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—by OJAY

THE WAR ABROAD HAS SERVED TO PUSH a lot of the political news off the front page . . . but there's another reason why things aren't humming in Passaic County—especially in the ranks of the Democratic party . . . despite the fact that a presidential campaign is under way, that group shows no signs of activity, with candidates' appearances few, no meetings of note scheduled, no rallies planned—no nuthin' . . . and only 50 days remain before election . . . in years gone by, the Democrats started the ball rolling the night after the Fourth of July.

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However, word persists that the powers-that-be are really trying to straighten matters out in the county . . . the taste that lingers from the last squabble is still bitter, and the leadership is trying to pass a little sugar to neutralize the effect.

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A report from a reliable source has it that only last Thursday, a man of importance in the ranks of the Democratic party held a chummy conference with a representative of the board of strategy for Edison and Cromwell . . . wonder what the subject was?

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POLITICAL OBSERVERS ARE STILL tsk-ting about the mediocre size of the crowd which turned out for last week's Duffy league outing at Idlewild Park . . . the fact that several events preceded it may have cut down the endurance of those who attend outings . . . also, the standard-bearer is no longer in the saddle and that counts a lot with some of the "faithful" . . . anyway, the presence of many of the opposite Republican faith helped to make the event the mediocre success it was.

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The out-and-out propaganda dispensed by a columnist for a daily has burned up political workers of the opposite faith to such an extent that they are readying a petition of protest, with a threat to boycott the sheet if he is not curbed . . . take it easy, boys . . . wot'll we do for a laugh twice a week if the columnist is silenced?

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By October 1, Democrats will have much more comfortable quarters in which to hold their meetings and rallies . . . County Chairman O'Byrne will open headquarters on Ellison near Paterson street . . . and City Chairman Gavin's headquarters have been enlarged and fitted with offices, kitchen facilities, check rooms and games and amusement facilities . . . the place is being painted and decorated right now.

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AN ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH MAY SHOCK, yet please the majority of the Democrats around these parts is due to hit Paterson during the early part of next week . . . it will be made for the purpose of uniting all forces in the party under one banner.

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Down Passaic way, the turmoil in Republican ranks is greater than ever . . . the revolt against City Leader Schulting is said to be spreading from the First and Fourth Wards of that city to the Second and Third Wards . . . patronage is at the root of the trouble—lack of it, we mean . . . even the Polish-language press in Passaic has joined in the fight with the "Nowy Swiat" defending Schulting and Amlicke, and the "Nowiny" blasting away at them with both barrels.



CORN QUEEN — Children's Aid Society of New York held harvest festival in roof-garden farm atop its office building. Here's Jean Carriero, 12, crowned "Queen of the Corn," after she husked six ears in record time of 43 seconds.

Rosary Society To Hold Card Party Sept. 27

A card party sponsored by the Rosary Society of St. Ann, Warren Point, will be held on Friday evening, Sept. 27, in the church hall.

All games will be played and in addition to the trophy for high score at each table and at the door, there will be other awards disposed of during the evening.

The Rev. Father Camillus Lilus will be honorary chairman aided by the following committee: Mrs. Van Hook, Mrs. Longley, Mrs. Lasch, Mrs. Comerford, Mrs. McGrath, Mrs. DeVust, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Gebhardt, Mrs. DeWilde, Mrs. Reuter, Mrs. Glasstetter, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Garbaccio, Mrs. Siegle, Mrs. Ferrary, Mrs. Breen, Mrs. Baines, Mrs. Fox.

Refreshments will be served after the games.

WPA Musicians Announce List Of Concerts For Week

Recitals Arranged For Most Municipalities In Passaic County

The music schedule of the Passaic County units, State WPA Administrator Robert W. Allan said today, is as follows:

Sept. 16, NYA Camp, North Haledon, piano, 3 P. M.; Passaic County Welfare Home, concert, 3 P. M.; NYA Camp, North Haledon, dance, 7 P. M.; Second Ward Park, Passaic, dance, 7:30 P. M.

