

Soviets Hold May Day Parade



According to caption furnished by a Soviet agency, this radiophoto is a general view of Red Square in Moscow during the time of the Soviet Army's part of the May Day parade. Lenin Mausoleum from which Stalin reviewed the parade is partly visible behind lower left tower in the right foreground. (NEA Telephoto)

Who Authored 'Wood' Labor Bill? Don't Ask Congressman Wood

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WASHINGTON.—The mystery of who wrote the so-called "Wood" bill as a substitute for the Taft-Hartley labor law is pretty thick. But it isn't really as mysterious as has been let on.

Democratic Congressman John S. Wood of Canton, Ga., whose name is on the bill, is himself largely responsible for whatever confusion exists about its origin.

His first answer to the question, "Who wrote the Wood bill?" is: "It was not written by the Department of Labor."

When the question is repeated, he gives a second answer of: "The bill was written in my office with the help of a few Republicans on the House Committee on Education and Labor."

When asked, "Who?" he replies with a nasty, "What business is it of yours?" and walks away.

The answer to that one is simple. Who wrote the Wood bill may not be the personal business of any reporter. But it most certainly is public business who writes these tricky pieces of legislation. And in the public interest, every reporter has the right to ask any question he chooses with the expectation that he'll get a civil answer.

Congressman Wood's reluctance to come clean on this one may be due to several factors. One is that he wants all the credit for himself. The other is that he doesn't want it known how the bill was written, what deals it represents, or who supplied the brains.

Mouths Are Sealed
William Ingles, organizer and front for the Committee to Save the Taft-Hartley Law, says he didn't write the Wood bill but he knows how it was written. Ingles says Congressman Wood's unwillingness to discuss the subject seals the mouths of those who had anything to do with writing it.

Gerard D. Reilly, former NLRB counsel now retained as labor lawyer for a number of employers, says he had no hand in writing the Wood bill. Reilly gives much credit for putting it over to North Carolina Democrat Graham A. Barden, in the House Labor Committee. Union labor lawyers in Washington have charged openly that some of the language in the Wood bill is unmistakably Reilly's.

Reilly had considerable to do with writing the Taft-Hartley act. His influence on the Taft-Hartley law "Watch-dog" Committee's December report on the workings of the law is also discernible. And the real key to the Wood bill is to be found in this report.

Pennsylvania Congressman Samuel K. McConnell Jr., ranking Republican on the House Labor Committee, offers what at

British Princess Calls At Vatican

VATICAN CITY, May 11.—(AP) Pope Pius XII Tuesday received Princess Margaret of England in a 20-minute private audience.

It was the first meeting of a member of British royalty with the Roman Catholic pontiff in more than a quarter century. The 18-year-old Margaret made the visit despite protests in England by Protestant organizations.

The Royal party drove through the Arch of the Bells in two cars. In the first car were Margaret, wearing a black lace dress and veil, and Sir John V. T. Perowne, British foreign minister to the Holy See.

The princess left her automobile in the courtyard of St. Damasus, where she was received by a chamberlain.

Later an official Vatican communique on the meeting said the princess had "an affable" talk with the Pontiff. She then introduced members of her party.

when this revised bill was offered as a substitute for the Lesinski bill, Wood wasn't even there.

Mt. Hood Stages Merge With Santiam Line

WASHINGTON, May 11.—(AP) The Interstate Commerce Commission has authorized Mt. Hood Stages, Inc. of Bend, Ore., to purchase all of the capital stock of Santiam Stages Inc., also of Bend, and to merge the bus properties and operations.

Mt. Hood Stages, also known as Pacific Trailways, is controlled by Myrl Paul Hoover of Bend. Santiam is owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Ratzlaff of Bend.

The transaction involves purchase of all of Santiam's capital stock by Mt. Hood, and assumption of its assets and liabilities.

Pacific Trailways operate in Oregon, Utah and Idaho. Santiam operates various routes in Oregon described by the ICC as supplementing in most instances the services of Pacific Trailways.

Noting that the Santiam Routes will be continued under the Trailways name, the Commission said that "no employees would be adversely affected as a result of the merger."

Drake Appointed To Take Voter Registrations

With various city, school and bond issue elections coming up, Glendale residents suddenly realized there was no place in the city for voter registration.

Mrs. G. O. Cowley, local garage owner, had taken registrations during her residence in this city, but she sold her business last January, and neither city nor county officials had taken steps to provide a new registration center.

The approaching May 17 city tax election brought inquiries, which have resulted in the appointment of Austin Drake, Glendale real estate man, as registration official for Glendale.

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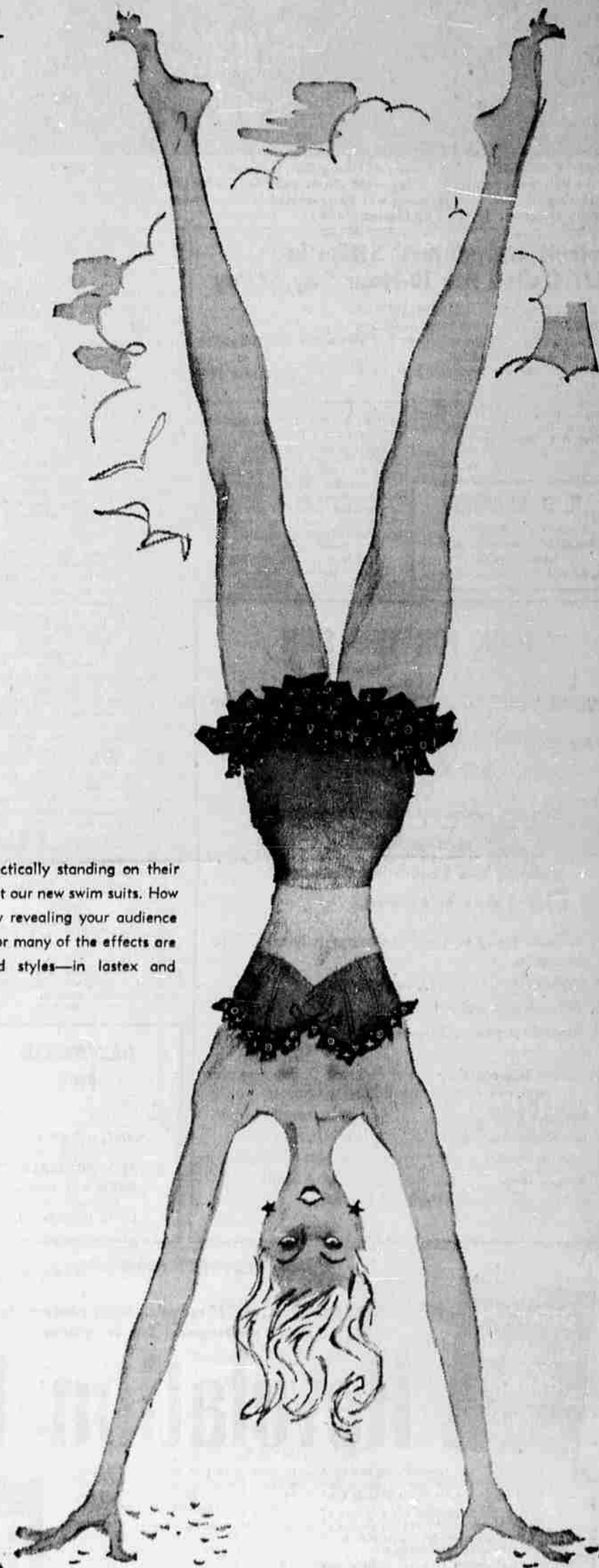
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