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the Taft-Hartley Law Fair?

By Federated Press

LRB cannot hold a certification for a union without a formal hearing, but . . .

A union commits an unfair labor practice, it is mandatory upon NLRB's general counsel to seek a federal court injunction, even before a formal complaint is issued, but . . .

If a union commits an unfair labor practice, the employer or any affected person may sue the union in federal courts for damages in any places where the union operates, but . . .

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Unions must reveal their financial status to all members, but . . .

Unions are prohibited from requiring more employees on the job than are needed, but . . .

Employees of one company cannot use the help of employees of another company in a fight for better conditions, but . . .

NLRB must investigate and handle company charges against unions before handling any other cases, but . . .

Employers do not have to meet any standard before using NLRB or reveal their political affiliations or beliefs, but . . .

On the NLRB, two of the five members represent industry, but . . .

T-RUN VICTIM IS UNAIDED AS COPS QUERY RACE

Before dispatching an ambulance to pick up a man who had been struck by a car and run over New Year's Eve on Broadway & Thirteenth Streets, East Chicago, Indiana, first sent a patrolman to determine whether victim was white or colored.

After lying in the street for more than twenty minutes after accident was first reported by phone, Paul Rybinaski, 3637 Clark Ave., was conveyed to St. Luke's Hospital and admitted at 10:40 p.m. He died from injuries because the gas station on that corner has no phone, a man who lived next door, 3612 Guthrie Ave., who operates a beauty parlor at that address, immediately

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1. An election to get rid of a union shop can be held first and a hearing ordered later. Is this fair?

2. If an employer commits an unfair labor practice, it is discretionary with NLRB's general counsel to seek an injunction, and then only after he has issued a formal complaint? Is this fair?

3. If an employer commits an unfair labor practice the union cannot sue the company for damages in any court and cannot obtain an injunction except at the mercy of the NLRB's general counsel. Is this fair?

4. If the company breaches the contract, it is an unfair labor practice for the union to strike until the contract's termination date, and if union men do strike they lose employee status. Is this fair?

5. Employer associations may make contributions. Is this fair?

6. Corporations do not even have to account to their minority stockholders. Is this fair?

7. Employers are not prohibited from doubling up jobs and requiring employees to do more work than they reasonably can. Is this fair?

8. One company can seek the aid of another company to break a strike and anybody stopping them is liable to injunction and damages. Is this fair?

9. Union charges against employers have no priority and are the last category of cases to be handled. Is this fair?

10. Union officers must make affidavits that they are not Communists and reveal their beliefs before they can use the board. Is this fair?

11. Labor has no representation whatever on the board. Is this fair?

1010 Helps AFL Sign Non-Union Truck Drivers

Although protesting that non-union truck drivers were hauling the canned goods bought by local 1010, Frank Patakeski, business agent for local 520, Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL, was somewhat perturbed by 1010's promptness in reloading the stuff on the trucks to send it back where it came from. The B.A. thought such action might be in violation of the Taft-Hartley Act.

1010's work detail, who arose in the dawn's early light of Monday, January 5, to unload and store the incoming food at 3811 Michigan Ave., didn't share his alarm, however.

"The hell with Taft and Hartley," they said, "CIO men aren't dealing with any outfit scabbing on the AFL or any other union."

Following a hasty telephone call to the Morgan Canneries, Austin, Indiana, that company agreed to advance the money for their driv-

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EJECT IRATE VET FROM RENT DECONTROL HEARING



ORDERED REMOVED FROM THE Detroit rent decontrol hearing after he allegedly caused a disturbance, war veteran Jack Widick (left, with glasses) is shown wearing his discharge button, as the police approach. Right, minus the discharge button, which he threw at Chairman George D. Lyle, Widick is forcibly led out of the Council Chamber. The irate vet was thrown out after standing up at the meeting and loudly demanding to know how he would be able to pay an increase in rent when he could barely exist at the present high cost of food and clothing. The meeting was marked by many clashes between tenants and landlords. (International)

Wage Fight Looms as CIO Prepares Demands

INEQUITY PROGRAM

By GEORGE SOPKO,
Recording Secretary, LU 1010,
USA-CIO

The following procedure has been agreed to by your Union and the Company for the review of Job Classifications:

1. The individual grievance committee will first go over disputed job classifications with a representative of the Industrial Engineering Department for the purpose of eliminating any obvious errors. Grievance committeeman may make appointments for this meeting through Mr. Hans Helm, Superintendent of the Department.
2. Where objection to a job classification may still remain, Mr. Helm will arrange a general discussion meeting between departmental management, the grievance committeeman, and a representative of the Industrial Engineering Department, at which representatives of the employees on the job in question may also be present.
3. Following the general discussion meetings, the Industrial Engineering representative will meet with the individual grievance committeeman and a committee of not more than two representatives of employees on the job in question, for an attempt at final agreement. If this is not achieved, the specific provisions of Paragraph 4 (b) (c) (d) of Appendix 2, of the Inequity Agreement shall be followed.

The Company has not yet completed the Mechanical and Electrical Classifications but we expect to have them shortly.

We advise those of you who feel you have not been paid proportionately on the retroactive pay, to go to the time office and get an itemized statement of your rates—increases—and the number of hours you worked during the periods paid retroactively.

You will have 30 days in which to dispute the accuracy of your retroactive payments after the final payment is made. That will probably be in April.

LOCAL UNION MEETS TOMORROW

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MECHANICAL DEPT.

REPORT

By C. SOPKO,
Grievance Committeeeman

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In the machine shop the title of "Fitter" be discontinued and replaced with "Floor Machinist." The title of "Machine Operator" be used for employees on simple machines—doing repetitive work—requiring little mechanical ability and few machinist's tools.

Promotional sequences be revised to train all employees on trade or craft work to accede to the standard rate of the job within five years.

ON SAFETY—We have received cooperation from management on the posting of minutes of safety meetings. The contract provides for further procedure on important or major safety problems that may arise. Don't get discouraged. Insist on points being answered from previous meetings.

ON HALSEY BONUS—Not only chips, but sparks, fire and smoke are pouring from the north balcony in the machine shop nowadays. It relieves me to hear someone else complain about the application of the Halsey system.

There appears to be a tendency to junk the Halsey bonus system throughout the plant. The Cold Strip Roll Shop all signed a petition against it. We all believe in doing a good day's work for a good day's pay—so let's all concentrate on getting the proper rates first.

More about this in the next issue.

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NEW YORK—(FP)—The CIO-backed American Labor party, largest of labor's independent statewide political parties, split wide open as a majority of its state executive committee voted to endorse Henry A. Wallace for President. A potent minority led by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and including representatives of the steel and auto unions announced its resignation and walked out of the meeting.

CHICAGO—(FP)—A special convention of the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers (CIO) has been called for February 5-6 to mobilize the membership for "the critical nature of the months ahead."

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Rites Jam Person Meeting Despite Smear

Spilling into every available inch of space in St. Baptist Church, 1938 street, Saturday January 10, 800 colored and white citizens of and surrounding communities answered the all campaign, spearheaded by Gary Post Tribune, to Gary's Salute to Paul on by every sneaky in the bag of reaction. More, who failed to arrive, turned away because of absolute lack of room.

Prominently absent was Mayor Democrat, who was elected November chiefly because balance of voting power to his support by Negroes of the Central District. Of neither Democrat nor American parties permitted them to be identified with this waged for preservation of speech and assembly in their city.

Spending action of the Gary Board as a whole, which mentioned use of the Roosevelt Auditorium by the Mid-Committee for Protection of Foreign Born for this meeting cultural program, two of its members, Dan Kretzman and Newton Fowler, based action upon vague grounds "presenting this program be detrimental to Gary Public Schools."

Other Mr. William Stern, Mrs. Hill, board members, not Mr., principal of Roosevelt High were included in the rump which took this action two before the widely publicized gathering was scheduled to take place.

Robeson's appearance at the Welt Auditorium two years went unchallenged by the Tribune, the American League of National Council of Women, or any of the groups which raised the furor about the affair of January is concert of two years ago, however, part of an effort towards unity and understanding between Negroes and Americans who comprise overwhelming majority of working population.

The keynote address, Pearl M. Chairman of the Midwest Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born, flayed allegations anything in the program was mental to Gary's public aims. Aims of the organization reflect the rights of immigrant aliens, particularly those performed because of labor and progressive activities, were outlined course of her talk.

Webber and Steve Tandaric, of whom are victims of the drive to deport laborers on far fetched technicalities were introduced from the firm.

President L. K. Jackson, who his church at the disposal arrangements committee directly after they were made of the Roosevelt Auditorium made the Invocation and the prayer.

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Wages the chief cause of strikes in but controversies over the election of the Taft-Hartley will loom more important as a cause in 1948, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said in a review of industrial dispute record for last year.

Drive on Foreign Born Progressives Speeding Up

In a statement issued today, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born pointed out that, within the last week, four new political deportation cases have come to the attention of the organization, bringing the number of cases in which the Justice Department is seeking to deport non-citizens because of their political opinions and former membership in the Communist Party to a total of 19 now pending.

The four cases are: Dr. John Greenberg, of San Antonio, Texas, whose case has been pending since 1922, facing deportation to Romania; James J. Crain, of Seattle, Washington, whose case has been pending for several years and has now been ordered reopened, facing deportation to Ireland; Joseph Knerly, of Detroit, Michigan, facing deportation to Hungary; and Harry Bersin, of New York, war veteran, of Latvian descent, who faces deportation to the Soviet Union.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born stated that the Justice Department has more than 100 warrants and that its procedure in arresting so many non-citizens is utterly unnecessary and can serve only to stimulate hysteria against the foreign born. The Committee pointed out that the United States Supreme Court has never decided whether the Justice Department can deport non-citizens because of their membership in the Communist Party and that, until there is a decision, the arrests are a waste of government funds and endanger democratic rights.

Active cases already pending include the following:

Peter Harisiades, of New York, National Secretary of the Hellenic American Brotherhood of the International Workers Order (Greece).

David Balint, of Cleveland (Czechoslovakia).

Refugio Ramon Martinez, of Chicago, a member of the staff of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (Mexico).

Mrs. Teresa Horvath, of Fairmount, West Virginia (Hungary).

Kondo Dimitroff, of Lorain, Ohio (Bulgaria).

Juan Diaz, of San Francisco, former organizer for the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers (Spain).

Charles Kratochvil, of New York, a resident of the United States for 45 years (Czechoslovakia).

John Naheskha, of Boston (Soviet Union).

Peter J. Warhol, of Minneapolis, a former business agent of the upholsterers Union, Local 61 (Czechoslovakia).

Martin Karasek, of Bettendorf, Iowa (Austria).

Alexander Stephens, of New York (Hungary).

Frank Carlson, of San Francisco (Poland).

John Santo, of New York, Director of Organization of the Transport Workers Union (Romania).

Michael J. Obermeier, of New York, President of the Hotel and Club Employees Union, Local 6 (Germany).

Paul Cline, of Los Angeles (Soviet Union).

STEVE TANDARIC'S DEPORTING HALTED; NEW TRIAL ORDERED

Deportation of Steve Tandaric to Yugoslavia, ordered by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, was overruled by the Board of Immigration Appeals in Washington last week. Isidore Englander, attorney for the American Committee for Protection of the

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Murray Warns Against Indorsements Until Meeting Jan. 23

WASHINGTON—(FP)—It will be contrary to the action of the recent Boston convention of the CIO for any affiliate to pledge support to any party or candidate prior to the Jan. 23 meeting of the CIO Political Action Committee, Pres. Philip Murray declared Jan. 9.

Wiring all CIO affiliates and regional directors, Murray said the forthcoming meeting will consider "the course of action to be pursued by the PAC on matters affecting programs and party support." He recalled the wording of the Boston resolution on political action which stated: "We pledge full and unstinted support of the CIO-PAC and to the carrying out of its program."

Directed particularly at unions and individual leaders who have indicated support for the independent candidacy of Henry A. Wallace for president, Murray's statement concluded: "There is a sense of obligation on the part of our several organizations and the national CIO meticulously to respect the Boston convention resolution dealing with political matters and I am therefore urgently requesting our various affiliates to maintain their promises and keep their pledges."

Francis Malloy, slightly rasping Voice of Local Union 1010, who has been silent for the past two issues of the Sentinel, will take his typewriter in hand in time for the issue of January 28th.

Serious illness of Brother Malloy's wife, "the woman," from which, we are sincerely happy to report she is now convalescing, is the reason for absence of his usual column.

Contacted by phone Sunday night, Brother Malloy complained of a sore throat (his own) with which he was coping to the fullest extent of a quart of "swallerin' gargarle." Situation normal.

Wallace Committee Gets Early Start In Michigan

DETROIT—(FP)—The Wallace for President Michigan Committee is concentrating on 10 counties in Michigan to obtain the signatures required by law to put the as yet unnamed new party on the state ballot. The deadline is May 2.

The law's specifications can be met by less than 10,000 signatures of qualified voters in the state. There must be at least 100 signatures in a minimum of 10 counties and of the minimum total not more than 35% may be from one county.

The counties and their principal towns on which the committee is concentrating according to Sec. Allen Sayler, are Wayne (Detroit), Jackson (Jackson), Ingham (Lansing), Calhoun (Battle Creek), Kalamazoo (Kalamazoo), Kent (Grand Rapids), Muskegon (Muskegon), Oakland (Pontiac), Genesee (Flint), Saginaw (Saginaw), and Marquette (Marquette). Other towns where Wallace sentiment is taking practical form are Dearborn, Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Ann Arbor, Iron Mountain and Ironwood.

Delegations from a number of Michigan cities went to Chicago for a meeting of supporters which preceded the Dec. 29 broadcast announcement of his determination to make the 1948 Presidential race.

The first meeting of Wallace people in Michigan following the radio statement was in Detroit Dec. 30 and drew members of AFL, CIO, Negro, Slav, Jewish, student, veteran, business, women's and professional groups. No topflight AFL or CIO officers in Detroit, however, have looked favorably on the Wallace candidacy. Pres. Walter P. Reuther of the United Auto Workers (CIO) sneered at it in Washington Dec. 18 before the Natl. Press Club.

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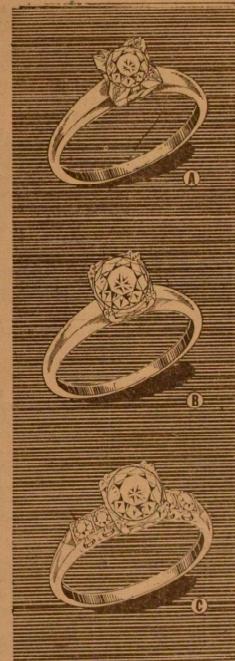
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In the machine shop the title of "Fitter" be discontinued and replaced with "Floor Machinist." The title of "Machine Operator" be used for employees on simple machines—doing repetitive work—requiring little mechanical ability and few machinist's tools.

Promotional sequences be revised to train all employees on trade or craft work to accede to the standard rate of the job within five years.

ON SAFETY—We have received cooperation from management on the posting of minutes of safety meetings. The contract provides for further procedure on important or major safety problems that may arise. Don't get discouraged. Insist on points being answered from previous meetings.

ON HALSEY BONUS—Not only chips, but sparks, fire and smoke are pouring from the north balcony in the machine shop nowadays. It relieves me to hear someone else complain about the application of the Halsey system.

There appears to be a tendency to junk the Halsey bonus system throughout the plant. The Cold Strip Roll Shop all signed a petition against it. We all believe in doing a good day's work for a good day's pay—so let's all concentrate on getting the proper rates first.

More about this in the next issue.

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NEW YORK—(FP)—The CIO-backed American Labor party, largest of labor's independent statewide political parties, split wide open as a majority of its state executive committee voted to endorse Henry A. Wallace for President. A potent minority led by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and including representatives of the steel and auto unions announced its resignation and walked out of the meeting.

CHICAGO—(FP)—A special convention of the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers (CIO) has been called for February 5-6 to mobilize the membership for "the critical nature of the months ahead."

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Yankees Jam Season Meeting Despite Smear

Drive on Foreign Born Progressives Speeding Up

Cramping into every available inch of space in St. Louis Baptist Church, 1938 S. Main Street, Saturday January 10, 800 colored and white citizens of and surrounding communities answered the all-out campaign, spearheaded by the Gary Post Tribune, to demand Gary's Salute to Paul Robeson by every sleazy person in the bag of reaction.

More, who failed to arrive until a few minutes before the program's beginning, were turned away because of absolute lack of standing room.

Surprisingly absent was Mayor Frank Murphy, Democrat, who was elected November chiefly because of the balance of voting power given to his support by Negro members of the Central District. Other members of neither Democratic nor Republican parties permitted themselves to be identified with this program for preservation of speech and assembly in their community.

Scandalous action of the Gary Board as a whole, which sanctioned use of the Roosevelt High Auditorium by the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born for this meeting cultural program, two of its leaders, Dan Kreitzman and friend Newton Fowler, based action upon vague grounds "presenting this program would be detrimental to Gary Public Schools."

Other Mr. William Stern, Mrs. Hill, board members, nor Mr. principal of Roosevelt High School, were included in the rumpus which took this action two weeks before the widely publicized gathering was scheduled to place.

Robeson's appearance at the event Auditorium two years ago went unchallenged by the Tribune, the American Legion, the National Council of Catholic Women, or any of the groups which raised the furor about the affair of January 10, his concert of two years ago not, however, part of an endeavor towards unity and understanding between Negroes and white Americans who comprise overwhelming majority of working population.

The keynote address, Pearl M. S. Chairman of the Midwest Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born, flayed allegations anything in the program was detrimental to Gary's public aims. Aims of the organization to protect the rights of immigrant Americans, particularly those performed because of labor and progressive activities, were outlined in course of her talk.

Webber and Steve Tandaric, of whom are victims of the drive to deport laborers far fetched technicalities were introduced from the

Rev. L. K. Jackson, who at his church at the disposal arrangements committee immediately after they were dismissed of the Roosevelt Auditorium made the Invocation and the prayer.

WASHINGTON (FP)—Wages, the chief cause of strikes in 1947, will become more important as a cause in 1948, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said in a review of industrial dispute record for last year.

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Murray Warns Against Indorsements Until Meeting Jan. 23

WASHINGTON (FP)—It will be contrary to the action of the recent Boston convention of the CIO for any affiliate to pledge support to any party or candidate prior to the Jan. 23 meeting of the CIO Political Action Committee, Pres. Philip Murray declared Jan. 9.

Wiring all CIO affiliates and regional directors, Murray said the forthcoming meeting will consider "the course of action to be pursued by the PAC on matters affecting programs and party support." He recalled the wording of the Boston resolution on political action which stated: "We pledge full and unstinted support of the CIO-PAC and to the carrying out of its program."

Directed particularly at unions and individual leaders who have indicated support for the independent candidacy of Henry A. Wallace for president, Murray's statement concluded: "There is a sense of obligation on the part of our several organizations and the national CIO meticulously to respect the Boston convention resolution dealing with political matters and I am therefore urgently requesting our various affiliates to maintain their promises and keep their pledges."

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born stated that the Justice Department has more than 100 warrants and that its procedure in arresting so many non-citizens is utterly unnecessary and can serve only to stimulate hysteria against the foreign born. The Committee pointed out that the United States Supreme Court has never decided whether the Justice Department can deport non-citizens because of their membership in the Communist Party and that, until there is a decision, the arrests are a waste of government funds and endanger democratic rights.

Active cases already pending include the following:

Peter Harisiades, of New York, National Secretary of the Hellenic American Brotherhood of the International Workers Order (Greece).

David Balint, of Cleveland (Czechoslovakia).

Refugio Ramon Martinez, of Chicago, a member of the staff of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (Mexico).

Mrs. Teresa Horvath, of Fairmont, West Virginia (Hungary). Kondo Dimitroff, of Lorain, Ohio (Bulgaria).

Juan Diaz, of San Francisco, former organizer for the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers (Spain).

Charles Kratochvil, of New York, a resident of the United States for 45 years (Czechoslovakia).

John Nabeshka, of Boston (Soviet Union).

Peter J. Warhol, of Minneapolis, a former business agent of the Upholsterers Union, Local 61 (Czechoslovakia).

Martin Karasek, of Bettendorf, Iowa (Austria).

Alexander Stephens, of New York (Hungary).

Frank Carlson, of San Francisco (Poland).

John Santo, of New York, Director of Organization of the Transport Workers Union (Romania).

Michael J. Obermeier, of New York, President of the Hotel and Club Employees Union, Local 6 (Germany).

Paul Cline, of Los Angeles (Soviet Union).

STEVE TANDARIC'S DEPORTING HALTED; NEW TRIAL ORDERED

Deportation of Steve Tandaric to Yugoslavia, ordered by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, was overruled by the Board of Immigration Appeals in Washington last week. Isadore Englander, attorney for the American Committee for Protection of the

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Labor Around The World

England

LONDON—(ALN)—The powerful British Trades Union Congress has announced its firm opposition to a wage freeze, proposed as a means of combatting inflation. Food subsidies must be continued and the government must keep hands off collective bargaining, the TUC declared. It assured the government that labor recognizes its full responsibility in maintaining economic stability.

Canada

MONTREAL—(ALN)—President Harry Davis of the Canadian Seamen's Union has demanded an embargo on shipment of arms to Chiang Kai-shek, terming such shipments "a betrayal of the 20 million people who died in the fight against slavery and fascism." He recalled that in 1938 the CSU warned against shipping to Japan the scrap iron that later returned in the bodies of Canadian war dead. Millions of dollars worth of munitions destined for China are piled up on docksides in Vancouver and Halifax, where dockers, crews and officers have refused to handle them.

Chile

SANTIAGO—(ALN)—In an apparent effort to force the Chilean government to pursue its crack-down on unions, heads of the Anaconda Copper Co., with extensive holdings in Chile, threatened to close down their mines if workers continue to insist on wage increases.

Germany

BERLIN—(ALN)—A series of stoppages in Hamburg and the Ruhr area have been held to protest the lack of food. Workers complain that promised ratios of many basic items have not appeared. According to the British-sponsored newspaper *Die Welt*, Hamburg dockers state they don't have clothing or shoes to wear to work. The stoppages, which were widespread, were all unofficial, with union leaders urging workers to return.

India

BOMBAY—(ALN)—One million workers answered the call of Bombay union leaders for a general protest strike Dec. 29, closing down all industrial plants, transport, hotels, restaurants, banks, shops and even government offices. The strike call was issued after the government succumbed to big business pressure and lifted price controls on food grains. While refusing wage demands, the government has sent police to smash union demonstrations—even when police had given permission for the demonstrations.

Certain high Chinese circles are looking to the U. S. to protect their regime from "pressure groups," within the country, the New York Herald Tribune reports.

Looks like they're borrowed their definition of democracy from strange places.

Perhaps the Greeks have a word for it.

That new voluntary price control law means that prices will no longer be allowed to go up without government approval.

They'll now go up with it.

Poland

WARSAW—(ALN)—Fifty-four percent of Poland's new national budget is allotted to education, health, culture and other social services. Military expenses get only 20% — a small proportion compared to most countries in the world. A government announcement pointed out that increased production permitted price cuts of 20% to 30% on meat, bread and other essentials during 1947.

