



Four-year-old Alan Kowalski, national poster boy for the muscular dystrophy fund raising campaign, was in Birmingham Monday night for a workers rally at Birmingham high school. Alan is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kowalski of Warren. Workers will solicit funds in this area the evening of Dec. 2. These funds support the extensive research program sponsored by Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, Inc.

## Poster Boy Attends Campaign Rally Here

Like the little trooper he is, the young boy looked at his audience, grinned, and called out a resounding "hi".

"Tell the people where you've been, Alan," urged the man beside him.

"Washington, Virginia, Philadelphia, and I rode the Chattanooga choo-choo," he responded promptly. "Yes, four year old Alan Kowalski has been seeing the world—in a wheelchair."

Alan is the national poster boy for the muscular dystrophy fund raising campaign. He was in Birmingham Monday night for a rally attended by workers who will solicit dystrophy funds here the evening of Dec. 2.

ALSO SPEAKING at the meeting was Judge Arthur Moore of Pontiac. He appealed to the audience not only to support the muscular dystrophy campaign, but to be conscious of the many fields in which public support is needed, for "only by feeling a responsibility to others less fortunate, can our type of country endure."

Paul Millite, national executive secretary of the muscular dystrophy foundation, told the audience that 75 per cent of the funds they raise will go to support research

in the cause and cure of the disease.

The other 25 per cent will be used locally to provide wheel chairs, braces lifts and physical therapy treatment for victims in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties. All these aids, he added, "are helping patients in a way never thought possible."

Dr. Max Newman showed a movie made at Detroit Memorial hospital which showed dystrophy patients being treated there, and later answered questions from the audience on the disease itself.

### Active Duty Begins

Sidney J. Avesian of Redding road, Birmingham, began six months' active duty training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Avesian is a member of company C, 703 tank battalion, army reserve, Pontiac.

It is difficult for most of us to welcome criticism, even though much of it is intended to be helpful. Since human beings do make numerous mistakes, of many kinds, why should the use of criticism be opposed? To be sure, unfair criticism "is hard to take"—but he who resents the mere use of criticism of him by others has too little understanding of criticism's real values.

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SECTION B

## Danger Seen In Copying Red Schools

Aping Communistic educational methods has definite elements of danger, according to William Clark Trow, professor of education and psychology at The University of Michigan.

"It is hardly necessary to smother the humanities, the arts, and the biological and social sciences in a blanket of physical sciences. 'Besides producing Sputniks, the Russians have developed what is probably the most tyrannical governmental organization in history. Individual freedom has disappeared and the slave labor camp is an accepted instrument.'"

HE NOTES that our educational plan is quite different from European systems with their bureaucratic Ministry of Education in control of schools, teachers, textbooks, curriculum and method—the system which Japan also adopted, and which was perverted there to serve the ambitions of her military clique prior to World War II. Trow urges educators to question all recommendations which suggest "going back" to anything in the past or adopting a program, Russian or any other, that may seem to be effective where it is used.

"Critics should recognize that there are other values besides the narrowly intellectual, the knowledge of facts, and that education broadly viewed also involves doing and being. Physical fitness, mental health, esthetic satisfactions, and moral worth are proper educational objectives and should not be airily brushed aside," says Trow.

"THERE IS, however, much work to be done with professional curriculum committees at the state and local levels to bring the traditional offerings more in line with present knowledge and current needs."

"For example, studies have shown that the traditional high school sequence in mathematics can advantageously be modified. The atom and the concept of wave motion can perhaps unify the study of physics, and chemistry and biology should perhaps be brought more closely together, as could the social sciences."

"In addition, linguistic methods could bring about a long-delayed revolution in the teaching of modern languages, and the humanities could be allowed to escape from the fetters of the Greco-Roman-European tradition to embrace other cultures in this shrinking world."



## Symbol of Gratitude

Mrs. Lester Talbot, 1364 Holland, displays the plaque she received in honor of her late husband. James Couzens, chief of auxiliary police, presented the plaque in recognition of the over 900 hours Sgt. Talbot devoted to auxiliary police work before he died in September. Mr. Talbot's retired badge (No. 106) is mounted on the plaque.

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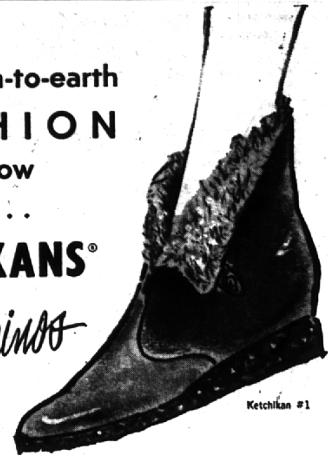
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