

Boys Wanting to Become Firemen Offered Advice by Chicago Chief

Chicago (U.P.)—This is for you, Tommy, and all the other kids in the country who want to be firemen.

Chief Anthony J. Mullaney, ranking officer of the Chicago fire department, says it's a good idea.

When he was a little boy he wanted to be a fireman too. He used to live next door to a fire station and when the engines went by he stared at them and said, "That's for me."

Chief Mullaney doesn't know you. He doesn't know what kind of boy you are or what kind of man you will be when you grow up. But he wants you to do what you want to do and if you think you want to be a fireman, just don't give up.

Not All Fun
He wants to remind you, though, that being a fireman is not all fighting fires, or speeding down a busy boulevard and making everybody get out of your way.

Chicago firemen, he says, are out of the station only a fraction of the 87 hours a week they are on duty.

And as for speed, those big red engines travel only about 32 miles an hour, on the average. They can speed up to 75 miles but the firemen don't take chances because if they had a wreck they wouldn't be much good in fighting a fire.

The chief said all little boys who want to be firemen must eat what they're supposed to and get plenty of sleep because the department won't take you if you're not healthy.

You don't have to be very big, he said. You must be five feet, eight inches tall and weigh 145 pounds to join the Chicago department, but that isn't so very big.

Smartness Helps
You don't have to go to college to be a fireman, or even to high school. But you have to take a written examination and the chief will find out if you're not as smart as you should be.

The chief thinks you should get as much education as possible because a dumb fireman will stay a dumb fireman and when his friends are wearing pretty gold braid he'll still be shining the engines.

The engines must be shined after every fire.

The salary at present isn't as high as in some other jobs. Chicago's firemen start at \$3,100 a year. But the chief said there's a lot of chance for advancement.

And if you don't like being a fireman, you can be a policeman, maybe. That's what most of the Chicago firemen who quit end up as, he said.

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Two Weeks' Vacation
The bill, Davis said, would provide restless youngsters with a two-week vacation at government expense. Then they could travel safely and in style, he said.

"Hoboes are getting sophisticated," Jeff mused. "We ride trains and buses and airplanes now. Of course, I have to get out on the road sometimes for the fun of it."

In all his travels, Davis said he found no trace of communism among the "hobos."

"Communism stands for regimentation—and you can't regiment a hobo," Davis said. "Hitting the end of a freight is real democracy."

Republicans to Back Social Security Bill
Washington, June 13—(U.P.)—Sen. Eugene D. Millikin, (R., Colo.) said today that republican senators will give "almost unanimous support" to the social security extension bill.

Millikin made the announcement after a republican conference on the bill.

"Without polling the senators," Millikin said, "it was quite apparent that we will give strong, almost unanimous support to the bill."

Millikin also said the republicans are unanimous in support of a proposed senate finance committee study to see if social security coverage can be given all Americans on a strict "pay-as-you-go" basis.

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