Sept. 17, Public School No. 13, Paterson, dance, 2:30 P. M.; NYA Camp, North Haledon, piano, 3

P. M.; NYA Camp, concert, 7 P. M.; Second Ward Park, dance, 7:30 P. M.

Sept. 18, North Jersey Training School, Totowa, dance, 2 P. M.; Passaic County Welfare Home, concert, 3 P. M.

Sept. 19, NYA Camp, North Haledon, piano, 3 P. M.; Christian Sanitarium, Hawthorne, concert, 7 P. M.; Lincoln School, Hawthorne, dance, 7:30 P. M.

Sept. 20, Valley View Sanitarium, dance, 3:30 P. M.; City Hospital, Paterson, concert, 6:30 P. M.; Public School No. 10, Harrison street, Passaic, dance, 7:30 P. M.

Masonic Fraternity Sponsors Charity Card Party Sept. 30

All Local Masonic Societies To Join Forces In Event On That Date

The Grand Ball Room of the Masonic Temple on Broadway will be the scene of a charity card party sponsored by the co-ordinated bodies of the Masonic Fraternity on Monday evening, September 30. Play will commence at 8:30 p. m.

Sponsored by the Paterson Masters Association of 1940, of which Raymond Hoffman is president, this body is representative of the eleven Masonic Lodges of this city. Collaborating with them are the members of the six Eastern Star Chapters, Paterson Link of Golden Chain, Girls of the Rainbow, Young Men's Order of De Molay, Masonic Club and Masonic Temple Association.

The evening of cards is under the direction of Mrs. Alice Fredricks, general chairman, who is being assisted by the following co-chairmen: Mrs. Anna Gilmore, Miss Marie A. Baum, Mrs. Jean K. Dickerson and Mrs. Elizabeth Dunburgh, in conjunction with representatives of the various bodies mentioned. Adequate awards, including players, non-players, door and occasional, have been provided for. A varied assortment of refreshments will be on hand.

CHAIRMAN

Minchin In Charge Locally Of National Dog Week

Joseph E. Minchin, 386 Union avenue, has been appointed chairman of the National Dog Week observance September 22-28 in Paterson and vicinity, according to Richard C. Allen, executive secretary of the National Dog Week Association, Chicago.

VARIETY SHOW

Will Be Given By Scottish Societies Oct. 4

The Scottish Societies of Passaic County will present a grand variety entertainment in Clifton High School on Friday, Oct. 4. Doors will be open at 7:30 p. m., and the concert will begin at 8:15. The program will continue for three hours with two intermissions.

Sacred Heart's Minstrel, Dance On Sept. 22nd

The Sacred Heart R. C. Church of Paterson will present its minstrel and dance in Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 8 p. m. Its last minstrel, held in the parish hall on Barclay street, Paterson, met with such great success that the Aleppian Fraternity of Brooklyn offered to sponsor the fall edition of the minstrel.

Because of their proven ability in other minstrels the following were picked as soloists and duets: Bernie Lamb (baby tap dancer and singer), Laurie Hayek, same; Margaret Moaba, Elizabeth Lyon, Agnes Bardak-jy, the Chadiac sisters, Eleanor and Mary, Elizabeth Oss, Josephine Galat and George Lyon.

As in the last minstrel, George Lyon will act as interlocutor.

In addition to the minstrel as described, there will be three hours of dancing to the capricious rhythms of Jack Duffy and his orchestra offered to those who are well seasoned by the experience of directing many minstrels in and around Paterson, Director Joseph Lauber is working hard to fulfill the promises of the committee.

St. Anthony's Guild Girls Club To Hold Re-union Wednesday

Main Street Clubrooms will Be
Scene Of Open House
Celebration

The Girls' Club of St. Anthony's Guild will begin the current season with a gala re-union and open house party at their newly decorated club rooms at 389 Main street on Wednesday evening.

