gerber, E. E. Kreml, F. L. Leason, and S. M. Miner. From 10:30 to 1:00 a test program was held in Science Hall, consisting of a psychological examination, tests in English vocabulary, and reading comprehension and rate. When the program was resumed at 2:10, the new men were examined in mathematics, aptitude, and general science.

been brought before Congress. Lack of space does not permit an intelligent discussion of all, or even a small part, of those problems which will naturally arise. Just what Mr. Roosevelt has in mind we can now only guess at. We may be reasonably sure that all of our "economic royalists" will arise as one man and thoroughly condemn all attempts at the passing of any kind of a bill whose aim is to reform the Supreme Court. At any rate the events of the following week should prove extremely interesting.

HOTCHKISS—

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learning to think. It should not be, and usually is not, morally sterile.

A concrete method is presented by the writer. Taking into consideration that for strong tactical reasons, the course must in some cases be called cultural, and in others, vocational or professional, the work of the educators must be adapted to prepare their students for living in a changing world and in which conditions for living and making a living can scarcely be predicted.

After this optimistic surmise, further plans for an interrelation of the vocational and cultural systems of instruction were suggested. The task of the generation is to advance an understanding of a new world of specialization, and to begin to synthesize these creations. The only effective approach to this task is through essential unity in educational objectives, whatever the labels borne or the emphases carried by particular schools, concluded Dr. Hotchkiss.

Adapt To Changing World

"Educators in all fields are finding that as their work unfolds, their task, in large measure, is to help students prepare for living in a changing world and in which conditions for living and making a living can scarcely be predicted.

"Any attempt to keep vocational and cultural education in separate compartments is almost sure to impair both. This does not mean that the line between arts colleges and professional schools should be abolished, nor that we should eliminate

Radio Club to Make Beacon Transmitter

During the recess between semesters, the radio club's activities centered around a proposed 20 meter phone and a 5 meter beacon transmitter. Ray Colin, the club's president, worked on the phone and Leonard Holmes worked on the beacon. The beacon station is being constructed for 15 hour a day experimental distance test. The object of the tests is to determine the greatest distance that an ultra-high frequency signal can be received, both intermittently and consistently.

Norman Pulliam, ex-president, who has returned after a year's absence, and two new students have increased the club's membership. The club at present is contemplating the running of either a roller skating party or a card party, the choice of which will be announced next week.

vocational schools on the secondary level. It does mean, however, that vocational and professional schools, as well as all high schools and colleges, must regard education as a unified but many-sided profession and accept the fact that their results will be measured by the account graduates give of themselves in the joint process of living and making a living.

A. I. E. E. Discusses Joint Meeting Plans

A special meeting of the A.I.E.E. was held to discuss the possibilities of a joint meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and the student chapters in and about Chicago. To investigate the possibilities of such a meeting, a committee headed by Art Goldsmith has been appointed by president Leonard Holmes. The purpose of such a meeting would be to acquaint the student members of the Institute with the graduate and leading engineers who are already engaged in industry.

Further plans made at the meeting included a proposed presentation of student papers on subjects of interest in Electrical Engineering. Such a plan if put into operation, would be of great interest and would aid students in attaining a practical knowledge of formal report presentation.

It was decided that two pages of the *Cycle* would be filled with pictures of the members of the society.

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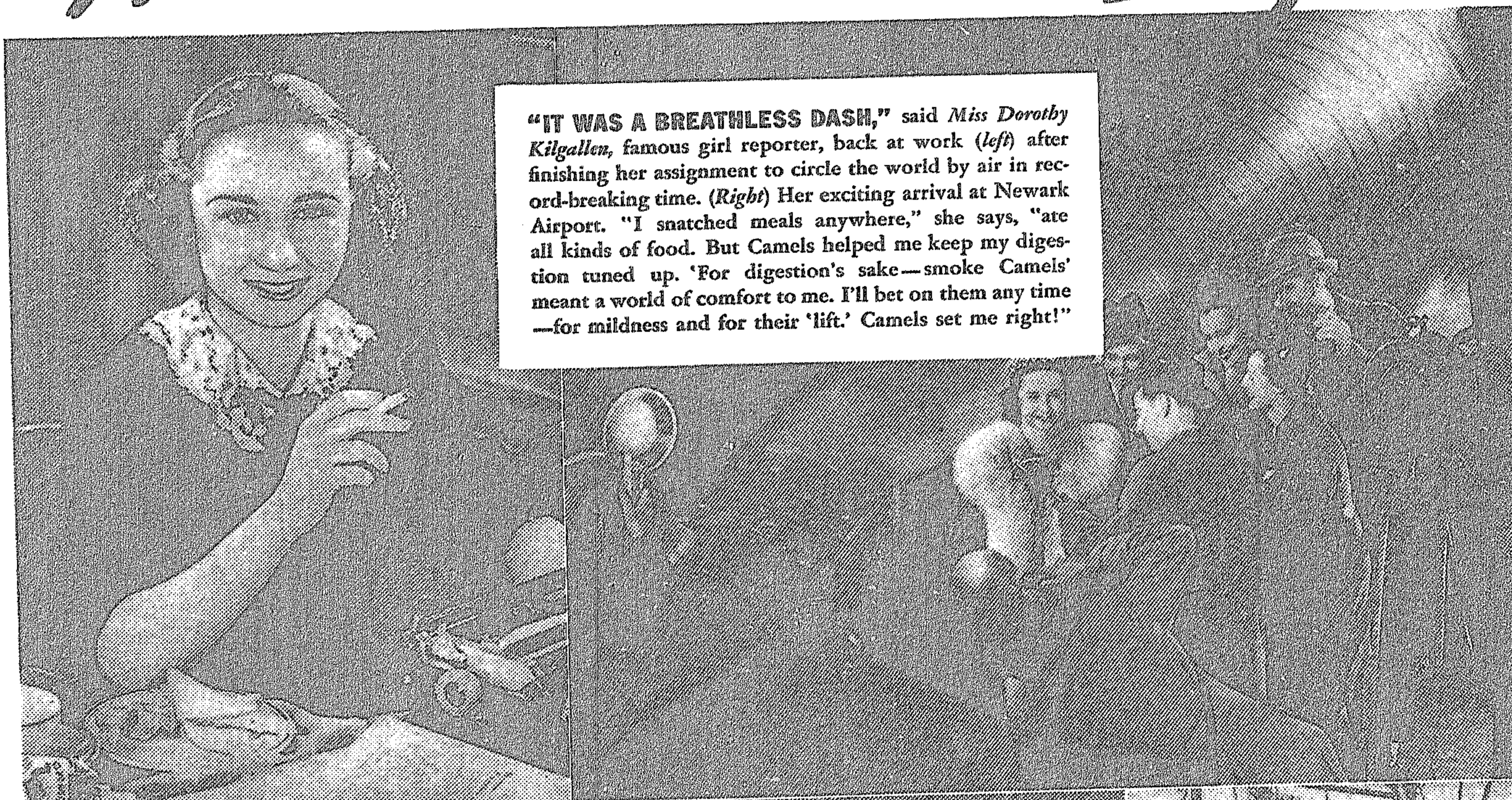
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