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CHRISTOPHER NEHLS analyzes the motives of members of the American Legion in Iowa who disrupted several of the speaking engagements of Socialist Ida Crouch-Hazlett when she toured Iowa in the summer of 1921. The Iowa Legionnaires, he concludes, were attempting to impose their conservative, nationalistic, classless vision of citizenship on the nation's political culture.

Christopher Nehls recently received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Virginia.

JENNY BARKER DEVINE traces the changing attitudes toward civil defense activities sponsored by the Iowa State Cooperative Extension Service in rural Iowa during the Cold War. She found that the educational civil defense programs the Extension Service created in the early 1960s at the request of rural residents and organizations, especially farm women, were popular, although there is little evidence that the programs had much practical effect on people's preparations for nuclear war. After 1963, other social concerns preempted the preoccupation with the Cold War, and the Extension Service gradually abandoned civil defense programs.

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In 1921 the American Legion Post in Radcliffe, a central Iowa town of 800, had 106 members, 100 percent of the former servicemen in the community. This photo, just a small portion of a panoramic photo of the entire post, appeared in the photo section of the *Des Moines Sunday Register*, July 31, 1921. For Iowa Legionnaires' attempts that summer to enforce their particularistic vision of citizenship, see Christopher Nehls's article in this issue.

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