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**BIG ORGANIZATIONS  
 BACK POPPY SALES**  
 SUPPORTING LEGION PLAN  
 Woodmen, Eagles, Federation of  
 Labor and Many Others  
 Proffer Aid in the  
 Memorial Work

The spirit of remembrance created by the use of the poppy of France as a memorial flower, and the campaign of the American Legion for funds for relief work and memorial purposes from their sale has touched the sentiment of many of America's greatest organizations. Almost daily, national headquarters receives word from these organizations—fraternal, for social service, religious and patriotic—of their willingness to co-operate with the Legion in the sale of the poppies and of their determination to imbue their membership with such a spirit that will result in the wearing of the silken flower on the breast of every American on Memorial Day.

**Woodmen to Aid**  
 Among the heads of the great organizations which will send personal messages to constituents is A. R. Talbot, head consul of the Modern Woodmen of America. This organization is possibly the strongest fraternal insurance association in the United States.

Another great organization which is to back up the campaign is that which was nearest the heart of the doughboy in France—the Salvation Army. While the appeal of this drive in its active campaign may be beyond the premise of the organization, local workers of the army will be asked by the national organization to co-operate with the Legion posts in the sale of the silken poppies.

**Other Orders Helping**  
 The Fraternal Order of Eagles, an organization which has adopted Armistice Day as its official Memorial Day, will likewise co-operate with the Legion in the poppy campaign.

Recalling the war of their own days the United Confederate Veterans through General Carr, the commander of the national organization, favors the campaign, and special order will be issued by the Adjutant General of the organization, calling attention to the poppy sales to be conducted by the Legion.

Promises of co-operation have been received from the American Federation of Labor through the office of the president, Samuel Gompers.

Members of the Young Men's Christian association, the "Y" of war days, will urge that members of their organization wear the scarlet poppy on Memorial Day in accord with the campaign.

Other organizations which will extend co-operation to the Legion are the Baptist Young People's Union; the Luther League, the National Grange, one of the best known organizations of its character in the United States, and a score or more of other equally well known associations.

**CHURCH WORKERS TO  
 GIVE A HUGE DRAMA**

"Finger Prints" to Be Presented  
 In Chicago to Show How  
 Races Co-operate

Fifty thousand young church workers have banded together to solve the race relations problem in Chicago and to develop a greater interest in home and foreign missions, and they will use the stage as a vehicle to accomplish this during what they have characterized as World Kindred Week, May 14th to 18th.

A huge drama, entitled "Finger Prints," was presented at Medinah Temple May 14th and 15th. The cast will have an equal number of white and negro players and will portray the working out of a plan whereby inter-racial co-operation is made possible by Christianity. The drama, written by a Chicago woman, Mrs. Charlotte B. Chorpenning, is the result of a year's intensive study and co-operation between the playwright and interested members of both races. This study and investigation included 318 interviews and 42 group discussions. The shortest interview was 20 minutes and the longest seven hours. The play is straight from life. The characters represent local attitudes and the dialogue is word for word quotation of talks between the author and Chicago people. It puts clearly and often in humorous form the confused thinking and consequent complications which arise between the two races. The story concerns the attempt of both white and colored people to improve their community conditions.

The other production will be an elaborate pageant play, entitled "The Tides of India," in which 500 Chicago people will take part in the evenings of May 17th and 18th. Real tigers, elephants and natives of India will be in the cast.

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 Much Red Tape Marking  
 Their Performance  
 of Duties

There is something about the antics of Washington bureaucracy that suggests the laughable situation portrayed by the late Charlie Hoyt in his play called "The Milk White Flag." Theater fans of the good old days will recall the stage army, consisting of a gold-laced and epauletted galaxy of officers commanding and countermarching one lone buck private.

Something of the same thing is still to be found in certain government bureaus notwithstanding the fact that administration looks with disfavor on upstart bureaucrats. There is first the head of the bureau who competes for publicity with the head of his department. The bureau head has his assistant. Then there is the chief of division, a title which has been multiplied until the compass is boxed, and each chief has his assistant.

**Jigsaw the World**  
 Next comes the chief of a particular region which may comprise, say, Liberia and the Gold Coast of West Africa. The world is jigsawed to parcel out these regions, says the Nation's Business, and each regional chief has his regional assistant. If the bureau or department is primarily interested in commerce, another division of titles is effectuated, and we have the chief of the hosiery division, the chief of the patent medicines division, the chief of the division of predigested skinfoods for super-animated cinema heroines, and each chief with his assistant and understudy.

A congressional committee which was conducting a hearing on the subject of an additional appropriation for one of these bureaus recently—and that is about all they care to be heard upon—was listening with reverential awe to the arguments of one of these nondescript chiefs.

One sacrilegious member of the committee, questioned the macaroni as to his own particular jurisdiction, eliciting the information, after a painful cross-examination, that it consisted of the said chief, a typewriter, several quires of stationery, a half dozen sheets of carbon paper and a colored messenger. The messenger seems to have been the only private in the entire bureau. Everyone else in the tests.

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