China

SHANGHAI—(ALN)—Business spokesmen here estimate the \$18 million interim aid allotted to China by the U. S. government will cover the Kuomintang's civil war expenses for about 10 days. Reason is that inflation has reached fantastic heights. When one U. S. dollar was worth 3,500 Kuomintang dollars in January 1947, the ratio now is one U. S. dollar to 166,000 Kuomintang dollars.

Soviet Union

MOSCOW—(ALN)—Soviet workers received their wages in revised currency for the entire month of December. While the government's revaluation of the ruble was announced Dec. 16, for workers it was retroactive to Dec. 1. Workers earn exactly the same amount of rubles as they did before but the purchasing power of the new ruble is estimated to be about 100% above the old one.

Australia

SYDNEY—(ALN)—The West Australian Liberal party caused a howl of protest from unionists by inviting U. S. big business to take control of the state's iron and steel industry. The state's parliament, under Liberal party control, has passed a bill for the development of its rich iron-ore deposits by a company in which Australian shares are limited to 48%. Fifty-two percent, which means control of the basic industry, goes to U. S. steel interests.

Hawaii

HONOLULU—(ALN)—Hawaii's Big Five monopolists, who control every important industry in these islands, have secretly changed their former open opposition to unions for a policy of trying to split and take over the unions from within, according to an expose published here by the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (CIO). The ILWU has more than 35,000 members in the islands. Policy change was made, the union says, under the direction of Lee Ettelson, retired Hearst editor, who schooled the Big Five leaders in the use of stooges, splitting workers along racial lines and calling the CIO "Communist."

Pres. Truman's doctor, when accused of speculating in wheat, announced he left his accounts to the discretion of his broker.

Which only proves that while a doctor may sometimes be in the dock, a broker seldom goes broke.

Newspapers overlooked the fact that the big blizzard in the eastern seaboard states—while unusual for New York—is a common occurrence in Moscow.

Could this be another example of Russian infiltration?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

\$18 for Every Man, Woman, Child in U.S. Rate of '47 Profits

1. If at any time the company should offer any union official or member an attractive sum of money for the purpose of revealing precious union secrets or for the betrayal of any union member, then please bear this in mind:

2. You will be victim No. 1 as soon as the company accomplishes what it set out to do—break the union into little pieces. Even the company hates and mistreats a traitor after the traitor has served the company's purpose.

3. The company thinks more of its machines than it does of its workers' mental and physical health. Supervisors are known to jump all over workers whose machines have broken down despite the circumstance that the accused worker points out that others beside himself have used the machine in question and may have tampered with its adjustments.

The company also refuses to make proper adjustments of their lights even in places where the glare from 250 watt, unfrosted bulbs make conditions for those forced to work under them almost intolerable. Despite that this matter has been brought up twice in safety meetings, it remains unsettled.

They also refuse to provide decent desk chairs, although several have been purchased since the request for this went through for people in other departments.

Editor's note: As a rule, we don't give anonymous letters space; they're usually too vague to carry much weight and, for the most part, devoted to personalities which have no bearing on the concerns of Local Union 1010's membership. Portions of this one, which arrived at the Sentinel office unsigned, do, however, have merit and they are, therefore, being published. Sections of it have been deleted because they conflict with fundamental union policies. If the writer of this letter wishes a fuller explanation, he may have it, either by seeing the Editor privately, or by taking the matter up on the floor of a closed meeting of the Local Union.

WASHINGTON—(FP)—U. S. manufacturing corporations made an average profit of nearly \$18 for every man, woman and child in America during the second quarter of 1947, a joint report by the Securities & Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission revealed Dec. 28.

Lagging three months behind profit reports of banks and other private agencies, the government figures with their official aura show that dollar sales rose in the second quarter of the year over the first quarter, but that the profit rate was not so high. Manufacturing corporations sold \$36.9 billion worth of goods and made \$2.5 billion net income after taxes from April through June. In the earlier period they sold \$35.4 billion worth, but cleared \$2.7 billion profits.

Discounting exports, this would mean \$264 worth of goods were sold on the average to every person in the land during the 3-month period. The 5,500 corporations in 22 major industry groups covered in the government survey ended the first half of 1947 with \$25.2 billion worth of inventories, a gain of half a billion worth over the March figure.

While profits after taxes related to sales were 6.8%, the SEC-FTC report said stockholders post-tax profits were only 3.9%, indicating the firms were putting a large amount of profits into plant expansion, equipment and working capital.

Paper, lumber and their allied products industries showed the highest rate of profit on their stocks, while so-called medium sized outfits, between \$1 million and \$5 million, took the profit rate prize when considered on the basis of size.

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Keeping the current high overall tax rate and pushing through the administration's 10-point program against high prices must be the nation's major weapons against inflation, President Truman told Congress in his annual state of the union message January 7. But he added a call for a tax shift to benefit low income groups.

U. S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE RETURNS TO DEATH IN SPAIN

SEATTLE—(FP)—Deportees of six Spanish anti-fascists arrived in Portland last week. They had been held in stowaways on Columbus Liner and been upheld by the board of immigration appeals in Washington D. C.

The six men, now being held in the immigration detention center here, were informed of their release through their attorney Goodman. They will be permitted to proceed to Venezuela, some of them having friends there. Arrangements can be completed for the deportation order to be carried out.

"We are in a race with Goodman told Federated. "Two things are necessary: immediate procurement of visas to Venezuela and expenses to get there. To the young refugees means the difference between life and death."

Activities of several members of the sextet in the Spanish ground prior to their escape to Spain and refusal of three to serve under the Franco regime means they will face a firing squad if they are deported. All are vowed to take their own lives rather than return to Spain.

Port Agent Donald Womack of the Nat'l. Union of Marine & Stewards (CIO) wired Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) to request Atty. General Clark to grant a stay of execution which to obtain visas for the men and raise money for their legal expenses.

Womack said the deportees exposed the double-edged policy of the Truman administration "which with one hand would supposedly give aid to the people of Europe and with the other order these young anti-Franco workers to Franco's gallows."

DETROIT—(FP)—Plans key to the Detroit board of education speed up the teachers next year by crowding more pupils into classrooms. Numerous protests from local teachers' organizations are meeting with indifference from the American Federation of Teachers (AFL).



GERMAN No. 1 BRAIN RETURNED TO SPAIN EMPLOYED BY U.S. TO GYP WORKERS

BERLIN—(ALN)—A cur-
rency reform law for Ger-
many's U. S. and British
armies, on which Hitler's fi-
nal brain, Hjalmar
Schacht, has been an ad-
vocate, will raise prices 100%
while freezing wages at their
present levels, it has been
learned here.

Schacht, supposedly serving an
imprisonment term, was recently
transferred by American police
from a German camp near Lud-
wigsburg to a U. S.-run camp near
Königstein. He is now attached to
the German Finance Directorate
which has the job of developing
introducing the currency re-
form.

Questioned about Schacht's
present activities, U. S. officials
panicked that German authorities
had planned the combined U. S. and British
escapes—now popularly called Bi-
treaty—had requested Schacht's
advice. It is known, how-
ever, that Schacht has been offer-
ed a financial reform plan to the
S. S. Military Government ever
since he was released by the
Weizmann court in 1946. His re-
lease caused so much furor among
German people that he was
tried and convicted for war
crimes by a German denazification
court.

Result of the projected current-
regulations will be a drastic
in the purchasing power of
workers and a substantial increase
in the value of Bizonia's land and
capital assets—the bulk of which
is now in the hands of former
other bigwigs.

Schacht's appointment as finan-
cial adviser in Bizonia climaxed
years of cordial relations between
key Nazi and top U. S. industrialists. In 1933 Schacht met Re-
nunciation foreign policy expert
John Foster Dulles, whose firm of
Willian & Cromwell developed
Dulles' brother Allen, director
of the New York branch of the
German Schroeder Bank, worked closely with Schacht's
and banker and S. S. leader
Kurt von Schröder. Later
Schacht, as president of the Reichsbank,
appointed the New York
branch of the two
firms allowed to handle the
tip in which the Nazi government
paid holders of German dollar bonds.

When the allied armies were
advancing in 1944, Schacht sent
to Allen Dulles, then head-
ing the U. S. Office of Strategic
Services branch in Switzerland, to
discuss the basis for postwar co-
operation. Schacht, it is known,
suggested a "soft" peace for Ger-
many, projecting the idea that
the U. S. could obtain extensive
participation in the German econ-
omy in return. Schacht's suggestion
was later elaborated by John
Foster Dulles, who has been urg-
ing that the Ruhr be rebuilt as the
main U. S. arsenal in Europe.

NEWSREEL



IF HIGH PRICES ARE GETTING YOU DOWN
AND THE LANDLORD IS STARTING TO FROWN
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Victim

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called police headquarters and in-
formed them of the location and
urgency of the accident.

The intersection of Guthrie and
Broadway is in a section of
town which is heavily populated
by colored people.

"Just a moment," the desk man
answered Mrs. Mason, "I'll give
you the Sergeant." She repeated
the facts to the Sergeant on duty.

"Is the man white or colored?"
the Sergeant questioned bluntly.
"What difference does that
make; he's lying on the wet pave-
ment, probably dying," Mrs. Mason
snapped and hung up the re-
ceiver.

Several minutes later a patrol
wagon drew up along side the
knot of spectators who stood about the
injured man debating whether to
risk their own unskilled efforts
to aid him or wait professional at-
tendants.

The patrol wagon driver shoul-
dered through them, glanced briefly
at the victim, and, satisfied
that the inert figure was not a
Negro's, inquired for the nearest
available phone.

"They sent me to find out
whether or not he's a white man,"
he remarked casually to the by-
standers, most of whom were col-
ored. Using the beauty shop phone,
the driver perfunctorily called for
an ambulance to take the injured
man to the hospital.

Paul Rybinski, age 57, is sur-
vived by his widow, two daughters,
and a son.

British and Americans Arm Greek Gov't For War on People

LONDON—(ALN)—The British
press, which has for many
months given major headlines to
allegations that Greek guerrillas
are receiving help from Greece's
northern neighbor, is now dis-
cussing openly the role which
Britain and the U. S. are playing in
the Greek government's military
maneuvers.

According to News Chronicle re-
porter Stephen Barber, with the
Greek government's 8th mountain
division, the Greek civil war "is
like the fighting the 8th Army saw
through the Appenines, north of
Florence—in miniature, of course."

"So much so that it gives you
a funny feeling to see those old
familiar British tin hats and the
khaki Greeks are now wearing
moving across the hills. Standing
beside Brig. Saunders-Jacob, famed
commander of the Gurkhas in the
old 4th Indian Division—now
British delegate on the United Nations
Balkan subcommittee—I got
feeling the more sharply."

In describing the action, Barber
writes: "Flying in pairs, Spitfires
kept up a constant patrol and
every now and again one would
angle sharply down into the val-
ley beyond to strafe rebel posi-
tions."

Reports from Athens disclose
that the press there is dissatisfied
with the amount of military aid
sent so far by the U. S.

The royalist newspaper Acropolis
asks: "What are the Americans doing?" And its answer is:
"The American navy must enter
the Aegean. The American army
must seal the Greek borders." Sup-
porting this view is the newspaper
Embro, which is supposed to re-
flect the views of the Greek general
staff. More direct interven-
tion by the U. S. in the Greek civil
war is needed, the paper insists.

While expressing concern that
Greek guerrillas are allegedly re-
ceiving outside aid, the influential
conservative London Times ob-
serves that "no guerrilla movement
could exist for long or achieve
important successes if it did not
possess the backing of a consider-
able section of the people among
whom it operates."

1010 Helps

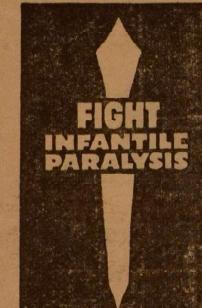
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ere to obtain membership in the
Brotherhood of Teamsters on the
spot.

Unloading operations were im-
mediately resumed by the CIO
voluntary work detail and con-
tinued without further interruption.

The question of whether or not
the Morgan Canneries is a union
concern was raised some weeks ago
on the floor of local 1010. The
Lake County Industrial Union
Council, which was notified by
1010, returned no report that the
Morgan plant is on the unfair list.
Financial Secretary Tom Conway
was assured by management of the
firm that their plant employees
were working under a union con-
tract. They are not, however, af-
filiated with either the CIO or
AFL. Printing of all matter put
out by the Morgan Company car-
ries the AFL label.

Distribution of the \$7,000 worth
of canned food handled by 1010
in this transaction began Wednes-
day, January 8. Orders were
filled according to the forms
turned in some weeks ago and
those who submitted them were
notified by mail when to pick their
orders up.

All work incident to the canned
food sale was done without re-
muneration by volunteer workers
from among 1010's membership.



MARCH OF DIMES
JANUARY 15-30

Job Shop Typos in Deadlock as News Strike Nears 3rd Mo.

Type setters in the job shops
are getting the same kind of stall-
ing from the Franklin Association,
a combination of jobbing printers
parallel to the Publishers' Asso-
ciation, that has kept newspaper
typos on the bricks since Novem-
ber 24th.

Contrary to reports, the Frank-
lin Association has not offered
wage increases nor made any defi-
nite counter proposals to the AFL
printers' demand in these negoti-
ations. As with the publishers,
job shop owners are insisting upon
Chicago Typographical Union No.
16 signing a yellow dog contract
before they will discuss wages.

Work is going forward as usual
pending arrival of International
President Randolph, expected with-
in days. Although what will de-
velop from the general meeting
called at that time is a matter of
conjecture, it is generally believed
that a strike against the Franklin
Association may be forthcoming.

Since tying up the job shops
would put a halt to advertising
being contracted to these places
by the struck newspapers, the
newspaper type setters' strike,
would, in all probability be brought
to a quick conclusion.

Peoples Federal Shows Gains

The Peoples Federal Savings
and Loan Association of East Chi-
cago in its year-end statement to-
day reported marked increases in
savings, resources and loans dur-
ing 1947.

Total resources were reported
at \$2,711,582.87, a gain of more
than \$563,000.00 above a year
ago. Share savings account totalled
\$1,959,369.12, a new high for the
association, up \$366,000.00 from
December 31, 1946.

Mortgage loans aggregating \$1,-
153,650.00 were made by the As-
sociation. Of this sum \$307,500.00
was loaned to veterans under the
G.I. Bill of Rights.

Officers also reported that \$37,-
200.00 was added to reserves of
the association, bringing the amount
of reserves to more than
\$162,000.00. A dividend of 2½
was paid to savings members.

The association is the oldest in
Lake county.

Effect of discrimination in educa-
tion: 11 per cent of whites, but
only 3 per cent of non-whites,
have completed at least a year of
college.

The average purchase price of
homes in Wichita, Kans., rose from
\$2,744 in 1942 to \$6,847 in 1947.

Murray Urges

Labor Support

March of Dimes

New York, Dec. 15—Full CIO support for the 1948 March of Dimes was pledged today by Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

In a letter to Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis which sponsors the annual March of Dimes appeal on behalf of polio victims, Mr. Murray pledged CIO union members to "complete and wholehearted cooperation" in the 1948 drive, January 15-30.

Wishing the National Foundation "every success" on its tenth anniversary, Mr. Murray, a member of the Foundation's board of trustees, wrote:

"We of the organized labor movement have a particular interest in the great and humanitarian work of this organization, established ten years ago by the late President Roosevelt."

"In the past decade, we have witnessed the realization of a vision. Each year, contributions to the March of Dimes have made it possible for the National Foundation to bring a full measure of hope and assistance to tens of thousands of Americans stricken by infantile paralysis."

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"As in former years," Mr. Murray concluded, "the members of the Congress of Industrial Organizations are proud to join in the battle against infantile paralysis by actively endorsing, supporting and joining the 1948 March of Dimes."

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WALLACE STRENGTH GAINED FROM BOTH PARTIES IN POLL

BOSTON — (FP) — Henry A. Wallace already has 11% of the total Massachusetts vote or about 215,000 votes, according to the first public opinion poll to be completed since he announced his third party candidacy for the Presidency.

Another 15% of Bay State voters are "undecided" on Wallace, according to the sample poll just completed by the Boston Globe, politically nonpartisan.

Wallace draws support both from the Republicans and Democrats, the poll shows. Nationally and locally, its figures are perhaps the most startling to confront politicians since the recent Chicago elections, when a local third party rolled up over 300,000 votes in its first appearance on the ballot. Overnight, the poll's figures have made the Progressive Citizens of America a force to be considered in this state.

The Globe's basis of comparison was the 1944 Roosevelt-Dewey election. The poll said Wallace draws more heavily from the Democrats so that he makes the state "a 50-50 proposition" between Republicans and Democrats.

But in 1946 some 300,000 Massachusetts voters who had voted for Roosevelt and Gov. Maurice Tobin in 1944 failed to go to the polls to support Tobin and, indirectly, Pres. Truman. Presumably they would stay away again this year unless Wallace runs, or

Rockford AFL, CIO Cooperate for '48

ROCKFORD, Ill. — (FP) — Groundwork organization for the biggest union political activity in this city's history has been completed by the AFL and CIO.

Invitations from a functioning joint AFL-CIO steering committee have gone out to the railroad brotherhoods, the Int'l. Ass'n. of Machinists (unaffiliated) and all veterans' organizations to affiliate with the movement.

Stimulus for creation of the joint committee came from labor's campaign against the Taft-Hartley Act which, ironically, clamps down on political action by unions.

A committee composed of two representatives each from the AFL and CIO plans to meet with the Republican and Democratic central committees to find out who they have available for Congress. The labor political leaders said they will organize to support liberal candidates, regardless of their party labels.

WASHINGTON — (FP) — There are approximately 115 congressional districts in the country represented by Democrats and Republicans who voted for the Taft-Hartley act and who won office by margins of not more than 10 per cent.

so Wallace supporters say.

The Globe poll says Wallace would get about 152,281 votes from the Roosevelt supporters of 1944 and about 62,416 from Dewey supporters. Wallace supporters here say his strength taken from the Republicans would be proportionately far greater in the west.

General Replaces Last New Dealer In Truman's Govt.

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Crossing up his critics and the tipsters, Pres. Truman Jan. 8 nominated another general rather than another banker to succeed James M. Landis as chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Landis, a Roosevelt liberal, was dropped by Truman Dec. 31 when it was announced he would not be re-appointed.

To succeed him, Truman has picked Maj. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, 42, a West Pointer, and asked Congress to adopt special legislation to preserve the general's military rights while serving in a civilian capacity.

White House Press Secretary Charles Ross said Gen. Kuter's nomination, which must be approved by the Senate, will not be forwarded to the Capitol unless or until the requested legislation protecting his army rights is enacted.

NEW YORK — (FP) — The International Typographical Union (AFL) was hit on another flank when the NLRB issued a complaint on behalf of commercial printers of four cities, charging the union and five of its locals with unfair labor practices. The attack came as the ITU was defending itself against a similar NLRB assault pressed by newspaper publishers under Taft-Hartley law provisions.



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Tandaric

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Foreign Born, who has been handling Brother Tandaric's case, reported Saturday that the Immigration and Naturalization Service had been ordered to re-open the case. Burden of proof that Steve Tandaric belongs, or ever has belonged, to an organization advocating overthrow of the government by force and violence, rests upon the prosecution.

A sheaf of resolutions two feet thick, from labor organizations protesting prosecution of Brother Tandaric, which lie filed with the legal brief, is the chief reason why he has not already been deported, Attorney Englander stated. Case of the Immigration Service against Tandaric was based on a technicality of his re-entry into the United States following his service with the International Brigade in Spain.

Steve Tandaric, a charter member of 1010, has been loyally supported by the local union throughout the term of his prosecution, imprisonment, and subsequent deportation proceedings. At present, he is employed by the firm of Harbison-Walker in East Chicago.

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Although she was born in enly, Juanita says that ca and mannerisms of the Ma people seem strange to her spite all the short comings northern industrial city, she fers East Chicago; it's home. Bull fighting, Miss Arre reports, is entirely too dan to nerves accustomed to sp bloodier than softball. She tended one in the world cele Plaza of Mexico, Mexico. None of the bulls won but it was a near thing a o of times.

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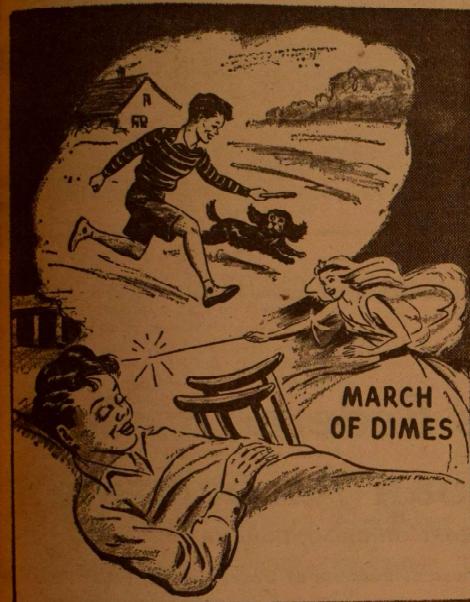
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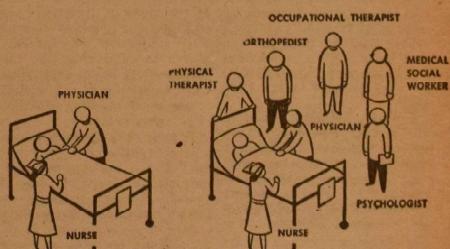
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Baby Girl Saved. The life of eight-month-old Sandra Sue Fouch (above) of Circleville, O., was saved when the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis rushed a baby respirator to her in the nick of time at a Columbus, O., hospital. Many instances such as this are made possible by the dimes and dollars contributed to the annual March of Dimes appeal January 15-30.

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Wallace Pro and Con Grows In CIO Unions

PHILADELPHIA — (FP) — Indorsement of Henry A. Wallace for President and a recommendation that all affiliated locals work for his election on a third party ticket was voted by the executive board of the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers (CIO) January 8.

Wallace's candidacy, the board said, "offers the American people a real voice in choosing the kind of domestic and foreign policy they shall live under." Both President Truman and the "various Republican hopefuls," it said, "offer the people no real choice for 1948."

"Both follow the same warlike foreign policy and the same reactionary domestic plan," it continued. "The Truman doctrine, the Marshall plan and the whole of the so-called bipartisan foreign policy add up to the same thing—intervention and the danger of a new world war abroad and depression at home."

"The easy passage of the Taft-Hartley act with less than a majority of the Democrats in the Senate supporting Truman's token veto, the silence of the White House as Congress moves to wreck the wage-hour act and the utter failure of both to lower the cost of living show that workers have nothing to gain from support of the Presidential candidates of either of the two old parties."

The FTA resolution was adopted before CIO President Philip Murray wired all international unions urging them to hold off on Presidential indorsements until after a PAC policy meeting in Washington January 23.

The indorsement was the first to come from an international union since Wallace entered the '48 race. President Harry Bridges of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (CIO) has announced his personal support for Wallace, and the executive board of the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers (CIO) called on him to run for President before he officially became a candidate.

NEW YORK — (FP) — The Greater New York CIO Council January 8 condemned a statement adopted three days earlier by the state CIO board attacking Henry A. Wallace's candidacy for President.

The city CIO resolution rejected the state organization's charge that the Wallace campaign will be harmful to the labor movement. It termed this "an unwarranted attack upon the motives of responsible union members and leaders who have come forward in support of Mr. Wallace."