All club members are invited to take part in the evening's fun and enjoyment which has been planned for them. This party will be a get-together for all members—from the last one registered to those of long standing, with an opportunity to meet and become acquainted with all.

Club membership is open to Catholic girls eighteen years of age and over. All Catholic girls who are interested, are invited to come.

The officers of the Girls' Club for the coming season are: President Miss Margaret M. Lumley, of Passaic; vice-president, Miss Josephine Dominoco of Paterson; secretary, Miss Mary Holly of Paterson; treasurer, Miss Mary Conery of Verona; and executive secretary, Miss Louise Pogacer of Paterson.

The committees will be led by the following chairmen: Membership, Miss Helen Cavanagh; social, Miss Val Mollet; religious and welfare, Miss Mary Mooney; house, Miss Helen Cavanagh; library, Miss Katherine Delhagen; publicity, Miss Ann Brown and bulletin, Miss Emily Jolliffe.

Court Columbia's Social Sept. 26th

Court Columbia No. 297 Catholic Daughters of America, opened the fall season on Thursday evening in the Knights of Columbus home.

The first affair will be a charity social to be held on Thursday evening, September 26. Miss Margaret White is general chairman assisted by Mrs. Cora McNamara, Mrs. Mae Murray, Miss Mae Nugent, Mrs. Winifred Bati and Miss Annie Galvin. Each member is asked to donate a gift.

CARD PARTY

Catholic Club Sets Sept. 27th
For Event

Members of St. Anthony's Catholic Club, of Hawthorne, will hold a card party in the social hall of the parish Friday night, Sept. 27, at 8 o'clock. All games will be played and refreshments follow the awarding of gifts. Players are requested to bring their own cards.

FASHION SHOW

Catholic Alumnae Plan Event
October 26

The Paterson Circle of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae will sponsor its first social event in the form of a card party and fashion show.

It will take place in the Alexander Hamilton hotel, Saturday afternoon, October 26.

Mrs. John J. Hall is general chairman.



LONG JACKETS are more fashionable than ever. Freshmen favor the plaid wool box coat and kick pleat skirt worn here by actress Bette Grayson. There are plenty of pockets for all purposes, which give the suit a jaunty air. Wear it on warmer days with silk shirts and in nipper weather with cashmere sweaters. (An Audrey Jane Original.)

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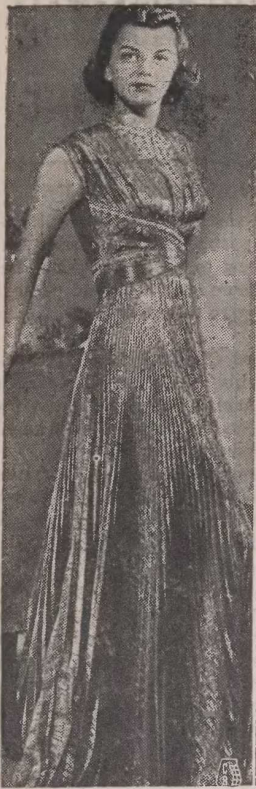
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Do Your Guests Belong Together?

"Select your guests on the basis of their common interests—their conversational compatibility—if your party is to be a success," says Selena Royle, star of the serial "Woman of Courage."

During the Fall and Winter, Selena and her actor husband Earle Larimore set aside Thursday nights in their calendar as an "at home" to their friends. Each guest list starts with a nucleus of eight persons who are not only congenial in tastes but who are also good mixers. Then invitations go to ten or twelve more friends—varying from week to week—who share related interests among themselves.

Conversation is always lively because of the original eight who form a sort of steering committee. But, for ideal entertaining, says Miss Royle, it's not advisable to invite more than twenty. Otherwise the party will suffer from disorganization.

A simple buffet supper is Miss Royle's fare for these weekly get-togethers. Anything more formal, she reasons, is wearisome alike to hosts and guests.

