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Why the liberal carries on, 1929.

# NATIONAL CHILD LABOR COMMITTEE

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Conference

PROGRAM



HOTEL ROOSEVELT, NEW YORK DECEMBER 16-17, 1929 "We are striving not only to save the children from the wrong kind of work at the wrong time and under wrong conditions, but at the same time to prepare them for the right kind of work at the right time and under right conditions that the citizens of tomorrow may work for and be worthy of the highest ideals of the republic."

HON. BEN B. LINDSEY.

"It is fundamentally wrong, it is a contradiction of the basic principles of this free Republic that upon the shoulders of any child who has not attained its full, mature, physical development, who has not enjoyed a reasonable time in which to play, and who has not received an elementary English education, there should be put the smallest fraction of the burdens of our modern competitive industrial life."

SAMUEL McCUNE LINDSAY.

No reasonable person can doubt that the employment in industry, commerce or commercialized agriculture of children under sixteen years of age involves a constant danger of physical and mental impairment of a serious character unless such employment is safeguarded with the greatest care. A civilization which permits the energies of its younger generation to be sapped before their period of maximum production is wasting its most valuable asset.

C.-E. A. WINSLOW, DR. P. H.

## PROGRAM



#### OPENING SESSION



Monday, December 16th, 2:00 p.m. Blue Room, Hotel Roosevelt

SAMUEL McCUNE LINDSAY, LL.D.

Professor of Social Legislation, Columbia University

Presiding



### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF CHILD LABOR ACTIVITY

Advances in the Educational Program
WILLIAM JOHN COOPER, Ed.D.
United States Commissioner of Education

Child Labor and Public Health
HON. SHIRLEY W. WYNNE, M.D.
Commissioner of Health of the City of New York

Short Talks by Representatives of State Child Labor Committees

Manfred W. Ehrich, Chairman New York Child Labor Committee

MABEL STRONG LORD, Executive Secretary Massachusetts Child Labor Committee

MISS GERTRUDE SCHERMERHORN, Child Labor Secretary Public Education and Child Labor Association of Pennsylvania

#### DINNER MEETING



Monday, December 16th, 7:30 p.m. Ballroom, Hotel Roosevelt

FELIX ADLER, Ph.D.

Presiding



## Program of Music

Impromptu in C-sharp Minor Prelude in D-flat Major

The Blue Danube STRAUSS—SCHULZ-EVLER

JOSEF LHEVINNE, Pianist

Aria, from "L'Amour Masqué" Messager
Fetes Galantes HAHN
Songs with accompaniment of the celeste AMERICAN LEWISH
PAUL REIMERS, Tenor

Edwin MacArthur at the piano

Mr. Lhevinne uses the Knabe Piano exclusively



#### THE CHILD-THE RIGHTFUL HEIR OF PROGRESS

Child Labor and the Child

GRACE ABBOTT

Chief of the Federal Children's Bureau

Why the Liberal Carries On
ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D.D.
Rabbi of the Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

The Function of Government in Child Protection
HON. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
Governor of the State of New York

#### MORNING SESSION



Tuesday, December 17th, 10:00 a.m. Blue Room, Hotel Roosevelt

HON. FRANCES PERKINS
Industrial Commissioner of the State of New York

Presiding



#### CHILD LABOR PROBLEMS OF 1929

Vocational Guidance and Placement in a Program for the Protection of Junior Workers

ANNE S. DAVIS

Director of Vocational Guidance, Chicago Board of Education

Child Labor, a Part of the Labor Program

SPENCER MILLER, JR.

Secretary of the Workers Education Bureau of America

In the Harness

WILEY H. SWIFT

Acting General Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee

Short Talks by Representatives of State Departments of Labor

MRS. A. M. TUNSTALL—Alabama

MRS. JESSIE GREMELSPACHER—Indiana

MISS MARY M. WOOTTON-Maryland

MRS. ISABELLE M. SUMMERS—New Jersey

MRS. KATE BURR JOHNSON—North Carolina

MISS SARA M. SOFFEL—Pennsylvania

MISS MAUD SWETT-Wisconsin

#### LUNCHEON MEETING

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Tuesday, December 17th, 1:00 p.m. Ballroom, Hotel Roosevelt

HENRY SLOANE COFFIN, D.D.

President of Union Theological Seminary

Presiding



#### ENLARGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDHOOD

Changing Attitudes Toward the Employment of Children
ROBERT E. SIMON

Chairman of the Governing Board of the United Parents' Association of the Schools of Greater New York

Are We Abolishing Child Labor in the United States?

RUTH MORGAN

Third Vice-President of the National League of Women Voters and Chairman of the Council on Policies

OWEN R. LOVEJOY, LL.D.
Secretary of the Children's Aid Society

"UPON the quality and intelligence, as well as upon the scope, of the efforts made to guide childhood to socially effective adult life depends much of the future of civilization."

IRA S. WILE, M.D.

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