It added that the state position "represents as well roundabout attempt to commit the state CIO to President Truman in the 1948 election."

The council's action followed an appeal by CIO President Philip Murray to withhold indorsement of Presidential candidates until after a PAC meeting in Washington January 23. Earlier opinion had anticipated an outright council indorsement of Wallace.

New Officers of NAACP Youth Group Installed Sunday

Courageously assuming leadership in the face of the myriad problems which confront colored boys and girls on the threshold of adulthood, newly elected officials of the NAACP Youth Council were installed in office at the Masonic Temple, 3715 Butternut St., Sunday afternoon, January 11.

Those assuming office for 1948 are: Mary Davidson, President; Wendell Campbell, Vice President; Ethel Williams, Recording Secretary; Jean Campbell, Corresponding Secretary; Lorena Spencer, Treasurer; Ernestine Cofield, Reporter; Leitha Cofield, Research Director; Rudolph Dawson, Chairman Entertainment Committee.

Oath of office was administered by James Hunter. A social hour followed the installation ceremony.

PIN-UP BOY



SYMBOL OF HOPE—The March of Dimes poster child Jan. 15-30 will be spunky little Terry Tullus, 3-year-old polio victim of Laurel, Miss., shown above. His picture, symbolizing the objectives of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, will appear on thousands of March of Dimes posters in January. Stricken with polio before he could walk, Terry is expected to regain the full use of his legs—thanks to the March of Dimes.

Truman Message Good and Bad Says Sen. Taylor

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Pres. Truman's state of the union message to Congress Jan. 7 brought a comment of mixed praise and condemnation from Sen. Glen Taylor (D., Ida.), prominently mentioned as a possible running mate for Henry A. Wallace on an independent presidential ticket in 1948.

An outstanding opponent of the administration's foreign program, Taylor nevertheless said the Truman message was "vigorous and forthright . . . I will fight tooth and toenail to obtain congressional enactment of the President's excellent domestic program."

Coming in for special mention was Truman's proposal to develop natural resources, flood control programs and public power. Taylor also hailed the President's backing of health insurance legislation, his proposal of \$40 individual tax cuts and his endorsement of legislation to enforce civil rights.

But Taylor said he wished Truman "had carried his belief in constitutional liberties into the field of the right of American citizens to think and speak as they please. The subjection of federal employees to something like the old Japanese Thought Police and to condemnation without trial is one of the most shocking violations of civil rights today."

Saying that Truman in foreign policy "continues to rely on others," Taylor said the message "did nothing to allay my deep fears that his foreign program—which is also the Republican party's foreign policy—is leading us to war."

While he talks of peace, he proposes to draft our young men into the army. He has nice words for the United Nations, but wants to continue to by-pass it."

Assailing the banker-military crowd that are running U. S. foreign policy, Taylor said: "I wish the President would realize that men like these disagree completely with his domestic program; that their formulation of foreign policy is dictated by the same reactionary attitudes which inspire Sen. Taft and Rep. Taber to fight his domestic program. These men have a place in Dewey or Taft administration—in a liberal administration they are obstructive and incongruous."

The number of farms having central-station electric service has increased from 750,000 to 8,500,000 in the 12 years of the Rural Electrification Administration, leaving 39 per cent of U. S. farms without such service.

Strike Against Post Deferred By Gary Guild

Although strike action has been authorized by the membership, leadership of the Gary Guild, ANG-CIO, decided Monday, January 12, to explore NLRB precedents to combat firing of Guild VP Charles Smith by the Gary Post Tribune.

At a meeting between Guild representatives and Post Tribune management, also held Monday, J. R. Snyder, publisher, reiterated his refusal to permit the matter of Smith's dismissal to go to arbitration. Only concession which the publisher will make is arbitration of dismissal pay.

By contract stipulations, ANG members discharged by the Gary Post Tribune are entitled to 1 day's pay for every week of employment. In Smith's case, there is an accumulation of 18 weeks' pay involved.

William Auer, International Representative of the American Newspaper Guild, participated both in the meeting with the publishers and in the later conference at which it was decided to defer strike action until legalistic means were exhausted.

Guild President Joe Kutch, Allen Naive, Bieryl Ann Borwell, and Henry Barnett comprise the Gary Guild committee negotiating this dispute.

Charles Smith, staff photographer, is one of the early organizers

Rankin Committee And GLK Smith Same Payroll—S

TULSA, Okla.—(FP)—L. K. Smith said here Jan. 6 he has the same financial as two leading members of House committee on Un-American activities.

Smith's statement came committee chairman J. P. Thomas (R., N. J.) announced a subcommittee headed by John McDowell (R., Pa.), to begin long-delayed hearings the racial pamphlets and hacking of the native fascist

"If my financial backing me a fascist, then it makes McDowell and Mr. Thomas

cists," Smith asserted, "in instances the same people gave money to the political paiges of McDowell and Thomas have contributed money to

The names of his backers added, "will sound very familiar to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Joe Martin Mass.), speaker of the House Representatives, Mr. McDowell other fine statesmen now in

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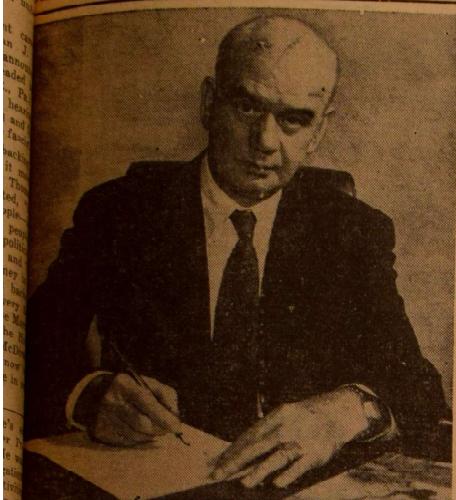
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WASHINGTON—(FP)—The position of the CIO Political Action Committee on the 1948 election campaign, especially in regard to the third party movement, will be outlined by CIO Pres. Philip Murray in a nationwide radio broadcast Jan. 30.

Speaking over the NBC network at 10:45 p. m. (EST), Murray will discuss the political picture one week after the CIO-PAC meets to determine its policy toward the elections.

Director Jack Kroll has urged all CIO unions to insure a large listening audience, and has suggested that CIO-PAC block workers make the Murray radio talk an occasion for calling neighborhood meetings.

Candidates Woo Labor in Bids for November Presidential Election

Thermometers may have registered below zero last week, but wherever politicians were it was hotter than steel mill in August. Presidential aspirants were busily running up for summer conventions and fall elections; sports-minded observers wondered if some of the candidates weren't already showing signs of go stale from over-training.

Both Pres. Truman's "state of union" and budget messages Congress were regarded as more at voters than at a Republican Congress. The latter most recent message did not seem likely to be of much assistance to the incumbent, calling as it did for huge military expenditures (11 billion dollars for army, air force) and minute contrast—requests for cash in which to solve some of the people's problems.

The President asked 37 million low cost housing, one million fight discrimination in employment. Joe Blow compared these to the 400 million asked to the not-yet-existent Universal Military Training program.

Remember in November
In the other hand, no one could say that the Democrats were king like little beavers to win over who might influence working people, especially to "remember Harry" in November. Considered brought into the fold included railway brotherhood chief P. Whitney, who swallowed a few previous words and came last week endorsing Truman re-election in the name of 1,000 members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen."

The only BRT member the Senate could reach for comment on Whitney's endorsement refused to consider the fact that this is a family newspaper, but his remarks bore out the views of political newswriter Ed Lahey and others who cast doubt on the value of the "conversions" of Whitney and others.

Said Lahey, "Only a few left-wing labor leaders will stick their necks out for Wallace at the beginning. Most of the other union officials will no doubt be in Truman's camp. Yet there remains the possibility that hundreds of thousands of organized workers will sense the intellectual bankruptcy of the Truman administration before their leaders are willing to admit it."

T-H "Truman's Fault"

Henry A. Wallace himself, speaking Jan. 17 to the Chicago convention of the Progressive Citizens of America, lashed out at Truman precisely on his labor record. The former vice president termed the Taft-Hartley Act "the inevitable product of President Truman's demands to both the 79th Congress and the 80th Congress for anti-labor legislation."

Wallace's speech, clearly directed at trade unionists, was regarded as summarizing his labor program for his presidential campaign. Seven major points were made:

- There must be an immediate substantial increase in workers' wages.
- The Taft-Hartley Act must be repealed.
- The Fair Labor Standards Act should be amended to provide a \$1-an-hour minimum wage.
- The protection of the Fair Labor Standards Act must be extended to "workers not now covered" by it, and the 40-hour week

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CIO Ex. Board Reject Third Party 33-11

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Flatfooted opposition to a third party in 1948 was linked with renewed endorsement of the Marshall plan in a strongly worded policy resolution adopted by the CIO executive board Jan. 22 by a 33 to 11 vote.

After a full day of heated discussion behind closed doors, the adoption of the resolution was followed by a news conference at which Pres. Philip Murray said there is "moral obligation" upon CIO members "to comport themselves" in accordance with the decision, but that "there is no compulsion for them to do so." He also declared that "there is no obligation on national unions to follow

Adopted 8 to 1 by the CIO vice presidents meeting with Murray and Sec.-Treas. James B. Carey Jan. 21, the resolution opened with a section of the CIO convention resolution of 1944 voicing a decision to "abstain from and discourage any move in the direction of a third party."

Continuing, it said: "Like then we believe now it is politically unwise to inject a third party into the political scene in 1948.

"We do not agree with the argument that a third party presidential campaign would mean a larger vote and a greater possibility of electing progressive Senators and Congressmen. We believe that our support of a third party would weaken the possibility of electing a progressive Congress.

"We of the CIO are determined to continue to work for international peace, for the adoption and implementation of the Marshall plan, for a strengthened United Nations. We believe the time has come for the initiation of a world program of disarmament. We deplore the increased influence of the military in domestic affairs and are opposed to universal military training."

The resolution reiterated the CIO's demand for a domestic program stressing price control and rationing, a "substantially higher minimum hourly wage," broadened social security and health programs, housing, progressive taxation, advancement of civil rights and repeal of the Taft-Hartley act.

Realization of the program, it said, depended on the election of a House and Senate willing to implement it, and the resolution called for wholehearted support to the CIO Political Action Committee, with particular stress on the local level.

In conclusion, the resolution rejected the argument that progressives could be elected in 1952 by giving the public "a taste of real reaction between now and then." We cannot accept this statement as being true. Reaction, once entrenched, attempts to destroy its opposition. The CIO takes the position that:

"1. At this time the CIO is in no way committed to any presidential aspirant;

"2. We should not support a third-party movement in 1948;

"3. We should do everything possible to put our domestic and international programs into effect;

"4. We should use our full strength, undivided, in an effort

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Arbitrator Rules for Inland in Firing of Asst. Griever—Right of Employees to Refuse Overtime OKed

Firing of Hugh McGilvery, former Assistant Griever for the Mechanical Department, March 5, 1947, was upheld in a decision of the case handed down the week of January 11, 1948, by Arbitrator Charles O. Gregory.

Although the arbitration's decision upholds management in firing McGilvery for interfering with management's right of ordering men to work overtime, it also holds that foremen can only request, they cannot order employees to work more than their standard work day of eight hours.

In essence, Gregory ruled that employees may refuse to work overtime, but if they organize to refuse such work, they are in violation of the agreement and the union representative who acts as their spokesman may be discharged for the offense.

It is significant that less than two weeks after McGilvery's arbitrary discharge, millwrights in the 44" slab yard, who also refused overtime, were merely given a token reprimand. History of Local Union 1010 is filled with instances of department wide refusals of men to work other than their regularly scheduled time. Punishment has been administered for this alleged offense only in the case of the mechanical department's Assistant Griever.

Charles O. Gregory is a professor of Law in the University of Chicago. Edward L. Ryerson, Chairman of Inland Steel's Board of Directors, is also the second Vice Chairman of the University of Illinois' Board of Trustees. Two other members of the University's Board of Trustees, upon whose approval Gregory's professorship depends, are Clarence B. Randall, Vice President of Inland Steel, and Sewell Avery, head of Montgomery Ward.

Avery, it will be recalled, had to be forcibly removed from his office by soldiers in 1944 before he would obey the Wagner Labor Relations Act and bargain with his employees.

That Professor Gregory prefers

DISSENTERS FROM TOP CIO DECISION STILL PRO-WALLACE

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The right-wing argument that a third party in 1948 will send a reactionary Republican to the White House was scornfully rejected Jan. 22 by Pres. Harry Bridges of the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (CIO), as based on the false premise that Pres. Truman could be re-elected anyway.

The longshoremen's spokesman declared flatly he was for Henry Wallace for President and that the Democrats won't have the "chance of a snowball in hell" of electing Truman.

Bridges, one of the 11 CIO board members who dissented from the policy resolution calling third party action "politically unwise," made his stand at a press conference held jointly with Pres. Hugh Bryson of the Marine Cooks' & Stewards' Assn. (CIO).

Another statement, issued separately, came from Pres. Albert J. Fitzgerald of the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO), stressing the autonomy of CIO affiliates and their right to "support or not support any candidate" they see fit.

Bryson, who is chairman of the Independent Progressive Party of California, declared it had 10,000 "petition pushers" in the Golden State seeking 275,970 names to qualify it for a place on the ballot

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Future Food Sales Depend on Number Willing to Work

"He who does not work, neither shall he eat," the relentless slogan voiced by exponents of classless society, is particularly applicable to local union 1010 at this juncture of its affairs.

Whether or not Inlanders get another crack at cost-priced canned goods depends upon how many of them are willing to give a few hours of their off time to handling the stuff at the point of distribution. Selling the goods strictly at cost prohibits even nominal payment for labor. Unloading, storing, sorting and packaging must, therefore, be done by those members of the local loyal enough to the common interest to kick in with a little sweat and muscle.

Although half a hundred indicated that they would be available when the trucks arrived, the more than \$7,000 worth of canned goods which comprised the recently concluded sale was handled by less than a dozen of the most active members.

Burden of the work and responsibility fell to Financial Secretary Tom Conway. Brother Conway, who gave the sandman a way,

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CIO Okay of Marshall Plan Not Unanimous

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON—(FP)—A call to fight for the CIO legislative program, including the Marshall plan, the stemming of inflation, control of prices and repeal of the Taft-Hartley act was adopted by the CIO executive board Jan. 23.

CIO Pres. Philip Murray said the resolution was adopted on a voice vote, "with some opposition" to the endorsement for the Marshall plan.

Immediately afterwards, Harry Bridges of the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union released a formal statement sharply attacking the Marshall plan as "an aid program proposed by a Wall Street-military dominated administration, which a reactionary Congress has developed, aiming at American big business economic control of Europe."

The resolution said the European Recovery Program, and the reconstruction and stabilization at increasingly high levels of world economy, stand side by side with the necessity of removing the fever of inflation in our own economic system.

"On the ERP, we must support the position set forth in the foreign policy resolution adopted at the convention; we must prevent emanulation of a practical ERP."

On the home front, the resolution called for putting into effect the recommendations of the President's civil rights report; preventing the imposition of universal military training, extension of social security and for civilian control of atomic energy.

Bridges' statement said the original Marshall aid "idea" would be acceptable to the people and the world, but today it "is not the idea expressed by Gen. Marshall last June."

The Bridges attack defined the ERP now as an attempt to "re-build and reestablish Germany under the direction and control of the same German and Wall Street business interests which financed and supported the rise of Hitler to power;" to saddle upon the European countries "against their will, with the American big business free-enterprise system by making it actually a condition for receiving aid;" and to "divide the world into two worlds and to make it impossible for those nations that insist upon retaining their sovereignty and integrity to participate collectively in the reconstruction of Europe."

Bridges said the open sponsorship and control by Wall Street of ERP "makes clear the gross misrepresentation by CIO Sec.-Treas. Carey that Wall Street opposes the Marshall plan." He closed by charging that the same reactionaries backing ERP are "engineering the drive against the American people and the labor movement here at home."

IWA-CIO Pres. May Be Recalled For Laying Down to T-H

VANCOUVER, B. C.—(ALN)—Delegates to the 11th annual district convention of the Int'l. Woodworkers (CIO) here voted by a large majority for a membership referendum to recall IWA Pres. James Fadling.

The recall resolution was passed after former IWA Vice Pres. Karl Larsen, who was forced to resign when he refused to sign a Taft-Hartley affidavit, informed the Canadian district parley that IWA Dist. 2 in northern Washington was instituting measures for such a referendum. Fadling's compliance with the Taft-Hartley act was cited as the reason for the movement to recall him.

The Canadian district specifically cited its opposition to Fadling's expulsion of Int'l. Trustee Jack Greenall some weeks ago because of the latter's refusal to sign a Taft-Hartley affidavit.

M&D No Longer 'Mean & Dirty'; Girls Win Better Conditions

Five dollars a week raise, time and one-half over eight hours a day or forty hours a week, and uniforms provided free, were all gained by Miner and Dunn's counter girls in negotiations which were completed Monday, January 26.

Best part of the new conditions, for which the girls began negotiating by tying up all M&D's canteens at Inland for nearly two days last December, is abatement of M&D's bargain basement gaspao system. Rest periods are not clearly defined, but the counter girls take breaks whenever they're indicated. Telephone calls, for legitimate purposes are permitted and the bonus system has been abolished.

Inventories are, however, still required of the girls three times daily, and food is as carefully weighed and accounted for as it was before the girls voted with their feet to modernize M&D's industrial relationship.

Negotiations, under supervision of Staff Representative Joe Jeneske, were carried on for the counter girls by their chairman, Margaret Matthews, Sec. Doris Ross, and the committee of canTeen stewards.

Rumored Moving of Marktown Pupils Blasted by Board

Irked by a rumored School Board transfer of Marktown pupils from Roosevelt and Harrison schools on the Harbor side of the canal, a delegation of Marktown parents, which descended upon the Board of Education meeting, Tuesday, January 13, found itself charging a windmill.

Rudolph Jarabak, trustee, told the assembled citizens that no large scale transfer of pupils in East Chicago's public schools is contemplated at this time. No group nor organization, Mr. Jarabak said further, has urged such a move upon the Board of Education.

Petitions, protesting redistricting and bearing the signatures of more than three hundred and fifty Marktown residents, were presented to the Board by a spokesman for the group. School children from that part of the community, he told members of the Board, have built up definite relationships in the schools which they now attend and are reluctant to have these relationships broken off. Parents of the students, he added, support their children's wishes.

Mrs. Hattie Carter, president of the Citizens' Action Committee, told the Board and the delegation from Marktown that redistricting was not a part of the recommendations put forward by the group which she represents. The Citizens' Action Committee is the organization which has been pressuring school authorities for the past three months to end discrimination against Negro students in Washington High School. The CAC's proposals, Mrs. Carter explained, are confined to administrative practices; they do not mention redistribution of the students.

Representing the East Chicago PAC, which supports the program of the Citizens' Action Committee to abolish discrimination, Vice President Meskimen stated at that meeting that he was aware of no move toward redistricting of East Chicago's schools.

Because Trustees Jarabak and Kwiat refuse to deal with discrimination in the schools in the absence of Board President Michael Havran, no further action was taken on that issue. Mr. Havran, who has been vacationing in Florida, is expected to return in time for the meeting of February 10.

A rumor that the East Chicago Board of Education is thinking of changing an admittance fee to Board meetings is also without basis.

Krupsaw & Markovich To Attend Labor Legionnaires' Confab

Brothers Sam Krupsaw and Ted Markovich were designated by the Executive Board Thursday night, January 15, to represent Local Union 1010 at a convention of the National Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires to be held January 31 and February 1.

The National Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires is composed exclusively of union members within the American Legion. Their primary objective is liberalizing traditional anti-labor policies of the American Legion by organizing support for pro-labor measures among the majority of the Legion's members.

Nationally known liberals who belong to this group are Richard Riesinger, Meyer Bernstein, Tom Neill, Paul Schnur, and Fred C. Piper.

The conference of January 31 will take place in the Sherman Hotel, Chicago.

GOOD LUCK, RED

Charles "Red" McGregor has been selected by management for a newly created position, Assistant Manager of the pipe shop.

Chiefly known as a sports promoter for the union, the jobs taken on and carried out by Red McGregor for the advancement of Local Union's 1010's interest are too many and varied to account for in one article.

Unique among leading members of the Local, Red is not, and never has been a fanaticist. When there was food to be gotten for a picketline, or details to be arranged for any undertaking, Red could always be depended upon to take the situation in hand without figuring which side he was helping or hurting.

With no intent to disparage Brother McGregor's capabilities as a supervisor, few active members of the Local doubt that his promotion is primarily a move by the company to buy a good union man. But things can only be bought which are for sale and nobody who knows McGregor doubts his loyalty to the workers of Inland Steel.

The Sentinel expresses the feeling of Local Union 1010 in wishing Brother McGregor the best there is in his new undertaking.

Workers Urged By Gov't To Check On Social Security

The Federal Government urges workers to check on their social security accounts once a year—the amount of wages reported by their employers and credited to their accounts. It is important that these accounts be correct since they are used to determine the benefits payable to the worker and his family later on. Any mistakes can be corrected if reported within 4 years from the date the wages were paid. Mistakes can occur if the worker has not given his employer his correct name and social security number, or if the employer has not made out his social security tax return accurately. Any Social Security Field Office will give you a postcard form to use in asking for a statement of your account.

Do you know your social security rights? Older men and women can draw social security retirement payments even though they have worked less than 10 years on jobs that come under social security. The exact length of time required depends on the worker's age. It may be as little as 1½ years before July 1, 1940. About 10 years is required for persons who will not be 65 until 1957 or later. Work and wages count toward social security even after age 65. The nearest Social Security Field Office can tell you whether you're eligible for social security retirement payments.

No man can ever be hurt except by what he does to himself.—Oscar Wilde.

Just Routine

"I don't expect to get married for a long time," a Hollywood star announces. You probably won't, dearie. Very few of you get married for a long time.

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

TEN HEARTH
Crate machinists' beef, concerning duties and schedules, was settled January 1, at a meeting between Superintendent Lawton and Grievances Lutes and Powell and assisted by a rank and file committee of the aggregate machinists.

Returning to a former arrangement, the crane machinists will work a six and two schedule, one gang will be kept on a half day shift, and oldest men, point of seniority, have the right to choose the 8 to 4 turn. No new cuts were made in the ranks, and weekly time of the gangs, and weekly time each man will not be reduced more than 18 hours.

Youngest repairman in each gang is obliged to do acetylene welding with the accompanying supervision that supervision will provide an extra man in his place in event that he is required to work a major portion of the shift in a burning torch.

Company stalling of these matters was rounded up Thursday, January 16. Ordered to burn, without any agreement being reached, Repairman 2nd Class Bob Leek went instead to the tool shop at 9 A.M. All other crane machinists on #2 Floor Crane Repair went with Brother Leek to where they were joined quickly as the word got around. Superintendent Lawton warned machinists that they were in violation of agreement and subjection to discipline. Two of the gang proceeded to #2 canteen and returned with coffee for the return of their Superintendent Lawton returned presently to his office.

At 3 P.M. he came back and met to meet with Grievance Committee, the International representative, and members of crane machinists' crew no later than the next afternoon. If Phil Gray had been closer than Pittsburgh, Lawton probably would have included him, too. #2 crane, minus one trolley rail, beginning to choke the whole in a heap.