CARD PARTY

St. John's cathedral parish will hold its annual card party in Entre Nous hall, Wednesday, October 9.

Holy Name Of St. Joseph To Meet Thursday

The Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's R. C. Church held the first meeting of the fall season in the school hall on Thursday night with President Joseph P. Leonard presiding. Plans for the participation of the organization in the annual Holy Name parade were discussed at length.

The parade committee's chairman, John Ward, presented to those assembled the plans agreed upon by his committee for adoption by the organization.

Rev. John Hewitson, spiritual director of the society, gave a brief talk on a topic of interest to all members of the society.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

St. Bon's H.N.S. Plans Beefsteak Dinner Thursday

Many men participated in the solemn High Mass that was said last Sunday for the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Holy Name society of St. Boniface parish for the living and deceased members of the organization.

Monday evening, the regular monthly meeting of the Society was held.

Stephen P. Radics, chairman of the Silver Jubilee Committee, reported on the progress that had been made to date in connection with the beefsteak dinner and entertainment to be held Thursday. Chris Naumann, chef for the affair, will prepare the beefsteaks.

Jimmy Duffy, well-known Paterson soloist, will entertain.

Junior Auxiliary Plans Installation

The first regular meeting of the season of the Junior Auxiliary of the Hebrew Free School was held at the school. Plans for the installation of new officers to be held Thursday evening, Sept. 19th, were discussed. A guest speaker is promised for the occasion and refreshments committee chairman for the installation, Mrs. Nettie Weiss, has arranged novel refreshments.

Women Voters To Meet Oct. 1-3

"Democracy in Action" will be the keynote of the twentieth annual convention of the New Jersey League of Women Voters to be held at Asbury Park, Oct. 1, 2 and 3 at the Berkeley-Carter Hotel. Mrs. L. E. Fradkin, of Montclair, is the convention chairman.

Mrs. Leonard H. Robbins, of Montclair, state president, who will preside at the opening session of the three-day convention, to which delegates from all parts of the state will attend.

CARD PARTY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the U.T.Y. Society will sponsor a card party Saturday evening, Sept. 21, in Guild Hall, Haledon.

Gifts will be presented to players and non-players.

RUMMAGE SALE

A rummage sale will be held at 465 Main street all day Tuesday, Sept. 17, and Wednesday, Sept. 18. The sale is being sponsored by a group of ladies of the Totowa Presbyterian Church. They are asking for donations of clothing and other articles for sale. These can be brought to the church social rooms any time tomorrow or tomorrow evening.

BREAKFAST

St. Bonaventure's Communion Set For Oct. 6

Plans are being made for the annual Communion breakfast of the St. Bonaventure Rosary society which will be held on Sunday, October 6, following the 6:30 o'clock Mass.

Mrs. Catherine Dorning is chairlady of the arrangements. The ticket committee which will be announced later.

AT THE U. S.



LAURENCE OLIVIER as Mr. Darcy in the filmization of Jane Austen's classic comedy, "Pride and Prejudice," which is now on the U. S. screen with Greer Garson co-starred with the celebrated hero of "Rebecca" and "Wuthering Heights." Telling the uproarious tale of a match-making mother anxious to dispose of her five marriageable daughters, the new picture has one of the season's outstanding film casts.

FABIAN

Breath-taking excitement, romance and drama, mystery and intrigue are unfolded in the thrill-packed story of Walter Wanger's "Foreign Correspondent," which was directed by Alfred Hitchcock with a prominent stellar cast, now showing at the Fabian. Mr. Wanger decided to make "Foreign Correspondent" in recognition of the intrepid group of American newspapermen who are serving as the nation's eyes and ears

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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SHERIFF'S SALE IN CHANCERY OF NEW JERSEY WHEREIN The First National Bank of Clifton, a national banking corporation, was the complainant and Michael Slominski and Theresa Slominski, his wife, and Anna Federowsky were defendants, Pl. Fa. for sale of mortgaged premises.

