

CHILD LABOR DAY, JAN. 27

North Shore to Discuss Great National Problem

North shore communities are planning, in various churches and civic organizations, a fitting observance of National Child Labor Sunday set for January 27.

Mrs. Andrew MacLeish of Glencoe, who is a well known church and social welfare worker, submits the accompanying information and appeal concerning the progress of Child Labor legislation in congress which should be of interest to all persons interested in Child Welfare enterprises.

"One of the most important matters before the present Congress is the question of an amendment to the Constitution giving Congress power to limit or prohibit Child Labor. This is not a new subject. Active Child Welfare Associations have been working over it for many years and an increasing sentiment throughout the country is the result of their earnest effort to bring the matter before the bar of public opinion. Twice Congress has passed bills bringing the widely differing state laws into harmony under a federal act prohibiting the exploiting of growing children by parents or manufacturers. And both times the testing of these bills has brought out the fact that they are unconstitutional. Friends of Child labor reform, who are hostile to tampering with the Constitution, must realize that there is no other way to accomplish this much needed legislation. Congress must be given the power to make a just and wise federal law which even the most backward states will be compelled to accept.

McCormick Introduced Bill

"The resolution was introduced on July 26, 1922, by Senator McCormick from Illinois and after several hearings by the Senate Sub-Committee on Judiciary, was reported to the U. S. Senate as follows: "The Congress shall have power, concurrent with that of the several states, to limit or prohibit the labor of persons under the age of 18 years."

"The bill did not come to vote in either House and with the adjournment of the 67th Congress, it, in legislative language "died." But in the sentiment

of the country it is more alive than ever. January 27th is to be observed as a nation-wide Child Labor Day. The new resolution by Senator McCormick for an amendment to the Constitution is at the top of the calendar for the 68th Congress with a good prospect of being among the earliest bits of legislation enacted. Once passed by Congress it, like every amendment to the Constitution, must be ratified by the several states and here, even more than during the debate in Congress, is where public opinion must assert itself and show that the American people want Child Labor

reform and are determined to have it. The time to act is now. Write the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Judiciary urging early and favorable consideration of the proposed Child Labor constitutional amendment. Write your own Senators and Congressmen. And if—or when—the bill is passed, go on writing to the members of your State Legislature to urge ratification of the amendment which will remove a dark blot from our history and give to every child in the United States the right to the development of every need of mind and body!"



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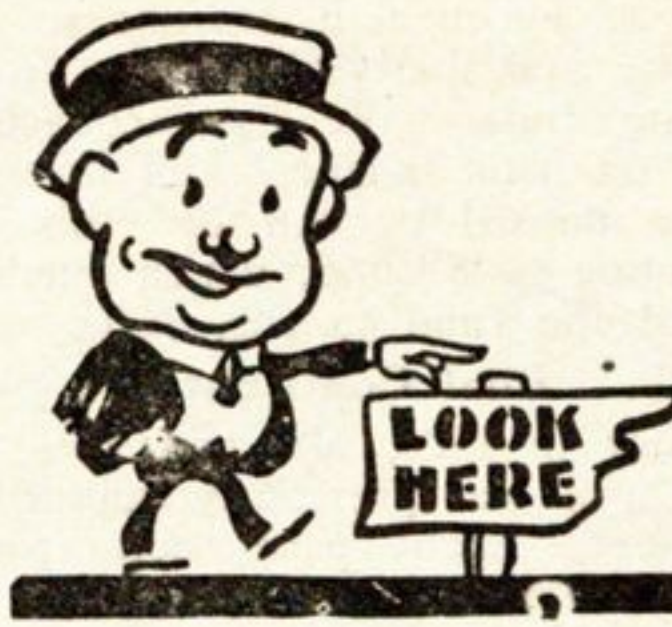


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