Members of the crane machinists' committee who assisted with day's negotiations are: Gene Moore, Hutchinson, George A., Scotty Porter, Johnny G., and Bob Leek.

and #2 O.H. Motor Inspectors Rate Adjusted.

Waiting only for the Grievance Committee Men of #1 and #2 Ten Hearths to check the job descriptions before going into effect, agreement has been reached with management to classify more inspectors in three instead of four job ratings in those departments. Job titles and their respective rates of pay under the new setup are: "Senior Motor Inspector," \$1.58 an hour; "Junior Motor Inspector," \$1.44 an hour, and "Motor Inspector Helper," \$1.26 1/2 hour.

Based of the Grievors' arguments in this setup is settlement of a grievance which was filed in #1 Ten Hearth in 1946. Before that time, Motor Inspectors were divided into four classifications. Although Senior Motor Inspectors assigned to rebuilding motors performed substantially the same work as those whose regular job was answering emergency calls, the first named group drew \$0.07 an hour less than the others.

Motor Inspector Helpers on shift work, who answered emergency calls and who performed work requiring skill and responsibility second only to that of Senior Motor Inspectors, were paid the same as M.I. Helpers. Working under constant supervision of higher rated men, Helpers were far less demanding than those made upon M.I. Helpers assigned to floor work.

Establishment of that grievance established one classification for both groups of Senior Motor Inspectors at the (then) top rate of \$1.27 an hour. The job title "Motor Inspector" was created for M.I. Helpers assigned to

shift work at a rate of \$1.13 an hour. Classification of M.I. Helpers on rebuilds remained the same. Found to be satisfactory, that setup lasted until the Wage Rate Inequity Program went into effect last June 28. Under the Inequity Program, management has once again divided the Motor Inspectors into four classifications, with Senior Motor Inspectors on rebuilds drawing \$1.07 an hour less than the top rate.

Under the adjustment worked out at this time, all Senior Motor Inspectors will receive the same rate, \$1.58 an hour, and the "Junior Motor Inspector rate, \$1.44 an hour, will remain as an intermediate between Senior Motor Inspector and Motor Inspector Helper.

A standard bonus of not less than 5 per cent of their hourly pay is included in the agreement.

Differences between the rates of Senior Motor Inspectors will be made retroactively to June 28, 1947, the date upon which the Inequity Program became operative.

28" MILL

Based on the company's own manual of job classifications, rate for shearmen, 28" mill warehouse, is \$1.47 an hour. Employees on that job are, however, drawing \$1.26 an hour. There are two more cases of similar discrepancies between rates established by classification and rates set up at this point. They are in process of being adjusted under provisions of the inequity agreement.

So far there is a total of 57 cases charging improper classification in the 28" mill division.

FILLIBUSTER IN REVERSE

"I haven't got a (embroidered) thing to say until my grievance committee man's been called in," Jess Crawford, one of 1010's anchor men told a board of inquisitors assembled Saturday morning, January 10, in the office of John Walsh, general foreman, 40" mechanical dept. The board, composed of Walsh, Raleigh Meyers, Don Bickel, Paul Yelloway, and a lesser minion of M.M. McLaren's named Barkley, turned to Jose Gonzales, 28" hot bed millwright, and Gonzalez' helper for information concerning Brother Crawford's alleged offer to settle a difference with sub-foreman Yelloway, Dog Patch fashion.

They didn't get any.

"We haven't got anything to say, either, until our union representative is called in," Brother Gonzalez and his helper defied the board of inquiry.

Convinced that free speech for the company, although guaranteed by Taft and Hartley, was nevertheless failing to spark properly, Walsh adjourned the meeting.

Although the altercation between Brother Crawford and Yelloway occurred Thursday, January 8, hearing upon the matter was pointedly delayed until Saturday morning, at which time Bill Young, departmental griever, was off shift. Despite management's assertions to the contrary, Brother Young was not notified of the hearing.

An attempt to deprive Brother Crawford of adequate lunch time Thursday afternoon caused the dispute which led to the events of Saturday morning.

After six straight hours on the job, he stepped into the change shanty to eat his lunch and dry his sweat saturated clothing. Sub-foreman Yelloway ordered him back to work immediately, to which Brother Crawford objected.

In the ensuing exchange, Yelloway expressed a willingness to punch Crawford in the nose. Crawford, the soul of co-operation in these matters, was arranging to see the sub-foreman outside the gate when Don Bickel, ast. gen. foreman, butted in. He ordered the hourly paid employee into Walsh's office the next morning. For reasons noted above, the hearing was postponed until Saturday.

Again summoning Brother Crawford into his office Monday morn-

ing, Jan. 12, Walsh handed him a disciplinary letter. Jesse noted its contents briefly and handed it back.

"You can have that, too," he said and walked out of the office.

COLD STRIP

6 Days' Work in 5 Mixed by Mechanical Gang

Because cold strip supervision refuses to schedule the mechanical maintenance men six days a week, millwrights, pipe fitters, and machinists in that department have been turning down extra shifts, double turns, and overtime since January 7.

Master Mechanic Simburg has been able, nevertheless, to maintain production units on a five day schedule because mechanical workers from other departments consent to work extra turns in the cold strip. Few of the men from other departments are aware that they are taking over work refused by their brother union men in a legitimate effort to better their conditions.

This is not only a violation of the oath which every union man takes; it is also contrary to the loyalty which one working man has a right to expect from another.

Although cold strip production units are working six days a week, management refuses to accord the mechanical gangs, totalling 108 men, a like schedule. Instead, repairs are permitted to accumulate until week-ends in order to call several gangs out on the same shift and thus evade payment of sixth day time-and-one-half for the entire department.

Consequence of that arrangement is that men are compelled to work on their long week-ends off; they are frequently held over on double turns because scheduled crews are too small to handle major breakdowns; and their schedules were consistently broken into after they were posted.

Electrical workers in the same department, as well as all mechanical maintenance workers in the adjacent tin mill, have been on a six day schedule for a period of months.

Despite these circumstances, however, supervision refuses to consider a six day schedule for the cold strip maintenance department.

At a meeting Monday, January 10, between M. M. Simburg and Asst. Griever Eddy Ritz, also attended by a rank and file committee composed of Bill Sullivan, Frank Foster, Stanley Rygas, Tom Kominski, Scotty King, Lee Ewing, and Joe Smokavina, the mechanical department head contended that the amount of maintenance work in the cold strip did not warrant scheduling the crews six days a week.

Archie Bell, Assistant Master Mechanic and Simburg's official not man, concurred with his superior by the usual sign of the order.

That employees have the incontestable right to refuse any and all overtime is borne out in an excerpt from the arbitration decision handed down last week by Charles O. Gregory, who upheld company's right to fire Hugh McGilvery, formerly Asst. Griever, Mech. Dept. Relative to overtime, the arbitrator's decision reads:

"The collective agreement involved in this case does not have any provisions expressly covering the company's right to have any of its employees work overtime when they do not wish to do so. Article V, section 2, established eight hours as the 'normal' work days, to be followed by 16 consecutive hours of rest . . . no employee in the plant need work more than eight hours a day unless he wants to do so, plus the fact that the foremen request and do not order men to work overtime."

TIN MILL

Steve Savitsky was elected as Assistant to Griever Wally Szepich at the regular meeting of Group #6, Tin Mill and Cold Strip, Tuesday, January 20. Those having beefs to register with Brother Sa-

vitzky will find him in the tin pot workshop.

To replace Steve as Griever Steward, Brother John Matuga was chosen at the same meeting.

In the Tin Mill, it doesn't make a hell of a lot of difference who has the official titles, anyway; when it comes up grief, everybody takes a piece of it; they all know where the bodies are buried.

BLAST FURNACE

Johan Grzitch, hi-line millwright, is still confined to his home, 3729 Fir St., Indiana Harbor, by lingering illness. Visitors stopping to pass the time of day with Brother Grzitch will find the apartment on the second floor.

Joe Bucich didn't trust his daughter, Carol Ann, to any green hands when she was christened in Holy Trinity Church, Sunday, January 18. He picked Tom Conaway, who's walked and burped five of his own, to stand up as godfather to Carol Ann, who

dropped in on the Bucichs last August.

Brother John Milligan, stalwart of the Blast Furnace Group, prefers the direct approach to subtlety.

"Here" pronounced Brother Milligan, tendering **The Taft-Hartley Law in Action**, to goers-in and comers-out at gate No. 2 the other day, "is the pamphlet that makes Gillies a liar."

Union Men of the Week: Robert Pijohn and Art Brown, 36" and 24" Electrical Department.

At their latest group meeting, that department voted on whether first choice of overtime should go to men with the most seniority or if it should be as equally divided as possible.

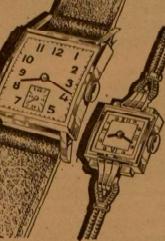
Although they have the longest service in their respective departments, Brothers Pijohn and Brown both spoke and voted for equal distribution of the premium paid time.

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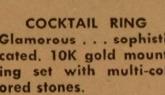
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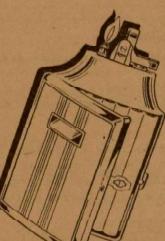


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Labor Around The World



England

LONDON — (ALN) — Concern is mounting among British unionists that the government is planning to force through a wage freeze and possible wage reductions. New speculation was aroused by the statement of Minister of Economic Affairs Sir Stafford Cripps that "production costs" must come down if Britain is to reach her 1948 export targets.

Soviet Union

MOSCOW — (ALN) — The inventor of the Vlasov track laying machine—which lays rails at the rate of 5 to 6 miles a day—is now working on a new model which he says will lay two miles of track every three hours. The Vlasov machine, now used in all Russian railway building, is reputedly the most rapid and efficient in existence.

Argentina

Buenos Aires — (ALN) — The Argentine Confederation of Labor, one of the few Latin American union bodies with no ties to the labor movements of its neighboring countries is inaugurating a regular news bulletin in four languages—Spanish, French, English and Portuguese—with the apparent aim of reaching unionists in other countries.

Mexico

MEXICO CITY — (ALN) — Called in to arbitrate a 2-month printers' strike, the government Conciliation & Arbitration Board declared the strike illegal and refused to consider any concession to workers' demands.

France

PARIS — (ALN) — France's three labor federations are protesting against a government decree raising wages 30% but placing a ceiling on overtime pay. The General Confederation of Labor pointed out that prices have risen far more than 30% in the past month and said it would fight for an automatic wage adjustment pegged to living costs. A spokesman for the newly-organized Force Ouvrière termed the move "purely illusory" in view of soaring prices. Leaders of the Christian Workers Federation challenged the overtime ceiling, pointing out that many workers are managing to get by on the basis of this extra pay.

Canada

TORONTO — (ALN) — The Ontario branch of the Trades & Labor Congress has become the first major Canadian AFL body to disown the two old-line political parties in this country. A convention of the body decided to lay the basis for support of a labor party in the next provincial elections, rejecting both the Liberal and the Progressive Conservative parties which correspond roughly to the Democratic and Republican parties respectively in the U.S.

Philippines

MANILA — (ALN) — The Philippine Communications Workers Union has thrown a mass picket-line around the offices of the Mackay Radio chain to prevent

scabs from entering the building. The union has refused to handle any Mackay traffic until members of the American Communications Assn. (CIO) win their strike against Mackay in the U.S.

Nicaragua

MANAGUA — (ALN) — Following the course of most Latin American governments since the U.S. adopted the Taft-Hartley law, Nicaraguan authorities have arrested a group of unionists who they claim are "militant Communists." The unionists, authorities claim, possess documents implicating Pres. Vicente Lombardo Tolemano of the Latin American Federation of Labor in an "international red plot." An anti-labor campaign is now under way throughout Latin America.

Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE — (ALN) — Czech housewives will receive old age pensions at 65 and full allowances when sick, whether they are insured themselves or are dependents of insured persons, under the national insurance scheme due to become law in March. With all insurance now nationalized, the new law covers all citizens equally regardless of their occupation. Mothers get payments when they are unable to work and newborn babies each receive 2,500 crowns (\$48) and a complete outfit of baby clothes. Individual contributions under the new scheme will not increase because the government is paying a third of the cost.

Italy

ROME — (ALN) — A secret meeting of the Italian Industrialists Assn. has decided to levy a self-imposed tax on all its members to raise a fund to fight the labor movement and support the Christian Democratic party in the next election, it has been learned here. Many of those contributing to the fund are the same industrialists who financed Mussolini.

Greece

ATHENS — (ALN) — The last remaining elected union official in Greece, Gen. Sec. Antonios Ambatielos, is now facing court martial. Since Christmas, 2,000 union members and others have been arrested for opposing the government's repressive measures. Greek law imposes the death penalty on strikers.

The new ball-proof pockets on the rec. room pool table are by courtesy of Johnny Riback. Johnny Riback took several hours of his leisure last week to relieve one welding members of retrieving their good shots from odd corners of the recreation club's floor.

There are lots of good union men around this town besides those paying dues to the USA-CIO:

Nick, proprietor of the Inland Barber Shop, Block Ave., for instance, who refused a buck for a haircut from a 65er let out last January 1.

"The old boy hasn't any more pay days coming," Nick remarked in explanation after the pensioner had walked out.



Oh, Is That So?

Your Reporter Gets Taft-Hartley Dope In the Nick of Time

By Francis Malloy

The Baruch Plan and Inflation
It is becoming increasingly clearer that the Marshall plan is accelerating inflation in the U.S. In the absence of effective anti-inflation controls, speculators and profiteers are cashing in on artificial and anticipated shortages of food, goods and materials. Proof of this can be found in the fact that the current round of the inflationary cycle went into high gear immediately after the Marshall plan was announced last June.

Bernard M. Baruch in his recent testimony on the Marshall plan brought out the relationships between inflation at home and the foreign policy of the government. He stated that the great domestic threat is inflation. But his plan for combatting inflation would put the major burden on workers and farmers, without any checks upon the profiteers and speculators except for a moderate increase in corporate taxes.

First, the farmers are asked to accept lower prices, but Baruch does not recommend government subsidies to bolster their purchasing power, which has been declining since the fall of 1946. Food prices are out of line but the farmer gets only about 50¢ of the consumer's food dollar. And the prices of the things the farmer has to buy are going up faster than the prices of the products he sells.

Secondly, the workers are

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opinions and views expressed in these letters are those of the signers and not necessarily those held by this paper or of Local Union 1010.

Dear Editor:

Upon reading the article entitled "Hit-Run Victim Lies Unaided in Cop Quieres Race," I became very hurt, very fearful, and very frustrated at the action of official law enforcers who, no doubt, took the oath of office to enforce the law within their respective jurisdictions regardless of race, color or national origin.

I would like to know what law they were enforcing when they went so far as to send a patrol wagon out to investigate the nationality of the dying victim.

I think that these men are fellow travelers of Bilboism and Klanism. Such people have no place in leadership where they are responsible for the protection and aid of all people of all nationalities.

I charge the desk sergeant with:

- Violation of his oath of office;
- Negligence in carrying out his duties and obligations to the people whose tax money pays his salary.

I charge the patrol wagon driver with condoning the sergeant's action.

Therefore I think they should be subjected to a trial by the citizens of East Chicago and penalized if they are found guilty.

Sincerely,
CHATMAN C. WAILES.
256 Van Buren St., Gary, Ind.

Dear Editor:

Why don't the hucksters who park by the plant gate put their over-ripe fruit and rotten eggs to good use? They could donate it to Taft and Hartley.

Probably they don't because the rotten fruit and eggs would come out second best.

The working class pays and it's coming to the point where we shall have to take drastic means to check the abuses that law like that are making a certainty for us.

It's a long lane that has no turning, though; and perchance to bite back will eventually come.

(Signed) E. H. ERHART.

substitutes damage action grievance procedure.

Maybe you don't like the action of the law which lets the government intervene in disputes involving public welfare by to the side of the employer, requiring the government to obtain a junction forcing men to work at the profit of an employer at they object to. Perhaps you the employer should be penalized.

How could you think

thing?

Scrubbing's Fine

HAVING received some heavily boxed-in publicity in the issue of the Sentinel, it would seem best now to explain the people, in brisk colloquial prose, our recent absence from these sometimes choleric columns.

The woman, being—as we said before—the best and brightest wife we've ever had and Irish took down. In a bad fright moved out of the public primitive they say, kit and kaboodle—way and verb. Belatedly, we took such tasks as making the boys their baths, eat their spinach, off the thin ice on Snowdon's porch, scrubbing the kitchen, the room, and basement stairs, will have to admit there was a certain breathless, emotional quality to our scrub work—especially the stairs. Nothing big least about it at all. Mentally we vacuum packed.

But happily, that all seems to be over. The woman is generally well, the domestic cogs are in place, and the ice must be at least a foot thick.

Even the scrubbing, now we've got the hang of it, is

Lieberum Case Silence

We regret to report this nothing more than a deep silence from those brave souls Local 1011 (Youngstown) who not long ago protested so valiantly the summary firing of Mr. Lieberum by the USA International, and demanded a prompt and expeditious hearing". As your reporter could learn there has been no change in the status of the case. Mr. Lieberum, hear, so far has not accepted a purported offer of a staff assignment among the iron miners Minnesota.

However, from a Chicago we comes a heartening, though somewhat distracting, bit. "The Lieberum Story," she writes "made a stir in these parts, was duly circulated around the plant, (Carnegie-Illinois) . . . reported her husband enjoyed every word of it." Not that was nice!

But over in Gary the news out that the intrepid Sub-Director Joe Goin has jumped the Lake county sheriff's race posing Sheriff Barney Clayton for the Democratic nomination. With this in mind, Howard Vezey, president of Youngstown clerk's comes up with a suggestion.

If Goin resigns to run for a political office, wouldn't it be a move for Dist. Director Joe Gano to man to put Lieberum in the left vacant?

For the benefit of those who weren't listening or who tuned late, there had been talk lately Mr. Lieberum as a very suitable candidate to oppose Mr. German for his job.

Scotch Consolation

TO those of our many thousand readers who may have worried some, we pass on the glad word that Mr. Hufighe (H 2') Ward is down off the wagon (since J. I.) having negotiated that previous descent, we were assured, perfect decorum.

As you may remember, Watters is also down in the mire because the marriage of Prince Elizabeth wound up making

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CANADIAN LABOR ITY FORCES ICE CONTROL

W.A.—(ALN)—A double-labored labor campaign, in which AFL and CIO unions here part, forced the Canadian government to reimpose price controls on meat and butter. The government also asked Parliament to extend rent and price control laws until March 31, 1949.

The labor campaign was started after most wartime price controls were lifted last Sept. 15. The result came Nov. 24, when the government reestablished controls on a number of canned

lives will not be rolled back. They were before, controls were removed, as labor had ended. However, the government announced they will be removed from their present exorbitant levels.

to end the labor drive, which was sponsored by the Canadian Congress of Labor and the Trades and Labor Congress, parent bodies here—so far no AFL unions respective at all included a constant stream of negotiations to members of Parliament and a simultaneous national buyers' strike. Activities were coordinated with various consumers' and citizens' organizations.

Meanwhile the government move spasmatic a concession to the workers' demand, it is expected here that both the AFL and CIO will resume to press for a further roll-back. Unions are also prepared to pursue their annual wage drives for 1948.

By the price reductions come near making up for the recent loss in purchasing power experienced by workers in recent months.

The CIO Ending Using Shortage: They Build Homes

Mont.,—(FP)—Taking definitive in ending the housing shortage here, Local 1, Inl. own of Mine Mill & Smelter Workers (CIO), in cooperation with representatives of industry, labor organizations and community groups, is embarked on a program which will result in 500 new low-cost homes by fall.

Carrying out the program is the Local Housing Development, on executive board of directors are Pres. of Hills and Sec-Treas. John of Local 1. The first unit already been completed. Construction has started on an additional 175 homes and sites are selected for 200 more. The new homes range from \$4,000 to \$7,000, with veterans getting first choice. First for the program was submitted by Local 1. Before the project got under way, every union in the city contributed.

5 Raises Without Contracts Won By U Prove CNPA Lie

INDIANAPOLIS—(FP)—The Typographical Union (AFL) here that 235 of its local units won wage increases without formal contracts since adoption of the Taft-Hartley law last year.

In the report said 124 of the locals are working under "conditional employment," a policy adopted by the ITU to bypass the closed shop agreements. It 111 other locals got "voluntary wage increases without contractual obligations" and five others approved contracts of duration with 60-day arbitration clauses.

In addition, the report said, unions, where legal closed contracts are in effect, have obtained satisfactory interim wage increases. The ITU's bargaining policy is despite insistence by the American Newspaper Publishers Association on contracts of one year or more duration."

Capitol Cops Map Warm Welcome for Nation's Hungry

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Every one of the Metropolitan Police Department's 450 ex-servicemen is to undergo special training in a new riot squad which was set up here Jan. 13 under orders of Police Superintendent Robert J. Barrett.

The special group, which will eventually be maintained by about 120 policemen with military experience, is planned as expandable to a larger force in times of emergency. It will train with every kind of police weapon, including clubs, rifles, shotguns, light machine guns, gas guns and teargas bombs.

Main purpose of the new force, according to Inspector Lloyd E. Kelly, its director, will be to cope with riots, demonstrations and marches on the Capitol. "We want to be prepared for any large scale civil demonstration," he said, adding that trouble in the nation's capital would most likely come from outside the city.

He recalled that a similar body, of which he was a joint leader, had been organized in 1932 to handle the hunger marches of the unemployed during the bleak days of the Hoover depression. The beating which armed police took in July of that year from members of the veterans' bonus army whom they tried to dislodge from abandoned buildings made them give up and call in troops under Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

"I don't like to give up," Barrett told Federated Press, recalling the same incident. "Our men have had this combat training in platoons, companies and battalions, and we don't want them to lose it." He maintained that the idea of forming the riot squad had originated within the police department and had not come from higher up.

Immediately above Barrett in the District of Columbia government setup are the three district commissioners, all appointed by the President.

Kelly, a veteran of both world wars, was an infantry instructor with the rank of lieutenant colonel in World War II. He said that recent events in Italy and France made people here think that "the nation's capital should be protected."

Kelly emphasized the importance of handling a crowd "without resort to firearms," pointing out that the 1932 bonus march disturbance had seen many persons hurt by flying bricks. The only man killed was a veteran, William J. Husk, drilled through the head by a policeman's bullet. Tear gas, Kelly said, is not a fire-arm and leaves "no permanent ill effects."

Independent Phone Union Lets Bell Co. Dictate Strategy

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Because the Bell Telephone management wants "no part of it," the Communications Workers of America (unaffiliated) will abandon efforts to conduct nation-wide bargaining this year.

CWA Pres. Joseph Beirne announced this policy shift Jan. 19 as key negotiators of the group met in closed session here to develop their bargaining policies for 1948.

Beirne said, "We are not even suggesting" national bargaining because the Bell system wanted "no part of it" last year. He said that instead, divisions affiliated with CWA would do their bargaining locally and "we will give them advice and assistance."

As the meeting opened, Federal Director Cyrus Ching appeared before the delegates for an address on mediation problems.

Profits after taxes for Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey were \$140 million for the first 10 months of 1947, compared with \$88 million for the same period of 1946.