JAMES M. DUNN, Solicitor.

By virtue of the above stated writ of fieri facias, to me directed and delivered, I have levied upon and shall expose for sale by public vendue, and sell to the highest bidder, on Friday, the Eleventh day of October, 1940, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Daylight Saving Time, at the Sheriff's Office, situate in the Court House, in the City of Paterson, that is to say:

All the following tract or parcel of land and premises hereinafter particularly described, situate, lying and being in the City of Clifton in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey: BEGINNING at a point in the northerly line of Van Cleve Avenue distant one hundred and seventy-five (175) feet westerly from the north-west corner of Van Cleve Avenue and Sears Place, and running thence (1) northerly and parallel with Sears Place one hundred and fifteen (115) feet to the center of the block; thence (2) westerly and at right angles with the first course thirty-three and one third (33 1/3) feet along said center line of the block; thence (3) southerly and parallel with the first course one hundred and fifteen (115) feet to the northerly side of Van Cleve Avenue and thence (4) easterly along said northerly side of Van Cleve Avenue thirty-three and one-third (33 1/3) feet to the point or place of beginning.

Being lot No. 11 and the easterly 8 1/3 feet of lot No. 10 in Block P, as laid down on map entitled "Map of Property of the Lawless Land and Building Company, Clifton, N. J."

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, etc. Liens and encumbrances against the above described premises will be made known at the time of the sale. Approximate amount of decree Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars.

LOUIS C. GOLLMER, Sheriff.

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during the European debacle, risking their lives daily in order to keep their own people informed of the rapidly shifting panorama of war.

It has in its principal roles Joel McCrea, Laraine Day, Herbert Marshall, George Sanders, Robert Benchley, Albert Basserman, Edmund Gwenn, Harry Davenport and Eduardo Ciangelli.

"Gateways to Panama," the March of Time's latest issue presenting the complete picture of America's all-important Caribbean defenses, will also grace the Fabian's new program.

With negotiations underway with the British Government for the transfer of naval and air bases in the Western Hemisphere for U. S. defense, especially defense of the Panama Canal and with the U. S. Hemisphere with Canada and the Central and South American republics, "Gateways to Panama" promises to be of the most vital interest.

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CHARLES S. SILBERMAN, Solicitor.

By virtue of the above stated writ of fieri facias, to me directed and delivered, I have levied upon and shall expose for sale by public vendue, and sell to the highest bidder, on Friday, the Twenty-seventh day of September, 1940, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Daylight Saving Time, at the Sheriff's Office, situate in the Court House, in the City of Paterson, that is to say:

All the following tract or parcel of land and premises hereinafter particularly described, situate, lying and being in the City of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey: BEGINNING at a point on the north side of Elm Street at the southwest corner of a lot formerly owned by Thomas McLean, running thence (1) northerly at right angles with Elm Street along the line of said McLean's lot one hundred and ten (110) feet to the rear of lots fronting on Congress Street; thence (2) westerly along the rear of said lots fifty (50) feet; thence (3) southerly at right angles to Elm Street one hundred and ten (110) feet to said Street; thence (4) easterly along said Street fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning.

Excepting thereout a certain lot of land and premises described in a deed from John Allen, Sheriff to Bernard Katz and Philip Katz bearing date January 16th, 1875, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Passaic County in Book E-5, page 553 etc., of Deeds.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, etc. Liens and encumbrances against the above described premises will be made known at the time of the sale. Approximate amount of decree Two Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars.

LOUIS C. GOLLMER, Sheriff.

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comes a gilded "Pink" there's bound to be fun! And that's exactly what's in store for patrons of the Garden theater when they see Elsa Maxwell's "Public Deb No. 1," the 20th Century-Fox picture with George Murphy and Brenda Joyce heading the cast.

Brenda Joyce is the gorgeous debutante who goes "Leftist" and George Murphy is the brash but broke young man who smacks her back into line in a riotous romance that begins with a spanking.

Produced by Darryl F. Zanuck, "Public Deb No. 1" also features Elsa Maxwell, Mischa Auer, Charlie Ruggles, Ralph Bellamy, Maxie Rosenbloom, Berton Churchill and Franklin Pangborn. Gene Markey was associate producer, while Gregory Ratoff handled the megaphone.

On the same program is "Calling All Husbands" with Ernest Truex and Lucille Fairbanks.

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Get After Them

In last Sunday's issue, we called attention to the existence of a condition in Paterson which has made this city a haven for "gyp joints" and unscrupulous operators of the alcoholic beverages business.

Since that time, we have received responses from people in all walks of life, including the clergy, commending us for our stand in the matter. We shall give space to these letters in a succeeding issue.

However, as far as the naked eye can see, nothing has been done by the civil authorities to remedy the situation, even though it is their sworn duty and responsibility to eradicate such evils from the life of the community.

There can be no legitimate excuse for the city administration's negligence in this matter. By adopting a do-nothing attitude, by closing its eyes to conditions here, by keeping hands off the situation, it is acting as an accessory to those who profit by such practices.

There is no place for the "gyp joint" and its agents, the "hostesses," in even the lowest form of society. Yet Paterson officials seem content to give them haven. Our elected officialdom apparently does not view with alarm a practice which is shameless, dishonest and parasitical.

One does not require the use of a microscope to ferret out these houses of ill-repute where out-and-out petty swindles are perpetrated under the guise of a business ostensibly conducted for the purpose of dispensing alcoholic refreshments to the public. Wherever you see "hostesses" trading their companionship for a drink or two you can be sure that such a racket exists.

We again call upon civil authorities to crack down on establishments conducted for the purpose of separating the bar-sop, the weakling, or in just plain words, the "sucker," from his hard-earned dollar. Not that this type deserves protection, but to allow conditions to continue as they are will inevitably bring upon the city a social problem of far greater formidability.

Local authorities need not pretend that they do not know where these establishments are. If they are sincere in their professions to the public, they will get after them immediately.

The Better Way

The Board of Education is now wrestling with the problem of finding space for its enlarged vocational school system, and the solution which seems to appeal most strongly to some of its members is the construction of an addition to its present quarters.

Conservative estimates of the cost of such a project, which would entail the acquisition of private, taxable property, are in the neighborhood of \$250,000. We think there is a less expensive and equally efficient way out for the school board to pursue.

It seems to us that it would be better to

remodel and reinforce the old School No. 5 building for the purpose of housing the machine shop equipment, which is required. The floor space is already there and all that is necessary is a process of reinforcing the floors and walls of the structure to insure their ability to bear the weight of the machines which can be installed there.

Such a course would involve no purchase of additional property, no loss of rentals, and would cut the cost of enlarging the vocational school facilities to approximately one-quarter of that required for erecting an addition to the present building—and that's a sizeable saving, as all will agree.

Preparations have already been made to house some of the lighter trades machinery in School 5. It would be the business-like thing to do if the Board of Education reinforced the building, as has been suggested, and moved the heavier trades machinery there, too.

Some may object that the establishment of two separate units in the vocational school system in different parts of the city might hamper the efficiency of the set-up. This is not so. The Board already is planning to name an assistant director in the vocational school system, and such an appointment would serve to insure proper supervision.

By all logic, this is the better way to cope with the problem. It will fill all needs, and what is most important, it will reduce expenses for expansion to a minimum.

A Fine Tribute

To those who are familiar with the work the Board of Health's laboratory is doing, its recent selection as one of the three New Jersey sectional testing stations in connection with the examination of men in the armed services and in national defense industries does not come as a surprise.

Yet Patersonians are taking pride in the fact that such a high designation has been given the local laboratory. It has been selected, together with those of Camden and Newark, as the official place for administering blood tests to soldiers, CCC members and employes of industries engaged in the national defense program.