PRIEST RED-BAITED FOR SIDING WITH AFL STRIKERS

WASHINGTON—(FP)—A double-church priest's defense of a group of AFL strikers was termed support of "communistic practices" Jan. 19 by a spokesman for the Fairmac Corp., operators of suburban Fairlington, a housing project that has been the scene of a labor dispute since Dec. 8.

The Rev. Martin T. Quinn, of the Blessed Sacrament church in the Virginia settlement, told his congregation that the refusal of Fairmac Corp. to deal with Local 82, Building Service Employees Intl. Union (AFL) was a denial of a democratic moral principle."

Father Quinn's remarks rebuking the real estate firm came after it had spurned all efforts to get it to meet the union's representatives. Fairlington houses 15,000 persons in a 350-acre development recently sold by the U. S. government.

Charles Prins, public relations counsel for the management, commenting on the priest's remarks said: "We have no comment to make on this amazing defense of admitted communists." He added that at least one striker had admitted in court that he was a former member of the Communist party.

Since the strike began, Fairmac has declined to meet the union and spurned pleas to negotiate from the Arlington (Va.) County Board and a group of four Fairlington clergymen. Father Quinn said that when the corporation met with the ministers its representatives tried to "divert us from the principle of collective bargaining by giving us over and over again the doings of the strikers."

CIO Urges Members To Protest Forced Military Training

WASHINGTON—(FP)—All CIO leaders and members should write and wire their representatives in Congress opposing peace-time compulsory military training, top CIO officials wrote all national and local affiliates Jan. 15.

"We want to help feed and rebuild Europe, but we do not want peace-time military conscription," the letter said. It was signed by Legislative Director Nathan Cowan and Councils Director John Brophy. It particularly hit at the Towe bill (HR. 4278), which has been approved by the House armed services committee.

The Cowan-Brophy letter emphasized that the CIO has a national policy of opposing military conscription and that all labor groups are united against a peace-time draft, which is advocated by President Truman and his administration. Farm groups and 90 per cent of all the church and educational bodies in the U. S. join in condemnation of conscription, CIO affiliates were reminded.

Four reasons why the CIO is against compulsory training were listed as:

1. It is not a preventive of war nor a defense against a prepared opponent, especially in the atomic age.
2. The cost of foreign aid to help rehabilitate war-torn lands will draw heavily on American resources.

3. The health and strength of U. S. citizens can be better improved by a nationwide health program than by peacetime conscription.
4. World peace can be achieved by building a strong United Nations, by expanding the world labor movement and by carrying out needed social reforms.

"There is some work in the world for each of us, in the doing of which we can be happy. If we're too lazy to find and claim it, then we deserve to toil with out joy."

MALLOY

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"Grieg the Duke of Edinburgh." And so now through the mail comes consolation for Mr. Watters from a lady who, for obvious reasons, wishes to remain anonymous. She writes:

"I enjoyed vastly your tale of Liz & Phil, but thought you left Mr. Watters somewhat uninformed. Wouldn't he feel better about Phil's title knew he what carries no remuneration with it? Just like those something Scotsmen!"

We expect Mr. Watters will be glad to know.

Nutz & Nzdrovia

HAVING disposed of that we must hurry on now to report that as we went to press this afternoon it seemed pretty definitely established the Winter Frolic & Eisefod of the Bide-A-Wee & Burn club will not be held this season at Andy Russell's splendidorous salon on Michigan avenue. A committee of three from this select group of steelworkers fared forth on Serbian New Year's, which also happened to be Youngstown pay day, for a furtive peek at what the various bars in town had to offer, with a sample or two of their wares.

As we understand it, these young gentlemen lingered long enough at Lefty & Bick's and upstairs at

the Inland Club bar to favor habitats of each place with a few verses of Nutz & Nzdrovia, the Serbian version of Auld Lang Syne. But according to their report when they breezed into Russell's, a handsome young bartender fixed a gimlet eye on the least of these our brethren, and announced in cultured tones, "He can't have any!"

The committee reported later they had got the idea somehow that Russell's was not sympathetic,

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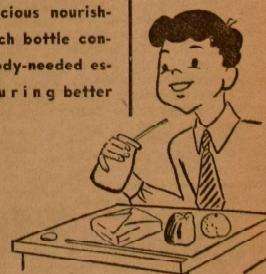
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PLEASANT VIEW

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asked to accept a longer work-week and a wage freeze, which Baruch more politely calls "wage stabilization." With productivity increasing rapidly, the longer workweek would soon lead to layoffs. Moreover, under the Baruch plan, wage rates would be frozen, although they have lagged behind soaring living costs. Baruch's proposal for a longer workweek—and he was vague on the question of whether straight time or overtime would be paid after 40 hours—is thus clearly meant to block the present drive of the unions for a third round of justifiable wage increases.

Thirdly, Baruch calls for the restoration of a limited excess profits tax, but examination reveals that this would not hit the corporations very hard. During the war, the excess profits tax was 85%. Only 40%, however, was paid on what were considered "normal" profits. Through financing, corporations were able to claim large amounts of so-called normal profits and evaded paying their full share of excess profits taxes. The result was that the actual wartime tax rate of corporations was 58%, way below the 85% excess profits tax rate.

Baruch now proposes an excess profits tax rate of about 60%; the tax on "normal" profits would remain at the present 38%. The actual rate paid by corporations under the Baruch plan would therefore be less than 50% and would increase corporation taxes about \$3 billion a year.

Omits Price Controls

Since Baruch does not call for price controls, his plan would bring higher prices and still greater profits, so that corporations would wind up with a bigger profit take in 1948 than in 1947, when their profits after taxes were almost double the average of their huge wartime profits.

At the same time, Baruch urges the retention of the present heavy load of income taxes on the low and middle income groups. They would also continue to bear the burden of wartime excise taxes which hit hardest at the low income groups.

In its major proposals, the Baruch plan calls for sacrifices by workers and farmers, the great majority of the people, while the corporations would be able to make greater profits than at present. His plan would promote greater inflation, since Baruch does not support price, rationing and allocation controls—the only effective methods for stopping the inflationary spiral. His plan also does not hit at profiteering, which is the main driving force behind inflation.

The foreign economic proposals of the Baruch plan are also in the interest of American big business and do not constitute a genuine program of relief and recovery. What the war-devastated countries need primarily is machinery and equipment to reconstruct and expand their economies. Baruch instead, tells them to produce raw materials for the U.S., thus giving Wall Street a world monopoly of raw materials, particularly strategic materials.

Baruch's whole plan is based on a fallacy. He calls for more production, but the fact is that the American economy is already operating at practical capacity. And where capacity should be expanded—as in steel—the monopolies refuse to do so, preferring to perpetuate shortages so they can go whole hog for profits. Behind Baruch's production facade is the reality of a wage freeze, a longer workweek and greater speedup. That will only hasten the coming of the depression that Baruch claims his plan will postpone indefinitely.—The Pilot, CIO.

WHAT THE LABOR PRESS IS SAYING

Washington's Iron Curtain: We've heard a lot of criticism and condemnation of the "Iron Curtain" of Russia. However we have learned now that our own government at Washington has an iron curtain. The demand for publicity and exposure of names of government officials and employees who have been speculating in grain markets gave us another example of how the iron curtain of secrecy and protection works in our national capitol.—Mobile Labor News, AFL.

Taft-Hartley in Greece: The reactionary government of Greece has its own tough version of Taft-Hartley legislation. The reactionary rulers of Greece, who were among the first post-war recipients of aid from this country, have taken action outlawing strikes and providing the death penalty for strike leaders. The wave of protest called for by the CIO News on the anti-labor law in Greece must be forthcoming.—Minnesota Labor, CIO.

Profits Curb Left Out: In his message to Congress the President failed to ask for an excess profits tax to control exorbitant profits. The guts of a real anti-inflation program must be control over profits through the excess profits tax and effective overall price control.—Kentucky Labor News, AFL.

Victory for French Strikers: After a month of hectic strikes, which at their height involved 3 million workers, very substantial wage increase offers induced the strikers to accept them and call the strike off. In view of the tremendous effort put forth to break this strike, the substantial victory won by the strikers becomes all the more significant.—Monterey County (Calif.) News, AFL.

Once Again the ITU Leads: The printers are giving us an inspiring example of how to fight the Taft-Hartley act, not by paying lip service to the need for its repeal, but by actually pressing for its outright defeat by having no truck with it in any manner, shape or form.—Ford Facts, CIO.

Tax on Bellies of the Poor: The sales tax is a device to take taxes off the backs of the rich and put them on the bellies of the poor. The rich are getting away with it in state after state. Now the corrupt and reactionary Democratic political machine headed by Sen. Harry F. Byrd is preparing to put it over in Virginia.—Labor, railroad unions.

Who'll Be Next? It was only a very few years ago that many employers went out of their way to encourage independent unions in preference to unions affiliated with either the AFL or CIO. Recently up in Massachusetts a shoe manufacturing concern employing 700 workers affiliated with an independent union announced that beginning on a certain Monday the company would operate open shop with a cut in wages. When employers tell their independent unions the honeymoon is over that's a sign they feel collective bargaining is back where it was before the Wagner act.—Labor News, AFL, Rochester.

Arms Shipment Stopped: Members of the Canadian Seamen's Union in the port of Vancouver have refused to carry arms to Chiang Kai-shek and have urged Prime Minister King to place an embargo on such shipments. The Canadian seamen take a forthright position against Wall Street monopolists who are hell-bent to support fascist and pro-fascist governments in a drive for world domination. We applaud our northern brothers.—The Pilot, CIO.

Dissenters

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in order to enter the name of Henry A. Wallace as its presidential choice.

Asked what effect the 33 to 11 stand of the CIO board would have on the California drive, Bryson replied it will "make the petition pushers work that much harder."

Both Bryson and Bridges said flatly their organizations would go over the top in the fund drive for the CIO Political Action Committee, and that the California CIO was pledged to raise \$3 per member, not just \$1.

Bridges recalled that the ILWU had gone on record for a third party and said "the CIO resolution doesn't bind the unions. That's the way we see the resolution as a national union and that is the way we will act." Bryson echoed that position and said his union would back Wallace.

The west coast veteran said the CIO resolution "amounts to a left-handed endorsement of Truman. I'm sure my union would reject that." Explaining his position, he said that he feels the "CIO action narrows down the alternatives to Truman or a Republican reactionary."

Bridges warned that if the CIO-PAC attempted to use funds it collects from union members "for an anti-Wallace campaign it will not get much support." But he repeated his promise to support CIO-PAC fully if it devotes its efforts to getting out the vote and obtaining registrations.

Candidates

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must be retained and made universal.

End the Speedup

- "Salary increases" must be won for "unorganized workers," too . . . "the fixed income municipal, state, and government employees and white collar groups."
- The Big Business drive to impose the speedup must be defeated.

- "The new blacklist system," by which strikes are broken, unions weakened, and active trade unionists "deprived" of their principal property—their jobs" by means of a red-baiting witch-hunt, must be repudiated.

When the \$1 an hour proposal was made, Wallace remarked that it was really no change for the 75 cents minimum wage asked previously: 75 cents last year equals \$1 today.

Thumbs Down from Ike

With his Chicago bid for labor unlikely to be bettered or even equalled by the man from Missouri, Henry Wallace continued last week to be the man about whom the most speculation was taking place. His runner up, Gen. Eisenhower, dropped out with a flat rejection of Republican bids for his services at the head of their ticket. Ike made a few of his former comrades-in-arms squirm a bit with his sharp remarks about military men who trade on their war records to win political laurels.

With Eisenhower out, the Republicans were short of personnel likely to appeal to labor and progressives. Still out for the nomination were Stassen of Minnesota and Warren of California; self-styled "liberals," but liberal on what no one quite knew. Taft and Dewey were on top of the large list of hopefuls, but even the most optimistic supporters of either doubted their chances of winning voters whose political opinions are only slightly to the left of Col. McCormick.

CIO-PAC took its stand on the third party issue over the weekend; the boys were "agin' it. Official endorsement of Truman by Pres. Philip Murray seemed to be only a matter of time. Meantime, unionists in Indiana Harbor were keeping their ears open and their mouths shut, waiting to hear from all sides, and then make up their own minds what to do in the curtained booths next November.

Petrillo Sees Truman As Potential Member

WASHINGTON—(FP)—As a right-thinking labor leader, Pres. James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL) doesn't want to irritate a potential member.

During Petrillo's grilling before the House labor committee Jan. 21, Rep. Thomas L. Owens (R., Ill.) pointed out some figures from Pres. Truman's economic report.

These figures, as cited by Owens, indicated that workers are making double the amount needed to keep up with the cost of living.

Owens then asked Petrillo: "You wouldn't dispute the figures of the President, would you?"

Petrillo replied: "Oh no, of course not. He is a potential member. He's a piano player, isn't he?"

Greek Persecution Of Labor Hit by Executive Board

WASHINGTON—(FP)—CIO Executive Board unanimously adopted a resolution Jan. 21 to protest to the Greek government against recent labor laws as inimical to democracy in the labor movement.

The resolution was introduced by Pres. Harry Bridges Intl. Longshoremen's & Stevedores' Union and signed by Sec. Ferdinand Smith Natl. Maritime Union.

After adoption, Pres. Murray said he would be

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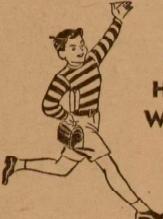
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**Civil Rights Bills
Top Priority,
says CIO Leg. Dir.**

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Congress should give priority to civil rights legislation during the present session of Congress, CIO Legislative Director Nathan Cowan said yesterday. Robert A. Taft (R., St. Louis) Jan. 16. His message was received by the Senate Republican conference committee met to map out a GOP legislative program for the final session of the 80th Congress.

Naming anti-lynch, anti-polltax and FEPC measures as being of major concern to those who do now enjoy first-class citizenship, "in our republic," the CIO leader said in his organization "urges all three comprise the minimum action in the civil rights bill and that Congress act on all three at this session."

He said the CIO opposes "a legislative settlement for one-third two-thirds of this minimum program" and insists on all of it.

iring Upheld

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management bias is plain in the following:

"McGilvrey clocked out at 3 M., having reported to his gangader that he was going on a trip Indianapolis (a trip he did not make because, he said, at least, I missed his ride); and it appears he turned up at the plant under unexplained circumstances."

It was thoroughly brought out the hearing before Professor McGilvrey was in a plant at that time to process advances with Boiler Shop Superintendent McCausland. The grievance were named and the nature of the complaints were detailed.

Several months before the climax of events for which McGilvrey was allegedly fired, management began requiring field boilermakers and riggers to stay over their regular work day with increasing frequency. By keeping over for one or two hours, management's discretion, and calling men out for occasional extra turns, they were able to add the cost of a regularly scheduled six-day week or increasing personnel of these two departments to a level required by the work load.

Dismayed with the situation, riggers and boilermakers decided late in February to refuse overtime unless Master Mechanic Smoke Method, or his representative, agreed to a four-hour minimum guarantee. McGilvrey as authorized to take the matter through channels and to keep the members informed of day-to-day developments.

Raleigh Meyers, Asst. M.M., refused to consider the matter as subject of grievance procedure and, in consequence, the riggers and boilermakers, who number about 100 men, unanimously agreed to refuse all further overtime work.

For informing the riggers that company could not order them to work overtime, McGilvrey was red on the spot, March 5, by James Helm, Asst. to Superintendent Lillian.

For two succeeding months, after McGilvrey was entirely removed from the plant, not a man either the boilermakers' or riggers' gangs would consent to work minute over his regularly scheduled time.

General strike action over the ring of a union representative in performance of his duties was considered immediately following McGilvrey's discharge. Convinced that Inland was trying to provoke wildcat strike at that particular time, the local union heads, as well as the fired representative himself, restrained the active membership from strike action.

Despite the hearing took place on September 30, Professor McGilvrey delayed making his decision known until the middle of January, three and one-half months later.

**LIFE SLIPS FROM
REFUGEES' GRASP
AS FUNDS FAIL**

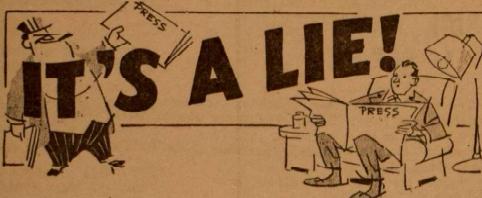
PORLTAND, Ore.—(FP)—Time in the lives of six Spanish anti-fascists is running out with the tide across the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Portland civic and union leaders, acting as trustees of a fund to purchase steamship tickets to Venezuela for the refugees, warn that so far only \$424 of the \$1,800 required to cover transportation costs has been collected.

Now being detailed in a Seattle deportation center, the men arrived here as stowaways from Spain, where they had refused to serve under the Franco flag. Several were active members of the underground there.

Unions heading the donor list to save the six from Franco are the AFL musicians, CIO longshoremen and the unaffiliated machinists. In Seattle the CIO Council and the local chapter of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee joined the Oregon unionists' last ditch fight to save the men from deportation to Spain.

The Venezuelan consul has indicated his country needs farmers and artisans and would welcome the six. In addition to money for their fares, however, the refugees must have \$175 apiece to insure their not becoming public charges until they can find work.

Irvin Goodman, attorney for the six, had previously appealed to the board of immigration appeals in Washington, D. C., hoping to obtain political asylum for the refugees in this country. The appeal was denied.



There are some highly exclusive clubs in the good old U. S. A.—and one of these is the American Newspaper Publishers Assn.

All you need to enter its portals is a bushel basket crammed with thousand dollar bills and a certificate testifying to the fact that you own a newspaper.

And once you're in, the "boys" who run America's newspapers will take good care of you.

For instance: We've been looking, but we haven't yet spotted a story in the many newspapers we read, on the purported use of professional labor spies by the "liberal" Chicago publisher, Marshall Field, owner of the Sun and Times in that city. Here's the picture.

If you've been reading the papers, you know that Chicago's typos, members of Local 16, Int'l. Typographical Union (AFL), have been out on strike for some time in protest against the offer of Chicago publishers to give only an open shop contract.

Field, the union charges, has added a new wrinkle to the tactics of the publishers by placing labor spies in the offices of his newspapers. Lashing out at the publisher for joining with the others and cutting loose from his previous liberal convictions, Local 16 declared that now his reputation has "suffered further with the disclosure that his company has engaged a detective agency to spy on members of other unions still working in the Sun and Times plant."

These detectives, the local indicates, are spying on workers to see if they're giving any sort of aid to the striking typos.

But Field is pretty safe from the glare of public indignation.

**Kansas Advertises
"Open Shop Heaven"**

NEW YORK—(FP)—Kansas has become an employers' Utopia in this Taft-Hartley era, brags an ad in the magazine Nation's Business.

Sponsored by the Kansas Industrial Development Commission, the ad adopts a tone that was widely used in the pre-Wagner act days and blatantly attacks the tradition of the U. S. as a melting pot of all races. Following is the come-on used to lure employers to set up open shop in the midwest:

"Kansas offers you a pool of intelligent, experienced, capable labor with a record that is free from radicalism, agitation and strife. Kansas labor is 97 per cent American born, largely rural in origin and entirely unresponsive to radical leadership and mass emotionalism. No interpreter is needed to speak to or for Kansas labor . . . the language is plain American and the thinking is American."

"Kansas are accustomed to work, and to the idea that reward follows effort. They realize that the interests of labor and industry are inseparable. That is why there has not been a serious work stoppage in Kansas in more than a quarter century. That is why you may profit by considering a move to Kansas."

Punch-line on the ad is: "Kansas really meets industry half way." How much further could it go?

No evil can come to a good man.—Socrates.

EX-BOARD REJECTS

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to elect a progressive Congress that will support our programs;

"5. We should urge our members and their friends greatly to increase their political activities this year and lend support to the progressive policy of the CIO-PAC;

"6. By a unified fight for a progressive program, and by the maximum registration and vote, the CIO believes that the greatest good can be achieved in 1948 for a world peace, security and progress of the people."

This one's by courtesy of Earl King: From here on out, all Negroes are assured of going to Heaven. Theodore H. Bilbo, recently assuming his seat in hell, has arranged for the place to be come lily white.

Eight auto companies, excluding the Ford Motor Co., made a total profit before taxes of \$775 million in 1947, or a return of 38% on their investment.

a 5 1/2% return on its net investment—which is good business in any man's line.

But there's a good reason why the Hearst press sneers at this "social enterprise." TVA consumers used 60% more electricity than the U. S. average rate and they paid 16% BELOW the national rate—that is, below the rate that big business charges other consumers.

**Future Food Sales
Depend on Number**

Willing to Work

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leave of absence for duration of the sale, was forced, nevertheless, to forego a considerable part of his regular duties in order to properly manage distribution and payment for the food.

Others who also contributed liberally of their time and strength to 1010's food buying venture are:

Joe Jeneske, Alex Huttle, Red McGregor, Jim Stone, Nick Migan, Al McClain, Joe Mikkel, Bus Logan, George Sopko, Ed Dittmars, Frank Gordon, Rusty Williams, Johnny Jugovich, Fred Matasar, Irvin Haake and Frank Jurivis.

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Salem UFW-CIO Battles Gates' Gestapo, Hunger & NLRB for Recognition

Even with Taft and Hartley's snide effort the law of the land, Indiana is not yet a police state. Except in spots. But Governor Ralph Gates and Colonel of State Police, Rossow are doing the best they can to make portions of it reasonable facsimiles of the Third Reich in its bloody heyday.

Five squad cars of well armed State Police are regularly assigned to ride about Salem, Indiana, and beatbox any one who acts as if he might think 40¢ an hour is less than a living wage in these days of \$1.25 hair cuts. Salem, predominantly a farming community of 3,500 on the Kentucky border, is where 700 employees have been striking the Smith Cabinet Company since September, 1947, for recognition of their union, the United Furniture Workers, CIO.

NLRB Backs Company

Although the election which certified the UFW-CIO the chosen bargaining agent of Smith's employees was held before the T. & H. act went into effect, August 22, the company refused to recognize and bargain with the union because of a technicality in the slave law.

The National Labor Relations Board has, so far, upheld the company in its flagrant violation of law and justice. The NLRB has also obliged with an anti-picketing injunction against the union.

Despite unlimited abuse of police powers, criminal prosecution, manipulation of the NLRB, and every other device that has been used against them, Local Union 309, UFW-CIO has held out against Smith and company for more than five months.

"Normal Living Standard: Wolf at the Door"

Brother Frank Gordon, LU 1010, who visited Salem two weeks ago in his capacity as chairman of the Lake County Industrial Union's Defense Committee, verifies that reports of police terrorism and every phony sentence in the Taft and Hartley book being thrown at the strikers are not exaggerations.

Even when they are fully employed, Brother Gordon observed, employees of the Smith Company cannot afford so much as a glass of beer in the way of luxuries. So low is the standard of living forced upon working people in that area that dress clothes are practically unknown. People attend church and what few social gatherings they do contrive in overalls.

No leader or active member of 309 asked Brother Gordon home for a meal. Few of them have enough to eat for themselves.

With no accumulated savings to begin with, members of Local Union 309 have been appealing their stomachs with whatever donations allied labor organizations have sent them. Hunger has, however, sharpened rather than dulled the fight which these men and women are making for unionism in Capehart, and Jenner, and Gates end of the Hoosier State. George the Third and some fat Hessians learned the same thing about another embattled group of working men and farmers, incidentally, a matter of one hundred and seventy-one years ago last Christmas Eve.