The Board of Health's laboratory has often come in for praise in the past, and this latest recognition is another fine tribute to the efforts of Dr. Frederick P. Lee, city health director, and his efficient staff. The latest development is also a tribute to Miss Ann Van Saun, directing technician of the laboratory, who has been an important factor in the high rating it has achieved ever since she was brought here by Dr. Lee after serving as chief serologist for the New York State Department of Health and as director of the New Haven, Conn., Department of Health.

Paterson's place in the scheme of national defense is strongly emphasized in the message which Dr. Daniel Bergsma, of the New Jersey Health Department, sent to notify local authorities of Paterson's selection as a sectional testing station.

"The Paterson Board of Health's laboratory," Dr. Bergsma wrote, "was selected because of its known excellence in past performance in doing such tests in an acceptable manner with adequate sensitivity and constancy of results. Furthermore, your laboratory was selected because of its location in the heart of an industrial area where thousands of employes are working in industries closely associated with national defense."



By DREW PEARSON and ROBERT S. ALLEN

WASHINGTON—Behind-the-scenes talks are still continuing between the State Department and Russian Ambassador Oumansky with a view to putting relations between the two countries on a more even keel, and perhaps evolving a little teamwork in regard to Japan. But the talks aren't getting far.

Simultaneously, Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador in Moscow, has been doing his best to win the Russians over to the British side. If Stalin should mass his Red Army near the Hitler sphere of influence in the Balkans, it might slow up the Nazi air attack upon England.

So Sir Stafford's negotiations in Moscow are a matter of life and death. However, they aren't getting far either. The Russians have been letting Sir Stafford go out on the leash just so far, then they bring him up abruptly.

This is something like the State Department's negotiations with Ambassador Oumansky. After the wily envoy has almost been down on his knees pleading for a cargo of aviation gasoline to be licensed for Russia, suddenly an American naturalized citizen will disappear in the Russian-ized section of Poland. Furthermore, he will disappear just at the moment the State Department has officially asked the Russians to facilitate his return to the United States.

As a result of these British and American discussions—each conducted entirely separately—the impression seems inescapable that Stalin has decided to play ball with Hitler, at least for the time being.

FRANCE—A PEASANT STATE

Just what goes on in the mind of Stalin, or Hitler either for that matter, is like doping out what goes on in the mind of the Sphinx. But there are certain signs that Hitler is facing more and more toward the West and may have given up his old designs on the East—and Russia. There are also signs that Stalin believes this to be true.

For instance, the settlement of Germans in the new German-seized Poland has not been successful. The Germans don't seem to like moving into Slav areas. Furthermore, the Pan-German group seems to be dominant in Berlin.

For years there have been two schools of German thought in the Berlin foreign office and the War ministry, one believing that Germany's future lay in moving into Russia, the other that it lay in dominating western Europe. At present the latter group seems to be influencing Hitler.

Their plan is to create a peasant state in France and the other Latin countries of Spain and Italy. In France they have already removed all of the machinery from factories—lock, stock and barrel. And it is significant that the part of France which the Nazis left unoccupied is largely agricultural so that it will be a long time before France ever is able to come back as an industrial country.

NOTE—Betting inside the diplomatic corps is that Hitler will move in on Russia when he gets ready, even if he does try to dominate western Europe first.

HOW'S YOUR SPINACH?

Where do you stand on the spinach question? Are you still debating in your household whether spinach deserves the effort of eating it? Experts of the Department of Agriculture have an answer for you.

They say that spinach is good enough in its way but it's not what it's cooked up to be. Boiled down to a sentence, here is the official verdict: "Spinach belongs in the diet, but there is no reason for a spinach cult."

It is rich in two vitamins, A and C; it supplies some iron, and, like clover or alfalfa, it supplies plenty of "roughage." It has calcium, but something is wrong with its calcium; at any rate it can't be used by the body. Some experts say the iron in spinach is equally useless, but this is debatable.