Alleging at an NLRB hearing that company profits would not permit a wage scale exceeding 40¢ to 65¢ an hour, Smith's plant manager was, nevertheless, compelled to admit that the firm processes a quarter of a million dollars worth of raw materials each year. Cabinets for Farnsworth, Crosley, Magnavox, and lesser known radio manufacturing concerns are produced by the Smith Cabinet Company.

Local Politics Little Help

Although Salem County's voters swept Big Business' acknowledged jackals, the GOP, from office in the elections of last November, conditions haven't bettered in any considerable degree since. Democrats who succeeded to County leadership, and who may have the strongest will in the world to implement their campaign commitments, are strait jacketed by overpowering State authorities.

Federal Court Ousts Cops

Because they are too newly organized and, consequently, broke, to provide a hall of their own, members of Local 309 have their meetings in the only public building available, the County Court House. Under pretext of "protecting public documents"—probably a few musty records of land transfers and mortgage foreclosures—Governor Ralph Gates dispatched State Police to all union meetings.

Restrained from further interference with union meetings by rulings of Federal Court Judge Swygert (see FP release), Governor Gates and Colonel Rossow are mumbling threats to file an appeal in the Superior Court of Indiana, Hammond.

Indiana CIO Declares In

Most of the Industrial Unions Councils, particularly those in Southern Indiana, in the state are aware of the Salem situation and are in full support of local Union 309. Delegations from Indianapolis, Muncie, Richmond, South Bend, Terre Haute, Lawrenceburg and other industrial points attended the NLRB hearings of two weeks ago.

Use of State Police to break a strike in Lebanon, Ind., in February, 1946, will be vividly recalled by veterans from sub-district No. 2 who trekked down to the Capitol to see the Governor about compensation. On the return trip, the veterans' delegation joined a picket line of striking Bendix workers who had 60 scabs holed up inside the plant. State Police had broken the picket lines and were regularly escorting strike breakers in and out of the plant.

Salem, Ind.—(FP)—Organized labor won a sweeping victory here when federal court judge Swygert barred Indiana state cops from attending meetings of Local 309, United Furniture Workers (CIO).

For five months the union has been on strike against the Smith Cabinet Co., effectively withstand- ing use of police, injunctions, criminal prosecutions and NLRB machinery. Limit was reached when state cops insisted on attending weekly union meetings. After their repeated refusal to leave, Local 309 brought action against the governor and the superintendent of state police.

In issuing a temporary injunction, the judge declared: "Freedom and liberty to express ourselves privately and to hold private assemblies for lawful purposes and in a lawful manner, without government hindrance, is a protection flowing from the first amendment of the constitution."

He caustically commented on police bias, saying: "There is undisputed evidence that during the strike the state police maintained friendly associations with officials of the company but their attitude toward strikers has been unsympathetic and unfriendly."

It would take 800 million hours of work or the full time of 400,000 dentists working for one year to remedy the accumulated dental neglect of the U. S. population.

U. S. Supreme Court Rules for Equal Education Rights

WASHINGTON — (FP) — In what may be a historic decision, the U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that Negroes have a right to the same public education as whites, but that the states may place them in separate schools.

Acting unanimously on an appeal from the Oklahoma supreme court by 28-year-old Ada Lois Sipuel who had been denied admission to the Oklahoma Law school, the only state institution of its kind, the Supreme Court commanded the state to provide her with legal training "as soon as it does for applicants of any other group."

At the same time the decision took no action on Miss Sipuel's request that it declare segregation unconstitutional.

The case was argued Jan. 8 and the prompt decision brushed aside the legal hair-splitting offered by Oklahoma as a defense. The justices found that Oklahoma had not only kept the plaintiff out of law school for two years, but that nothing was done to give her the "equal but separate" education that the law requires.

As there is no separate Negro law school in Oklahoma, the state faces the choice of establishing one immediately or admitting Miss Sipuel to the white institution.

Dr. M. A. Nash, chancellor of the state's regents for higher education, said Oklahoma would "of course abide by the court's ruling."

Students at the law school, in a poll two years ago, voted to admit Miss Sipuel.

SICK COMMITTEE REPORT

The following sick and injured members of Local Union 1010 were visited in their homes or in one of the hospitals of East Chicago, Gary, Hammond or Chicago, in the last half of December and first half of January:

Andy Bandura—Cold Strip.

Sylvester Ferdinand—Yard Labor.

Jesus Villapando—76" Mill.

Ignace Steglich—N.C. Rigger.

Antony Rodrigues—#1 Open Hearth.

Ezekiel Deprado—#2 Open Hearth.

Justo Chavarri—#2 Open Hearth.

Abraham Morales—#1 Open Hearth.

A. Noxan—Cold Strip.

M. Knerr—Cold Strip.

B. O'Mara—36" Mill.

Chas. Barath—Blast Furnace.

George Pegenys.

Casimir F. Popica—Cold Strip.

Mike Niden—24" Mill.

Nick Brandish—Laboratory.

John Nicpon—PC Dock.

Andrez Frnoco—Cold Strip.

Carl Shearer—Cold Strip.

Peter Mekegta—Car Shops.

James O'Neal—Trans.

Joe Mamula—Steam Dept.

James Polikronopoulos—Tin Mill.

(how to drive linotype operators nuts—Ed.).

Bernard Bert.

Lofton Grayson—#1 Open Hearth.

Ysidor Morquecho—New Const.

Vincent Bush—#1 Open Hearth.

Peter Acevez—28" Mill.

Avery Campbell—Sheet Mill.

Fred Forstenherk—Plant #1.

Jeannie Ramirez—Plant #1.

(Crown Point Sanitarium)

Cliff Harris—Coke Plant.

Fraternally yours,

CARL STANLEY,

Sick Committeeman,

Local Union 1010, USA-CIO.

DETROIT — (CP) — An average hourly wage of \$1.80 an hour is demanded by the executive board of the United Auto Workers (CIO) plus fringe demands as the pattern for all subordinate bodies to follow in the third round of wage increases starting this spring. The demands were voted at a special board session in Detroit.



"You'll have to wait, son, till we check on your race and religion."

Courtesy Institute for American Democracy, Inc.

It takes \$824 to buy now what \$500 bought in 1939, according to the U. S. Treasury.

In Chicago more than 20 housing units occupied by Negroes are without flush toilet.

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Food costs rose 40% since the end of OPA, as contrasted with a 2% rise for three years of price control.

The cost of living in the United Nations statistical bulletin.

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PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

	Year Ended December 31	
	1947	1946
Net sales and other revenues.....	\$316,338,565	\$218,756,983
Deduct:		
Cost of sales, exclusive of depreciation, amortization and depletion.....	255,857,849	184,458,447
Provision for depreciation, amortization and depletion	8,027,541	6,633,372
Interest and expense on funded debt (including premium paid and unamortized discount and expense on debt retired in 1946).....	1,427,584	2,106,307
Payment to Inland Steel Company Pension Trust.....	1,021,870	1,003,610
Vacation payments applicable to preceding year paid in 1947.....	1,630,163	—
Provision for federal income taxes.....	18,485,000	8,998,150
	286,450,007	203,200,086
Net income	29,888,558	15,556,897
Less: Appropriation for reserve for contingencies	7,300,000	1,012,776
Balance of net income transferred to surplus.....	\$ 22,588,558	\$ 14,544,121
Shares of stock issued and outstanding.....	4,899,315	4,899,315
Net earnings per share (see note).....	\$6.10	\$3.18

NOTE: Net earnings per share based on net income before deduction of amounts appropriated for reserves for contingencies for possible future inventory price declines.

Income account for 1947 is subject to annual audit by certified public accountants.

Inland's Profits Nearly Double as Wages Soar One-Eighth

Inland's corporate owners missed taking exactly twice as much profit in 1947 than they took in 1946 by a measly one and one-quarter million dollars.

As indicated in the above photostatic copy of Inland's preliminary report to its stockholders, net income for 1947 is \$29,888,558.

For the year 1946, Inland's owners did the best they could on a net income of \$5,556,897.

That figure, \$15,556,897, is short \$1,225,236 of being exactly half of the amount Inland Steel and its subsidiary companies appropriated from their 25,000 employees' productive efforts in 1948.

Wages in the same period were raised one dollar a day by the traditional method of justing pay rates to profits: striking the plant.

Our union's Wage and Policy Committee will meet February 18 to consider wage demands to be made upon the steel companies in negotiations beginning April 1, 1948.

S. Steel Profits Highest Since 1929

NEW YORK—(FP)—Inflation did off for U. S. Steel last year, profits reached \$126,704,272, highest since 1929 and far above the 48 take of \$88,622,475, board chairman Irving Olds reported Jan. 27 as directors met to slice the profit melon.

In 1947, happy common stockholders got \$11.66 per share as compared with a 1946 cut of \$7.29. Despite these staggering figures, no made no mention of possible price cuts.

Not to be outdone, Republic Steel Corp. and Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. also announced their stock registers chimed merrily in 1947. Republic practically doubled profits, ringing up \$31,018,469 as compared to \$16,033,468 in 1946. Jones & Laughlin's directors, however, received the best news as 1947 profits jumped more than 100% over 1946, \$22,383,11 to \$10,854,084. The "Inland Story" can be found elsewhere on page.

Top Committee OK Necessary On Final Rates

Rates set up on each job classification under the Inequity Program at Inland must be approved by the entire six-man Inequity Negotiating Committee of Local Union 1010 before the rate becomes final and binding. Departmental grievors have the responsibility of adjusting the rates on all jobs under their jurisdiction, but each rate must be submitted to the top committee before it is permanently established for the job.

Although this procedure is cumbersome and slows final adjustments of the Wage Rate Inequity Program, it is a necessary precaution. Inequalities between identical jobs in different parts of the plant are thereby checked by comparison, and differences between Inland rates and those in the Gary Works, which Inland is obligated to make, can be found elsewhere on page.

(Continued on Page 5)

Inequity Program

As stated in the Grievance Committee Report in this issue, the production and operating job classifications are completed and in the hands of the Union Representatives. Some of these have already been reviewed.

The mechanical maintenance job classifications have just been completed for the production and operating departments, and your grievance committeemen should have them soon.

The job classifications for the mechanical shops—trade and craft jobs—are just being started on. When they will be available is a guess. This much is certain—adjustments should and must be made. Let's be patient awhile longer.

George Sopko,
Grievance Committeeman
Plant #1 Mech.

With the Centralia mine disaster and the Texas City explosion, fatal industrial accidents rose to 17,000 in 1947 as compared with 16,500 in 1946.

Two-Bit Hourly Raise Asked by Local Union As Wage Talks Begin

An increase of 25¢ an hour was recommended by LU 1010 Thursday, February 6, to the United Steelworkers' Wage and Policy Committee as the minimum demand to be made upon steel producers in negotiations which are slated to begin April 1. The Wage and Policy Committee will convene in Pittsburgh Tuesday, February 18, to begin formulating the USA-CIO's stand on wage levels for the current year.

Although the motion for a 25¢ minimum demand passed without dissent, some doubts were cast by members during the discussion upon policy of demanding wage increases at this time. Wage increases, it was stated on the floor, are only a prelude to price increases which immediately wipe the wage gains out.

Speakers for the motion pointed out, however, that profits on steel, the basic commodity of American economy, very nearly doubled de-

spite the fact that wages in the same period were raised only one-eighth. Political action by labor to roll back prices and re-establish controls is essential to preserving the benefits of a wage increase, but new wage demands must also be made and resolutely fought for in order to restore living standards already reduced by unchecked profiteering.

An amendment to the motion also called upon the Wage and Policy Committee of the International Union to institute a campaign for restoration of price and rent controls.

Peter Calacei, Vice President of LU 1010 and a Wage Policy Committeeman from Sub-District #2, was instructed to convey officially the Inland local's recommendation to the conference February 18. Copies will also be forwarded to the International Office in Pittsburgh.

More on Wages—Page 8

Murray Urges New 'New Deal' For the Nation

Organized labor, like the bulk of the American people, are sick of the raw deal of recent months and want another New Deal like that of the days of Franklin D. Roosevelt, CIO Pres. Philip Murray told the nation Jan. 30 on a nationwide CBS broadcast.

Speaking on Roosevelt's birthday anniversary, Murray urged the listening public to join with the CIO and its Political Action Committee "in a united fight for our progressive program to help achieve that maximum registration and vote which will assure in 1948 peace, security and progress for all the people."

Murray outlined the CIO-PAC program for 1948, which will feature educational activity on election issues, work to secure the best possible candidates and rousing the people to a more active part in the primary elections.

Primaries are vital
If we are to eliminate the old dilemma of having to choose between (Continued on Page 5)

INJURED IN DAILY BUS RUSH; BETTER SERVICE PROMISED

Engaged in the hazardous occupation of climbing aboard one of Inland's intra-plant busses Wednesday morning, February 4, Mike Mosarkin, Tin Mill, suffered a cut above his right eye. Brother Mosarkin, who was struck with a carelessly handled dinner bucket in the customary stompede to find space on a rush hour bus, reported to the clinic, had the cut stitched together, and proceeded to work.

Superintendent Luellen told the union Grievance Committee, February 3, that he had recommended another bus to augment the two now in service. At the March meeting, Superintendent Schneider will be present to hear complaints about existing employee transportation.

Meanwhile, workers in the north end mills are considering the advisability of wearing tin hats.

Or of staying at the clock house, regardless of their job's starting time, until a bus less than jam packed is available for their transportation.

"Waste of My Time" Migas Says of E.C.

Racial Inequality

Mayor Frank Migas, who told East Chicago's voters that he would use the powers of his office to lessen discrimination against Negro residents of this community, now considers such activity a waste of time.

Requested by Mrs. Hattie Carter, President of the Citizens' Action Committee Monday, Feb. 2, to confer with leaders of that group on the issue of denying equal status to Negro students at Washington High School, Mayor Migas figuratively washed his hands.

"There is no need to waste my time and the committee's too," he answered Mrs. Carter's request.

Mrs. Carter countered that the Citizen's Action Committee did not consider time spent endeavoring to establish democracy in East Chicago's schools wasted. The Mayor was, however, not impressed by rebuttals. In fact, he brusquely refused to listen to them.

"I've been very good to your people (colored citizens of East Chicago—ed.)" he alleged in justification of his current attitude.

Social events in Washington High School are still cancelled pending outcome of the dispute over segregating Negro students.

Take a Pledge; Wallace Tells Other Candidates

COLUMBUS, O.—Henry A. Wallace Feb. 1 challenged all candidates for public office, including Pres. Truman, to join him in the following pledge:

"I shall not knowingly accept the support of any individual or group advocating the limitation of democratic action for any other individual or group, nor the support of any other individual or group which would restrict the civil liberties of others for reasons of race, color or creed; nor the support of any individual advocating the violent overthrow of the government of the U. S."

Candidates would be unable to (Continued on Page 7)

Experts Announce That Average Family Needs \$75 Weekly to Get By

If you're not making at least \$75 a week, brother, you just can't get along these days. Or has somebody already told you this?

Anyhow, the famous University of California Heller Committee has just announced that the typical worker's family needs \$75 a week to get by, but, the committee adds, government figures report that the average manufacturing wage is \$51 a week. The committee offered no suggestions as to what should be done about this discrepancy, but trade unionists here and elsewhere are suggesting loudly that a wage raise would be of considerable assistance.

Based on the needs of a typical American family of four, living in San Francisco, the budget the committee has prepared is the sum of goods and services "necessary to healthful and reasonably comfortable living." Prices used, incidentally, are those of September, 1947, since which time costs continued to rise.

Modest Budget

Modesty of the budget is shown by a breakdown of the food, clothing and housing expenses of the family. The \$23.27 food allotment for a week includes one-half lb. of butter, 1 lb. of oleomargarine, one-fourth lb. bacon and a total expenditure of \$5.27 for meat and fish. The man and school children take their lunch from home and guests are infrequent, since only \$39.90 a year is budgeted for feeding them.

The man can buy one \$34.84 overcoat every six years, a bathrobe every eight years and a \$37.80 suit every two years. His year-round wardrobe includes two

Brotherhood

Week Plans Announced

The East Chicago Brotherhood Week Committee plans to observe all of February as Brotherhood Month. The committee has requested every church and organization in the city to hold a special meeting or observance stressing brotherhood and understanding during this month. These individual meetings will be climaxed by special observances and rallies during the Brotherhood Week, Feb. 22 to Feb. 29.

Charles C. Thornburg, East Chicago Brotherhood Week Chairman, has announced today the members of the Brotherhood Week Committee, 1948. Vice Chairmen are the Rev. F. C. Van Buren, Rabbi Eli J. Kahn and the Rev. Father George Muresan.

The East Chicago Public School system and the East Chicago Libraries will assist and cooperate in the observance. The Merchants Association will distribute Brotherhood posters among its membership for window display. The first church to announce a special Brotherhood observance is the St. Luke A.M.E. Church. This will be held on the evening of February 11th.

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Keep Lid on Rent, CIO Tells Senate

WASHINGTON — CIO spokesmen last week told the Senate subcommittee on housing and rent that rent control must be extended for at least two years. Testifying for the CIO were Legislative Rep. John W. Edelman of the Textile Workers Union and Washington Rep. Donald Montgomery of the United Auto Workers.

Montgomery asked the group to bring out a bill which would extend rent control through June, 1950, recontrol the new converted housing removed from the rent ceiling list last June, and protect tenants against eviction.

Edelman, reading from a dozen reports by TWU officials in textile areas, told the senators that because mill owners run company housing, "employers are frequently able to terrorize and intimidate hundreds of employees by the threat, open or implied, that a man's family will be put out on the street if he doesn't put back."

Rent figured at \$37

Estimated rent is \$37 a month for five rooms and a garage to house a sedan, which can be traded in for a new car every six years. Total cost of medical and dental care is \$264.15. No allowance is made for emergency illnesses and the budget is adequate for average illnesses only if the family is covered by a group health plan.

Other budgeted costs include a neighborhood movie twice a month, cheap excursions instead of a vacation, one morning newspaper, \$4.25 a year on magazines, \$37.50 a year on union dues and \$23.50 a year for church and charity.

Comparing this budget to its prewar budget, the Heller Committee estimated a 70% increase in the cost of living for the wage earner. "Food showed the greatest cost increase of any major group of items," it said, reporting that food purchased for cooking at home had more than doubled in price since the 1939-41 period and cost of lunches bought in restaurants had gone up even more.

Clothing and house furnishings increased about 75%, medical and dental costs increased 57%, recreation costs went up 50% and other miscellaneous items showed all types of price changes.

Alabama Governor Wants Less 'Brass' In Top Gov't Jobs

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Charges that the Truman administration is heavily infiltrated by Wall Street bankers and professional soldiers came when Gov. James E. Folsom, Democratic party stalwart, appealed to Alabama Democrats to support him as a favorite son candidate for President at the national convention.

"If I was President," the Alabama governor told a statewide radio audience, "I'd use the old corn shuck mop on the monopolists, the Wall Street lawyers and the State Dept. fancy pants . . . and I'd send the professional soldiers back to the department where they know their jobs."

Folsom said the Defense Dept. is headed by a Wall Street lawyer, the State Dept. by a professional soldier and the Commerce Dept. by a monopolist.

Union Spokesman Asks Senate Okay On Price Curb Bill

WASHINGTON — (FP) — The only bill before the Senate banking committee which offers a constructive approach to price control is S. 1923, introduced by Sen. Glen Taylor (D., Id.), Washington Rep. Russ Nixon of the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) told that body last week.

Nixon told the senators "you will have to take the responsibility for the choice you made in 1946"

when the committee, after hearing labor and other organizations of the people predict that prices free of government control would skyrocket, voted to end those controls anyway. Nixon firmly told them that the Nat'l. Ass'n. of Manufacturers and other special interests were the ones they had benefited by allowing controls to die.

The lineup is the same today, Nixon argued, except that 18 months have passed and living costs are far above what they were in 1946. The UE, he said, "feels that the administration and Congress have been seriously derelict in dealing with this matter. The President asks only for standing powers, as though this were an 'if' matter. The spokesmen for the President fail to raise the real emergency needs for immediate inflation control.

On Job Death Toll Was 17,000 in 1947

WASHINGTON—Work injuries brought death to 17,000 Americans during 1947, or about 500 more than in 1946, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Jan. 27.

BLS said the high number of fatalities was due primarily to the Texas City (Tex.) explosion and the Centralia (Ill.) mine disaster.

In addition to the 17,000 workers who died from work injuries last year, there were 91,800 who experienced some form of permanent impairment, such as the loss (or loss of use) of some part or function of the body. The other 1,950,200 injured workers each lost at least one full day, but did not suffer permanent ill effects.

Work injuries cost U. S. production almost 44,700,000 man-days—equal to a year of full time employment for 150,000 workers. And if additional allowance is made for future effects of the deaths and permanent physical impairments included in the 1947 total, the economic time loss chargeable to these injuries would amount to nearly 233,700,000 man-days. This is equal to full time employment for a year by 780,000 workers.

WASHINGTON—(FP) — Editor Allan Swin and Business Mgr. Richard Bauer of the CIO News appear Feb. 8 before a federal grand jury here on charges of having violated the Taft-Hartley law by supporting a congressional candidate with the paper.

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Hot Shots Holding Slight Lead Over C. S. Team At H.

The Blast Furnace Hot Shots last season's winners of the bowling league top honors, are still holding it at mid-week.

Pressing the Hot Shot is Cold Strip Transportation which is only one game behind the leaders.

Listed below are the teamings as of January 26:

	NAME	G W
1. Blast Fee. Hot Shots	60	60
2. Cold Strip Trans.	60	60
3. C. S. Shad. Card.	60	60
4. C. S. Shad. Card.	60	60
5. Tin Mill Commer.	60	60
6. Tin Mill Trans.	60	60
7. Joe Germanc's	60	60
8. Joe Germanc's	60	60
9. Blast Fee. Fdry.	57	57
10. Cold Strip Shipping	60	60
11. Blast Fee. No. 3.	60	60
12. Pipe Shop	60	60
13. Plate Mill	60	60
14. Unity Flyer	60	60
15. Unity Flyer	60	60
16. Car Shop	60	60

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Gracious! What Noise Was Not a Blast Furnace Falling Down at Youngstown

By Francis Malloy

hat clatter and bang heard tenuously last week from the town side of the canal was those on the nether bank have supposed, a blast furnace falling at the knees and face first into the flood, as the accompanying unnameable result of workers too much meat.

far as your reporter could was simply that new rates inequity program were put effect and, as they say, you saw the like! Their reception you might say was liberally dined with frank criticism. Or, it another way and rather some opposition was general. There were those who off the bat indulged them in utterances more vehement than virtuous and there was general restlessness stirring among who either were convinced they didn't get enough raised at someone else got too. Coming in for the greater ire of criticism were those representatives who negotiated the rates. Deservedly or not, no doubt will be goats the whole business. In fact hasn't been so much fun that quaint native customing hose thieves went out gue. Orators yelled in the persons; nerveless customers spilled glasses of good n' likker.

ur correspondent, being an ent bystander as it were since w paltry pay was in no way ed, naively asked one of the ren what all the fuss was. "Why, goddamit!" he holloahs, "Everything!" at was about as good an an as we got.

the various shops it is cond the company is trying to on its agreement by setting requirements for top rates, sing as it has been, it is ex the full shock will not be until pay checks show the eff of tonnage whittling in favor higher hourly rates.

me of it brings to mind the parable of the grape pickers whose gripe was silenced by question, "Is thine eye evil as I am good?"

ow we wouldn't exactly go so to say the company is good, we are forced to admit there unusual prevalence of the eye. And, though in no way to seem irreverent, we al thought those grape pickers he bible had a legitimate wk.

ley "Rides" Again
ACK this week from the banks of the Wabash, we bear glad gs from that beautiful land. Tidley Tutwiler, whose ex-s we have variously recorded in sedate columns, still walks earth!

aving delivered ourselves of world-shaking news, we pause for a brief flourish of hosannas from the Hoosier section of reading public, while those Vermillion and Parke count-for that reason dedicated to pagan pursuits-turn a few feet cartwheels along the bars. Tutwiler, it should perhaps explained, is no tragic hero but a tranquil gentleman and farer traveling a fabled course along a mystic river, truly a of distinction. Not quite in way that handsome breed is met in the whiskey ads, you understand, though it is not a matter of public record he ever won the cup that cheers. Ac- ally, for night on to 40 years, he been the living, breathing of the salutary qualities of strictly liquid diet as a human servative.

Still at It

nd now, as we say, he has seen again in the flesh, picking his way amid the ruins of his haunts in Souborne Holler other parts of that strange sum of corn bread and fried

Report Pressman Resigning Post As CIO Counsel

NEW YORK—(F.P.)—Lee Pressman's resignation as general counsel of the CIO was scheduled to be announced in two or three days, Federated Press learned Feb. 5.

The 41-year-old lawyer, who played a key role with John L. Lewis and Philip Murray in many of CIO's big battles, will join third party forces working to elect Henry A. Wallace President.

Although frequently publicized as a leader of the left group in the CIO, Pressman's decision to resign was entirely of his own making and his departure is under friendly circumstances with Pres. Murray who, it was learned, requested him to remain.

Skilled Negotiator

Joining the CIO shortly after its formation, Pressman as chairman of the resolutions committee at annual conventions helped harmonize conflicting viewpoints during one of the most turbulent periods in American labor history.

His victories in cases before the U. S. supreme court and the NLRB, which were important factors in establishing basic labor principles, and his skill as a negotiator earned him the respect of all groups within the CIO.

Pressman's career in the CIO coincided with the outstanding struggles of that organization. He was with Lewis when the famous sitdowns in the automobile industry were won in '37; along with Maurice Sugar, then attorney for the United Auto Workers, he fought the court cases and injunctions arising out of the auto strikes.

He figured in the negotiations which led to the signing of the first contract with U. S. Steel; his supreme court appearance included the civil liberties battles for free speech with Mayor Frank (I am the Law) Hague of Jersey City, and against the deportation of Harry Bridges; in the Thomas vs. Texas case he won from the court a decision which outlawed state requirements for union organizers to obtain licenses.

A graduate of Cornell and Harvard Law School, Pressman before going to the CIO was assistant general counsel for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and general counsel for the WPA and Resettlement Administration. He is expected to join the New York labor law firm of Witt & Cammer, with whom he was associated before going to Washington to work for the government and the CIO.

Relief Rolls Up

DALLAS, Tex.—(F.P.)—With reports from Chicago and New York telling of a drop in commodity market and stock exchange prices, three social agencies here closed their doors in the face of rising demands for help from marginal income families.

A report by the City-County Welfare Dept. last December, referring to the rise, said: "We believe (this) represents the start of a critical period for a large segment of our population. Reports from all over the country indicate a rise in case loads with no summer decreases expected."

It was recalled that a similar report in 1929 said: "The usual summer decline in relief calls did not occur. Summer relief figures from 120 cities showed the expenditures remained ominously high."

Strike in Mining?

WASHINGTON—First hint of a possible strike in bituminous coal mining this spring threw the nation's soft coal operators into a dither. Cause of the commotion was a letter from Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) advising them that an unresolved national dispute existed over the proposed mine pension fund plan.

As of Dec. 15, 1947, more than 800 federal employees were fired under the federal loyalty check program.

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Labor Around The World

**France**

PARIS—The General Confederation of Labor (CGT) and the Catholic Trade Union Federation have both sharply denounced the government's plan to devalue the franc. Result, the union groups pointed out, will be even higher price and a reduction in available consumer goods because industry will make bigger profits through exports. Prices in France have already risen 1,400% over their prewar level. The devaluation, the CGT stressed, legalizes black market operations and benefits only domestic and foreign big business interests in France.

Mexico

MEXICO CITY—Miners here are renewing their demand that the Mexican government nationalize the mines as negotiations for new contracts, affecting 80,000 workers, have apparently reached a stalemate and a strike threat looms. Mining of all types of minerals and metals is one of Mexico's major industries. Ninety percent of all Mexican mines are operated, through government franchise, by the American Smelting Co. of the U.S.

Canada

OTTAWA—(ALN)—Canadian labor leaders are definitely cool to AFL Pres William Green's recent proposal that the workday may be increased by an additional hour. Pres. Percy Bengough of the Trades & Labor Congress, parent body of AFL unions in Canada, pointed out that the TLC is on record for a 40-hour week and said Green's proposal would not be acceptable to Canadian workers. Green suggested to Congress Jan. 22 that the workweek be increased by 45 hours, keeping time-and-a-half for the extra hours, to increase production.

*If Fred Gullies
didn't send us some
more mail pretty
soon we'll consider
him as one of us.*

**England**

LONDON—An increase in British exports to Franco Spain is being sought by two high-powered publicity experts sent there by the semi-official British Export Trade Research Organization, it has been disclosed here.

British unionists, backing the official position of the Trades Union Congress in favor of an economic boycott against Franco, have lodged widening protests against this traffic, particularly since new figures on steadily increasing Anglo-Spanish trade have been made public.

Poland

WARSAW—Poland's unions, which had a total membership of a few hundred thousand before the war, had well over 2½ million members by the end of 1947, official government figures reveal.

Cuba

HAVANA—A powerful storm of protest—ranging from street demonstrations by hundreds of thousands of workers to official denunciations by leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives—has resulted from the slaying Jan. 22 of Jesus Menendez, Cuban sugar union leader.

Menendez, a Communist, was a member of the Cuban House, serving his second 4-year term. He was shot in the back while traveling to a sugar workers' meeting. The shots were fired by an army captain who sought to arrest Menendez and prevent him from addressing the meeting despite the parliamentary immunity from arrest guaranteed to all members of Congress.

The congressional protests, signed by leaders of all political parties pointed out that the army captain not only bypassed parliamentary immunity but violated the fundamental right of every citizen to live. The congressional leaders demanded that all those involved in the shooting be brought to justice.

SICK COMMITTEE REPORT

The following sick and injured members of Local Union 1010 were visited in the month of January:

Andy Bandura, Cold Strip; still hospitalized at St. Catherine's but making good progress toward full recovery.

Sylvester Ferdinand, Yard Department, who suffered the loss of one leg, is convalescing slowly.

Jesus Villalponte, 76" Mill; disabled since September 27, 1946, by multiple fractures of one leg, still has a long period of inactivity before him.

Ignace Steglich, New Construction rigger, released from St. Catherine's to his home.

Anthony Rodriguez, #1 Open Hearth, convalescing at home.

Euziel Delgado, #2 Open Hearth, rapidly regaining his health at home.

Mike Niden, #1 Open Hearth; getting better slowly.

Nick Brandish, Laboratory; released from the hospital to his home.

Peter Meketca, Car Shop, at home.

James O'Neill, Trans. Dept., recovering at home.

Jim Pauly, Tin Mill, still confined to a fracture bed in St. Catherine's Hospital.

Joe Mamula, Steam Dept., released from St. Catherine's to his home.

Cliff Harris, Coke Plant; at home.

Jeanne Ramirez, under treatment at the Crown Point Sanatorium.

George Reosenyak, Blast Furnace. While going home from work, December 14, Brother Reosenyak was struck by a car. Through efforts of the Sick Committee, driver of the car was located and his insurance company induced to pay all of Brother Reosenyak's bills incident to his injury as well as lost time. It is estimated that he will be laid up at least four months.

John Bobois, 28" Mill.

Wayne Rainfort, Cold Strip.

John Shultz, Steam Dept., was contacted by special request of Brother Sam Krupasaw, Griever for that Division. Mr. Shultz is, however, a salaried employee and, consequently, not a member of LU 1010.

Jesus Juarez, 10" Mill.

Lorenzo Garibay, 76" Hot Strip.

Rene Farnetti, Coke Plant.

Morris Stafford, #2 Open Hearth.

Juan Guerra, Yard Dept.

Nick Wenzel, #2 Open Health.

Paul Garcia, #1 Open Hearth.

Bert Bernard, South Shore Hotel.

Manuel Castillo, 76" Hot Strip. The Committee succeeded in having Brother Castillo's bill reduced from \$50.75 to \$22.

Fred Furstenberg, #1 Machine Shop. Brother Furstenberg has been confined to his home, 3929 Fern St., E.C., for four months by a heart condition.

Fraternally yours,

CARL STANLEY,
Chairman, LU 1010 Sick
and Injured Committee.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

AGENDA

POINT #1—Answ...

Step #4—grievanc...

The Union wishes to reinitiate some of the uncompleted steps. Mr. Luellen agrees something may be worked out whereby meetings can be held in the departments with the employees involved, the foremen, superintendent and any other interested parties. The grievance being only one step of significance in the necessary before arbitration.

Mr. Luellen promises answers to Step No. 4. These will be presented to our tee at the next monthly meeting.

POINT #2 Bus Serv...

Mr. Luellen has recommended by letter, that the Company furnish another bus. The proposal, which includes two busses on weekdays and three busses on Sundays, will be discussed in detail at the next monthly meeting.

POINT #3—Overtime Tim...

Five copies of revised time sheet will be furnished to the Union.

POINT #4—East Parkin...

The Union requests the installation of a fence and lights. Mr. Cramer and O. H. McKimmon and M. M. McClure to inspect the lots Monday, February 12.

POINT #5—Mechanical...

Mechanical Classification.

The Operating Department has now completed Classification.

The Mechanical Shops have started.

POINT #6—Metallurgical...

These jobs will be evaluated under our present manual. The Company will consider the evaluation of metallurgical jobs as proposed by F. Kretz, the Union representative.

POINT #7—Pre-arbitration...

Mr. Luellen agrees to provide and half for the 6th and 7th week I worked in a work week when I am represented by the Service of Work, which shall be paid as hours worked in combat the rate of pay for the 6th and day worked in that week.

POINT #8—Additional H...

Force In Transportation.

Plant Yards in deplorable condition—much clean-up work necessary. Mr. Luellen has again to investigate.

POINT #9—Safety In Tra...

Unsafe conditions cited tracks in plant. Poor lights protruding from cars—tramped with debris. This must be rectified before, to date no action taken to rectify it.

POINT #10—#1 Coke F...

Reported in bad shape. Much additional work for the ce. Investigation promised.

POINT #11—Jury Du...

Mr. Luellen to investigate other plants are doing in the matter of compensating employees for time lost on jury duty. Then come forth with a proposal.

POINT #12—Payday...

Congested conditions at paydays will be investigated for improvement.

George S...

Acting Secy.

of the primitiveness of his country after centuries of foreign imperialists and landlords. India's own progressive movement has gone beyond him there.

Here, in rich, highly developed America, we should despise who rant admiration for our backward even when saw clearly, who are indifferent evils in the 20th century which he refused to tolerate in semi-medieval India. Our memory does not belong to who use it to before, who none of his principle, his sense of justice or his courage to death for the right as he

Truman Gives Congress Civil Rights Program; Rep. Powell Says 'Act'

WASHINGTON—The position of the U. S. in the world makes it urgent that Congress pass new legislation to ensure essential rights for all the American people, President Truman said Feb. 3 in a detailed message to Congress.

He stressed the American ideal that all members of the unity have a right to equal freedom of expression, worship, to equal opportunity for social advancement and to a government. But he added: "we shall not achieve those 'so long as any American's discrimination as a result of race, religion, or color or of the origin of his forefathers."

During his long message carried without once mentioning the names or discrimination by name, as Negro, Jew, Indian or non-American, Truman made it perfectly plain what he meant. He did not mention any piece of legislation now before Congress.

Solos Wants Action
Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.) gave his reaction to the President's message by demanding, the next day, immediate enactment of pending legislation covering five points of President Truman's Civil Rights message to Congress.

Harlem Congressman called Truman's message but was disappointed in the President's failure to command passage of specific legislation. In a statement issued last week, Powell warned that measures were not enough to end new crimes against the Negro.

"Negroes will not be satisfied with words," Powell declared. "Negroes have been studied, compared and conferenced almost daily. The time has long passed action."

Bills in Committee The bills, introduced by the two Congressmen, have been in congressional committees over a year. The measures covering five points of the President's message are:

- Anti-Lynch bill, HR 278;
- Anti-poll tax bill; HR 806;
- HR 3105, to prohibit discrimination in employment; HR 280, to prohibit segregation of passengers on transportation facilities of interstate commerce and a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to grant District of Columbia residents the right to vote in congressional and presidential elections.

President's Program Truman called on the lawmakers to enact legislation:

- Establishing a permanent division on civil rights, a joint congressional committee on civil rights, and a civil rights division in the Justice Dept.
- Strengthening existing civil

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rights statutes"—which are both vague and weak.

3. Providing federal protection against lynching.

4. Protecting more adequately the right to vote." Truman specified outlawing the polltax and protecting persons from interference with their right to vote in federal and state elections, including primaries.

5. Establishing a Fair Employment Practice Commission to prevent unfair discrimination in employment.

6. Prohibiting discrimination in interstate transportation facilities—which would hit Jimcrow segregation.

gation on interstate railroad, bus and water travel.

7. Providing home rule and suffrage in presidential elections for the residents of the District of Columbia.

8. Providing statehood for Hawaii and Alaska and a greater measure of self-government for our island possessions.

9. Equalizing the opportunities for residents of the U. S. to become naturalized citizens.

10. Settling the evacuation claims of Japanese-Americans—which arose as a result of relocation during the war.

Personnel Needed

The President said his message "is a minimum program" for legislation at this session of Congress. He asked that the present small civil rights staff in the Justice Dept. be increased to division size, headed by an assistant attorney general. Special training is being given FBI agents now, he said, to enable them to be more effective in enforcing civil rights laws.

He promised also to recommend legislation to wipe out discrimination in the Panama Canal zone if the present investigation of the Sec. of the Army finds legislation to that end is needed.

Murray

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Classifications

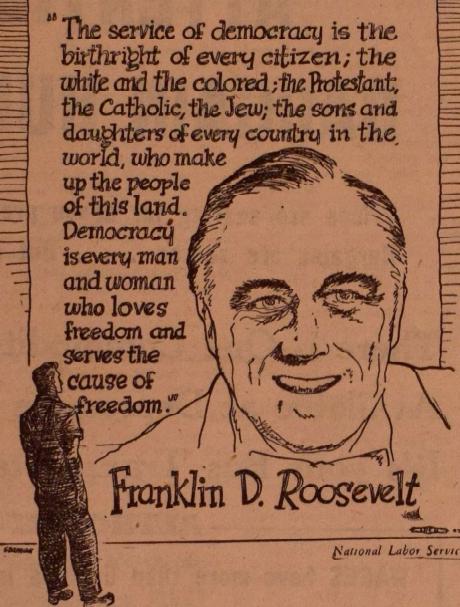
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to meet, may be noted and corrected.

Review of Job Classifications may be initiated under the following procedure:

1. The individual grievance committee will first go over disputed job classifications with a representative of the Industrial Engineering Department for the purpose of eliminating any obvious errors. Grievance committeemen may make appointments for this meeting through Mr. Hans Helm, superintendent of the department.

2. Where objections to a job classification may still remain, Mr. Helm will arrange a general discussion between departmental management, the grievance committee, and a representative of the Industrial Engineering Department, at which representatives of employees on the job in question may also be present.

3. Following the general discussion meetings, the Industrial Engineering representatives will meet the individual grievance committee and a committee of not more than two representatives of employees on the job in question, for an attempt at final agreement. If this is not achieved, the specific provisions of Paragraph 4 (b) (c) (d) of Appendix 2, of the Industry Agreement shall be followed.



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Labor Lawyer Spikes 'Labor Peace' Myth

DETROIT—(FP)—Before an audience of judges, lawyers and regional NLRB men Maurice Sugar, leading midwest labor attorney, outlined eight factors in strong unionism and showed how the Taft-Hartley act was designed to undermine each one of them. The talk was sponsored by the Detroit Lawyers Guild of which he was a founder. His subject was Will the Taft-Hartley act bring labor peace, and his answer was an unqualified no.

"Labor peace will be won," Sugar concluded, "not through the anti-labor Taft-Hartley act but by maintaining the fundamentals of American democracy."

The eight pillars of modern unionism he listed as union security (closed, union, or maintenance of membership shop), dues checkoff, collective as against individual bargaining, industrial unionism especially in the basic industries, legal protection of union rights, a strong union treasury in case of strike, effective political action, and militant intelligent leadership.

"Everyone of these pillars is sapped by the cunning design of the Taft-Hartley law but I will deal today with only four of them, though the rest of them are equally attacked," Sugar said.

He showed how the law cripples effective strikes by its requirement of five notices before striking and by the penalties of loss of job and seniority by workers who strike before all technicalities have been complied with. He reminded the judges how the labor injunction, outlawed under the Norris-LaGuardia act, had been bootlegged back. The ancient anti-labor doctrine of conspiracy, also outgrown, has likewise been restored against workers who quit, not as individuals, but collectively as unionists. He regards these provisions as unconstitutional.

While employers and others cannot be sued in federal district court unless the value at stake is over \$3000, unions under T-H can be sued where nothing more than a dime is at stake. And suit can be brought anywhere the union has an office or representative. For example, he said, General Motors could sue the United States Auto Workers (CIO) in Georgia or California for an alleged infraction in Michigan or Massachusetts.

One of the rawest discriminations against labor in the T-H act, that preventing unions from making political contributions or helping or attacking candidates for public offices in the union papers, is at last beginning to bother the daily press, Sugar said, because it may boomerang against them. The ban on contributions etc. applies equally to corporations (though not to individuals) and the papers are fearing that if, as usual, they slant their news and shape their editorials for or against any candidates that will be construed a Taft-Hartley violation by some judge or other.

"Of course it may be argued," Sugar explained, "that unions are nonprofit organizations while the corporations that own the daily papers are organized for profit. But would the papers argue that one may do for profit what is unlawful when it is not for profit?

As for the noncommunist affidavits, these are plainly aimed, not at any communists, but at militant union leadership, Sugar said, stressing the clause that bans affiliation. Affiliation is not defined but it certainly does not mean membership, he said, because membership is separately specified. Judges might take it to mean the act of advocating any objectionable—like higher wages or union

Total War

Reprinted from The Picket.

W. J. Harrigan, manager of the Hammond Times, has finally revealed his hand. He wants an injunction against the union.

Harrigan formerly tried to pass himself off as a "friend of labor" who really didn't have a quarrel with the printers of the paper.

He pretended that it was just a "matter of principle" for the Hammond Times to tag along with the Tribune and other Chicago dailies; and he indicated that whenever those papers settled with the union, the Times would settle too.

Of course, Harrigan thus clearly showed that he was a fellow traveler of the big chain newspapers in their campaign to bust the oldest union in America. But he insisted he was only an innocent bystander. He echoed the claim of the big Chicago publishers that they had to have a one-year contract, 100 per cent tailored to a Taft-Hartley blueprint, before they'd settle with the union.

The Taft-Hartley smokescreen is bad enough when used by Chicago publishers, and it is even worse when used by Harrigan. The Hammond Times has never had a contract with the Typographical Union, yet its composing room was always union from 1906.

Arrogant Harrigan has now dropped his mask. He stands nakedly before the people of the Calumet area as an arch-enemy of all organized labor. He has submitted affidavits at Indianapolis in support of Czar Denham's petition for an injunction against the Typographical Union.

One effect of an injunction is to deny the right of trial by jury. Harrigan, like other anti-union newspaper publishers, knows that public opinion is against them. He knows that the people are on the side of organized labor. With trial by jury eliminated, he hopes that he and his fellow publishers can beat the union into submission.

Arrogant Harrigan has claimed that things were going along all right for his paper. He has claimed that the paper hadn't been seriously affected by the refusal of Calumet unionists to continue buying the paper. In short, he has claimed that the paper suffered almost no ill effects from the Typographical Union strike.

Now he has belied all those claims. He feels that only an injunction can defeat the printers. And he is in there, with all his arrogance, trying to get the injunction issued.

Keep an eye on Arrogant Harrigan. No union in this area is safe so long as he can continue his union-busting efforts.

You can fight back at Arrogant Harrigan by refusing to buy the Hammond Times. Don't subscribe to it and don't buy it on the news stands.

BARS U.S. MEDIATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Cyrus S. Ching, director of the new Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service, bowed low before the T-H law and the NAM congress which brought it. He said the offices of his agency would not be open to unions which do not comply with the slave law filing requirements except under special circumstances.

security—that communists also advocate.

"Fundamentally, the affidavit clause denies workers the right of equal citizenship before the law," he declared. "I predict that it will come to be used against those unpopular in certain sections. There will be no labor peace under the Taft-Hartley act except that purchased, as Patrick Henry said of another situation, 'at the price of chains and slavery.'"

"Ideals Vs. Realities" Theme of CIO Civil Rights Talks, Feb. 19

WASHINGTON—(FP)—A National CIO Civil Rights Conference to discuss union work on problems of civil liberties and to plan methods of backing up the report of the President's Commission on Civil Rights was called Jan. 11 by Pres. Philip Murray and Sec.-Treas. James B. Carey.

Meeting in Cleveland, Feb. 19-20, at the Hollenden Hotel, the conference is open to union groups in all sections of the U. S. About 500 CIO members and officials are expected to attend the conference, which will include panel discussions and plenary sessions.

The Murray-Carey call emphasized the gap between "our ideals and everyday reality" in the struggle for human freedom, concluding:

"The power and ability to rally the American people for support of a continuing program to

Wallace Committee

Elmer A. Benson, former Farmer Labor party governor of Minnesota, will be chairman of a newly formed Natl. Wallace for President Committee. Henry A. Wallace has announced. Wallace's campaign manager will be C. B. Baldwin, formerly head of the Farm Security Administration and now executive vice chairman of the Progressive Citizens of America.

Co-chairmen of the committee are Rexford Guy Tugwell, a leading member of the late Pres. Roosevelt's brain trust, sculptor Jo Davidson and singer Paul Robeson. Davidson is honorary Chairman of PCA, the organization which formally set off the Wallace for President movement. Angus Cameron, editor-in-chief of Little, Brown & Co., book publishers, was named treasurer.

strengthen and secure the civil rights of all American citizens is

T-H HITS NEWSBOYS

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—The impact of the T-H inferior court judge reversal of the U. S. supreme court and the newsboys are independent contractors and not employees. Therefore, the judge held, they cannot organize into unions and granted a preliminary restraining Newsvendor, 75 (CIO) from interfering with the sale of papers by a man at a downtown corner.

NEW YORK — (FP)—A. Wallace's third party has been endorsed by 75 of the Ntl. Maritime Union including 19 members of a man national council, N. Ferdinand C. Smith and

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PITTSBURGH—(FP)—A third round of wage increases for 850,000 steelworkers, hard hit by soaring living costs, will be demanded by the United Steelworkers (CIO) at negotiations expected to begin April 1.

Notice of the pending wage demands was served by the union Jan. 28 in a call for a 3-day conference here, which will prepare the wage program. The wage strategy talks will be opened by the 40-man executive board Feb. 16 and will be followed by a report to the 170-man wage policy committee Feb. 18. The larger group will take final action on the wage goal.

April 1 is the wage reopening date set in the 2-year contract signed in 1947. Average hourly wage set in that contract is about \$1.54.

Although the conference call did not mention any specific wage demand, it quoted liberally from a front-page story in the last issue of Steel Labor, official union publication, which declared that the steel industry can afford to grant sizable increases.

"Living standards of steelworkers have shown a steady deterioration" despite the 18½ increases won in 1946 and the 15¢ overall increase won the following year, the publication said, warning that the workers "are caught in the grip of a deepening inflationary crisis."

"Higher and higher living costs have wiped out increases won by the union in the last steel contracts," it said. "And while steel wages have been frozen, profits continue their rapid climb."

Describing steel profits as "fantastic," the newspaper said that 1947 profits of nearly \$450 million set a record for the industry and predicted that 1948 profits after taxes would show a \$112 million increase, "with more price increases expected."

Coinciding with the union's announcement of its wage campaign was a report by the U. S. Steel Corp. that its 1947 profits of \$126,704,272 were the highest since 1929 and far above the 1946 take of \$88,622,475.

Bridges Explains 3rd Party Stand After CIO Meet

SAN FRANCISCO—"If the CIO executive board should put any compulsion on the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union to force it not to campaign for a third party, the ILWU would resist." Pres. Harry Bridges told a news conference on his return from the recent CIO board meeting in Washington.

Bridges stressed, however, that while the board had opposed a third party, it had acknowledged that no affiliate could be forced to go along with its decision. He barred any possibility of the ILWU's bolting the CIO should any attempt be made to force it to change its third party position.

Bridges said he would use his position as CIO northern California director to fight such an attempt, but added that if it came to a showdown between the CIO and his union, he would feel "unsuited" for his director's post.

Wanted Referendum

Although a number of ILWU locals have endorsed Henry A. Wallace, the national union has to date endorsed only a third party and not a specific Presidential candidate, Bridges pointed out. He said he was opposed to the third party's entering its own candidates into congressional races unless there was no possible choice. Advocating the "lesser of two evils" doctrine on the congressional level, he said the Wallace vote would mean a great many more votes for progressive congressional candidates of both parties.

Bridges criticized the CIO executive board for turning down his proposal to have a membership referendum on the third party issue. "Some part of the decision ought to be made by the working people in the CIO," he said. "In effect, the board endorsed Truman without consulting the membership."

The ILWU leader also expressed

Back Pay, Too

Force Rehiring at Gary Of Worker Discharged For Union Activities

Angry protests from every major local union in District No. 31, plus the flimsiness of charges laid against him by management of U. S. Steel's Gary Works 8½ months ago, added up to full reinstatement Friday, January 30, for Pat Riley, charter member of USA-CIO Local 1014 and former Vice President of Indiana's Industrial Union Council. Severed from Gary Works' pay roll on March 21, 1947, Brother Riley will receive \$2,800 in back pay as part of the arbitrator's award.

Although management's legal eagle fine-combed his record for infractions to include in their bill of complaints, chief beef against Brother Riley was alleged misrepresentation of reasons for taking time off for union business.

Statewide union leader

As Vice President of the State Industrial Union Council, Brother Riley was one of the top organizers of CIO delegations from various parts of Indiana whose combined pressure prevented the State Assembly from railroading no less than two hundred and twelve NAM designed bills into Indiana law. This activity required his frequent absence from his job in the late winter and early spring of 1947.

Another detail handed to Brother Riley by the State Council was organization of the pickets around Indianapolis' Hotel Claypoole, which was struck at the time by CIO Hotel and Restaurant Workers.

Brother Riley's success in carrying out that assignment may be judged by the circumstance that authorities of Indianapolis, a notoriously open shop town, jailed him on phony charges of "leading a parade without a permit." Later those charges were charged to assault and battery to which, in view of the City Court's unconcealed prejudice, Brother Riley pleaded guilty on advice of counsel. Bail was duly posted and the trial set for March 21.

Fired in March

Notifying his supervisor that he was scheduling off, Pat Riley went to Indianapolis March 21 primarily to help organize a delegation to Washington, D. C. Anti-labor legislation was reaching a peak in the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives at that time, as union men will have no trouble recalling.

Since his trial on the charges noted above was also on the 21st, Brother Riley and CIO Attorney Powers Haggard also appeared in Court on that day long enough to conclude the brief legal procedure.

Alleging that Riley had gone to Indianapolis to stand trial instead

of his announced purpose of union business, Gary Works management fired him on grounds of misrepresentation.

"Bad labor record"

Because of blacklisting by the Gary Works, Brother Riley was unable to find work until September. A skilled overhead crane-man, he was told in some places, when it was admitted that cranes men were badly needed, that they

couldn't use him because "bad labor record." In other words, he was given no reason at all for his refusal of employment.

American Bridge, Tubular, General American (E.C.) Screw and Bolt, are among long list of plants who refused Riley a chance to work for living. At the Continental dry, he contrived to get and stay on it for 11 days, the blacklist caught up with him.

Although crane operators were getting unfilled, the U. S. Employment Service offered him no work other than section hand's. His refusal to take work at the starvation paid section hands was, of course, basis for denying him unemployment compensation by this general Agency.

Finally obtaining employment with the New York Central Railroad at Gibson, Ind., Riley remained there until he returned Saturday, January 31, to his old job in the Gary Works' power fuel division.



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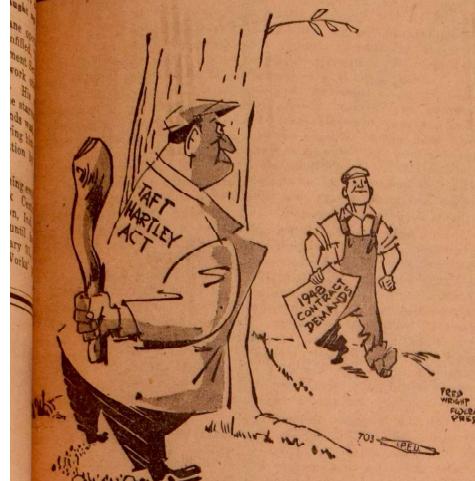
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REPORT ON WAGE AND POLICY

By PETER CALACCI
(Rep. Sub-District No. 2 of District No. 31,
U. S. A., C. I. O.)

Our Union formally made a demand, Wednesday, February 18, on the Steel Industry for a substantial Wage Increase and a Social Insurance Program.

The one-day meeting of our 175-man Wage and Policy Committee avoided no inkling as to the specific dollars and cents figure.

We will not announce a figure relative to the demands prior to negotiations. The bulk of the wage hike will be held in April.

We intend to present the Steel industry our statement of policy, which contains:

1. A Substantial Wage Increase.
2. Plans for a Social Insurance Fund.

The Policy Committee expresses the hope that mutually satisfactory agreements can be arrived at on these very important matters. We are aware of our responsibility and we will recognize our obligations under the present collective bargaining agreements and in accordance with their provisions, reject and carry out such contracts, demands will be made on all 86 basic Steel Corporations with which we have contracts, plus more than 500 Fabricating plants, by April 1. This represents about 3% of the 875,000 members, contracts covering the remaining

Anti-Lynch Law Bill Passed To Senate

WASHINGTON — (FP) — If the 80th Congress takes up the legislation of legislation to prohibit lynching and make it a federal offense subject to criminal prosecution of both mob members and police officers, if connected to the time, the Senate must act first.

This strategy was indicated in the Senate judiciary committee heard testimony from Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) and Rep. Emmett Keating (R., N. Y.).

Keating told newsmen Republicans leaders in Congress have decided to let the Senate take up the legislation first because the House has passed anti-lynching bills several times in the past only to have them "talked to death" in the upper house.

Sen. Morse said lynchings are "lawful, immoral and indefensible." He said that in many sections it has been found that teachers have the active cooperation of peace officers, or that these mobs have "condoned or winked

25% have reopening dates later than April 1. Here in Sub-District No. 2, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. can only negotiate until April 30, while at Inland Steel the deadline is May 15. Failing agreements by these dates, the respective contracts will remain in effect until the expiration date, April 30, 1949.

Steel-makers can afford to pay a reasonable wage increase solely from the increase in steel prices since last October, when the price of steel was increased \$3.50 per ton, which means more than \$220,000,000 dollars additional income. Not mentioning the fact that for the greater part of 1947 these hungry steel barons almost doubled their 1946 profit figure. A good example is Inland Steel Company: 1946 profit, \$15,000,000, and 1947, \$29,000,000, plus several thousands more for good measure, not noting the fact of the several million dollars they received in the form of kick back taxes.

Yours truly on many occasions has differed with certain civic leaders who favor certain phases of the infamous Taft-Hartley Act which deals on basis of peaceful relations and that only on the basis of sound collective bargaining we can prosper, please take note.

These hungry makers of steel will probably scream and holler. Would they again seek sympathy? Would they again claim that wage increases result in price increases? Believe me, as far as they are concerned words like honesty and sincerity have been taken and erased out of the Webster Dictionary. Profit figures stagger me and leave me in a drunken state of mind, but these staggering figures will do nothing to provide us "steel slaves" with an adequate standard of living. So, Mr. Bosses, either a substantial wage increase plus a social insurance fund, or go to ----!

P. S.—Latest News! Steel goes up another \$5.00 per ton!

Movies of the Louis-Walcott fight will be shown at the special meeting called for all shop stewards Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Local Union's headquarters. Plans for coming activities by these functionaries, who carry the union inside the gates, will also come up for consideration. All stewards are urged to attend.

New Shears Will Knock Out Jobs In Black Plate

Latest gimmick devised to slash Inland's payroll and thereby extend the company's thirty million dollar take still further, is the Halden shear. This device, which will double output of the tin mill black plate department, will at the same time toss nine men on to the growing pile labeled "technologically unemployed."

Although the Halden shear is not slated to begin operating for another three weeks, tin mill workers are, nonetheless, taking measures to protect their interests in some degree.

Owing to the circumstance that black plate shear crews have a higher rate of pay than workers on the electrolytic line, the company has arbitrarily decided that the new operation belongs in the electrolytic line sequence.

If, as the black plate department contends, the Halden shear requires a shear operator to manipulate it, the Halden operator would draw more money than the employee who has the responsibility for the entire line. According to demonstrated strategy and tactics of the well organized tin mill workers, this would justify upping the rate of workers assigned to the electrolytic line as well.

Committee Picks

Accompanied by a rank and file committee of forty, Griever Waller Szepich met with General Foreman Salisbury, Tuesday, February 10, to acquaint him with these pertinent facts.

Introduction of the Halden shear on one line is a prelude to making it a part of all like sheet metal operations. Expansion of the tin mill into new plant capacity, currently under construction, will, of course, include provisions for this labor eliminating method.

In view of their long range interests, electrolytic line workers are in accord with having the Halden shear placed in the shear sequence rather than in their own.

Government Workers Hire Lee Pressman

The United Public Workers (CIO) executive board Feb. 9 unanimously reaffirmed its refusal to sign Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavits and announced it had re-



tained Lee Pressman, former CIO general counsel, as its legal representative.

Pressman, who has joined the law firm of Witt & Gammie, addressed the board's morning session and called for a strong union fight to protect the civil rights of government workers. The board voted full support to the government services cafeteria strike in Washington, D. C.

Murray, CIO Indicted Under Slave Law Ban On Political Activities

WASHINGTON — (FP) — A court test of constitutionality of a section of the Taft-Hartley law moved forward Feb. 11 as a federal grand jury indicted the CIO and Pres. Philip Murray on charges of violating the slave law's ban on expenditures in federal elections. Charges were brought by the Justice Dept.

The CIO News had run a special election edition, which was circulated free of charge in Baltimore, the front page featuring an appeal by Murray to voters, asking support of Garmatz. Murray made it clear at the time that he was inviting a court test of the law. The CIO regards Section 304, curbing election activity by labor, as an unconstitutional limitation on political activity and will fight the case along that line.

Former Gen. Counsel Lee Pressman, who resigned his CIO job Feb. 6, is being retained by the CIO to handle the case. Working man is Atty. Frank Donner of the CIO legal department.

'Taint Constitutional'

Arraignment is expected about the last week in February. First move of the defendant CIO will be a motion to squash the indictment on grounds of unconstitutionality. Whatever happens, the Dept. of Justice and the CIO are prepared to take the case to the U. S. Supreme Court. Maximum penalty for the offense, if the Justice Dept. wins the case, is a \$5,000 fine for the CIO and \$1,000 fines for CIO officers "who consent to the expenditure," plus a year's imprisonment, or both.

Commenting on the indictment, Atty. Gen. Tom Clark in a cautious statement said the Justice Dept. would enforce what it sees as the letter of the law, despite the possibility it infringes on American liberty. He said:

"This statute can present a problem in the accommodation of the constitutional power of Congress to regulate federal elections with the constitutional freedoms of speech and the press. The executive branch of the government will, of course, enforce the statute as it is written."

Murray Repents Acts

Murray, pulling no punches, said of the indictment: "The CIO has been singled out for prosecu-

tion by the federal government because it chose to exercise its constitutional right to freedom of expression and freedom of speech. The Taft-Hartley law, under which the prosecution will be conducted, was designed to weaken or destroy trade unions and to deprive their officials of the right to discuss political matters freely.

"It has long been our contention that democracy would be seriously threatened if any group of citizens were deprived of its right to engage in free and open discussion of political candidates and political issues. It was because of this feeling that I, last July, authorized action designed to test the constitutionality of those sections of the Taft-Hartley act which curb political freedom and freedom of the press."

The CIO chief said the government action against the CIO News can also hit other newspapers, because it forbids banks and corporations as well as unions, from making expenditures in connection with federal elections. "More — much more — than the right of Philip Murray to issue political statements through the CIO News is involved in their case," he said. "The vitally important freedom of the entire press is involved."

Section 304 of the Taft-Hartley law extended the wartime Smith-Connally act in two respects — (1) applied the election curb to federal primaries, conventions and caucuses as well as to federal general elections, and (2) extended the ban to expenditures as well as contributions.

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For Sports News

Delay Action On Rebuke of Dist. Director

Because lateness of the hour prohibited full discussion of the matter, a motion condemning the action of Joseph Germano, Director of District No. 31, USA-CIO, in calling off the anti-Taft picket line at the Gary Hotel, Wednesday, February 11, was referred Thursday night, February 19, to the next Local Union meeting.

Although District Director Germano gave no reason for canceling the picket line, which had been authorized and planned by the Lake County Industrial Union Council, Freeman Bellar, Sub-Dist. Director and spokesman for Germano gave the following explanation to Mayor Swartz of Gary.

Letters, Bellar alleged, signed "Committee to picket Taft-Wallace in '48," had been received by several Gary steelworkers.

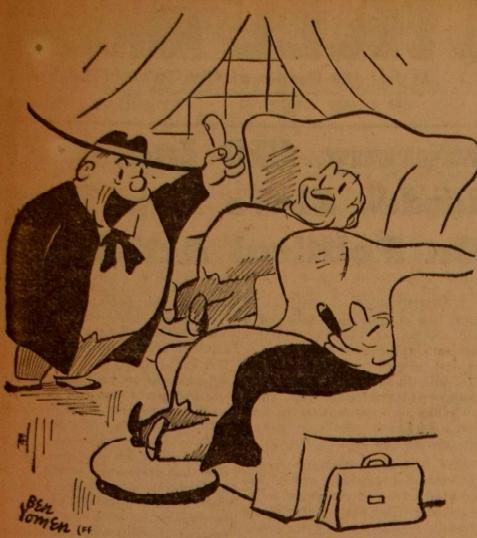
"We don't want to have anything to do with activities that have a Communist tinge, nor do we want to be blamed for any disorders that may occur," Bellar stated.

Gary is the only industrial city to be visited by the Republican standard bearer and co-author of the Taft-Hartley law against which the CIO is waging a finish fight.

On the day that the anti-Taft picket line was cancelled, Phil Murray, USA President, and Allan Swim, Editor of the CIO News, were arrested and are now facing trial on charges of violating a provision of the Taft-Hartley law.

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BY YOMEN



"LET'S PASS A LAW MAKING IT ILLEGAL FOR WORKERS TO EVEN TALK ABOUT WAGE INCREASES."

Oil Workers Ask 30c Pay Raise; Cite Huge Profit

FORT WORTH, Tex.—(FP)—To protect themselves against sky-the-limit prices, the nation's oil workers want a 30c hourly pay boost. That was the figure unanimously voted by the 24-man policy committee of the Oil Workers International Union (CIO) at a 2-day meeting here.

"The failure of Congress to enact price control leaves us no other recourse," the committee said. "Our members would have much preferred to cooperate with Washington in an effort to stabilize our economy. But there is not the slightest indication that Congress will do anything to help the people of this country."

The Republican-Democratic combination in control of Congress has refused to give the slightest consideration to the economic well-being of the American people. Although Congress is prepared to hand out billions in tax reductions to the profiteers who are fattening on the people's needs, it is deaf to the appeals of plain people to bring down prices."

Can Afford It

The oil industry, "which has pillaged the public by one price increase after another," can easily grant the wage demand "from a thin slice of its profits, without the slightest increase in the price of gasoline or fuel oil," the committee said. It offered these cold figures to back its demand:

Profits in the first nine months of 1947 were 83% above the same period of 1946. The final quarter of 1947 may be the most profitable in oil history. For companies with two-thirds of the volume, 1947 profits will be four times as high as in 1939.

Since OPA was killed, the price of crude oil has advanced nearly 100%. The increase in the prices of refinery products totals more than \$7 million a day. This increase is seven times greater than the entire daily wages paid all hourly paid workers in oil refineries.

Donner in Charge of CIO Legal Staff

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Frank Donner, veteran labor attorney, is active head of the CIO legal staff, since the resignation of Gen. Counsel Lee Pressman Feb. 6. Whether Donner will step up to the top job or whether a new counsel will be named to replace Pressman has not been disclosed.

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Fight Inland At Michigan Limestone Co.

It's a long way from Indiana Harbor to Manistique, Mich., but Inland Steel Co. smells just the same on the Upper Michigan Peninsula as it does on the banks of the Calumet River. Just ask members of Local 377, CIO Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers; all 375 of them will be glad to give you their pointed if not printable opinions of the company.

Up in Manistique the Inland Lime & Stone Co., subsidiary of Inland Steel, closed its plant on January 1, 1948, and locked out the workers after they had refused to accept the yellow dog contract proposals made by management. They thought they'd break the union by the lockout, but all they managed was to create the strongest spirit of solidarity and unity among the Mine-Mill members.

Contract negotiations with the company began last October. The union asked a 20 cent general wage boost, 4 and 8 cent shift differential pay, six paid holidays, improved vacation plan and various other measures. The company countered with an offer of a 7½ cent an hour pay hike and slight vacation plan concessions, but tied both offers to a two year contract with no wage reopening clause. Unionists took one look at the company's offer and said "Nix."

Despite eight payless weeks Local 377 members have continued to demonstrate not only solidarity but the highest possible morale. Local meetings have larger attendance than ever, and the workers are determined to settle for their full demands, nothing less.

But you can't eat morale, and the locked-out workers are in need of financial support. They have appealed to brother unionists, in sympathy with their cause, to assist them with cash on the line if possible. Donations may be sent to the local in care of the International Union office of Mine-Mill at 431 South Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

California CIO Head Quits Over 3rd Party Stand

LOS ANGELES—(FP)—Morris Zusman resigned as president of the California CIO Council after his proposal to endorse the Marshall plan and oppose a third party lost out by a 3 to 2 margin.

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers' leader, who headed the state executive board for two years, tendered his resignation as the group concluded a three-day session here. He resigned in protest over a political policy statement, adopted by a vote of 63,368 to 39,717 on a per capita rollcall, which declared that, since the CIO is split on the third party and Marshall plan issues, the council's PAC funds and energies should be used only for those issues and candidates on which there was universal agreement.

The board's majority said it did not consider its position opposed to national policy and insisted that bypassing the two controversial issues is not equivalent to opposition.

When Zusman refused to reconsider his resignation, after the board had declined it, the body voted to keep him on the payroll the rest of the month and named as temporary chairman Virgil Corragliotti Martinez of the Oil Workers Int'l. Union.

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Show-up Time Breaks Boot Bottleneck In White Pickler

Despite that hostilities in Pacific ended more than two days ago and, presumably, traffic rubber production areas are to normal, a boot shortage is particularly the white pickler,

G. F. Walter Sheets, who the shots for management abouts, sent Brother Lucius E. home two nights in a row because no boots were obtainable to place those which he had put out. Calls to the store room nothing but information that of the size required by Bro. Rogers were unobtainable for indefinite period.

Rogers, however, backed Griever Szpeich, took the view lack of boots was neither a lack of Providence nor the fault of hourly paid employees. They demanded four hours' show-up for each of the two nights Bro. Rogers was sent home, and got

Boots were available for him the third consecutive night.

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We didn't like company unions,
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sons Walter Friesbie, former secretary of Indiana's Industrial Council summed the existing necessity for a strong third movement now to more than representative citizens of Indiana who jammed the Gold Room Indianapolis' Hotel Washington, February 15, to launch organization in the Hoosier State Henry Wallace's candidacy.

parked by a group of thirty men who spontaneously met Wallace at the time he announced his intention of running, January 29, the conference of February 15 established a permanent organization, elected leaders, and mapped plans for coordinated activities throughout the State office of the Indiana men for Wallace are set up at N. Pennsylvania ave., Room Indianapolis.

Set Up Officers

Officers of the original committee were selected by the delegates to serve in like capacities in the permanent organization. Dr. Shannon, Terre Haute, chairman; James H. McGill, Valparaiso, honorary chairman; Harry A. Cole, Indianapolis, executive secretary; and Willard B. Ransom, Indianapolis, treasurer.

The original steering committee, Sidney Golman, Walter Steele, Dr. Fran Neuwelt, Alfred Smith, Jessica Rhine, Emil Dean, Lages Nash, Morton Pazol, and Andrew James E. Foster, more than thirty names were added. Sargent, president of Local 9, is among CIO and AFL rank and file leaders who form a considerable part of the existing steering committee.

A national third party convention will take place in Chicago May 27 to 30, a wire from C. B. Edwin, Wallace's campaign director, informed the conference. Tentative plans which were made earlier to call a convention on April 12 were revised to allow more time for preparation by local state committees. Support for the third party movement is gathering on a scale which makes the original date impractical, the campaign manager explained.

Charge Old Parties Fail

From a rostrum flanked by life size portraits of FDR and Henry Wallace, Dr. Francis Wormuth, University of Indiana, who opened February 15th's conference, stated that political parties bear the responsibility of formulating programs and putting them before the voters to decide. This, he charged and implemented with abundant factual detail, both the Democrat and Republican parties have signally shirked.

On foreign policy, on price control, housing, repressive labor legislation, and all other major issues, their policies are identical, Wormuth elaborated. The circumstance that President Truman and other spokesmen utter liberal sounding phrases, he said, doesn't ex the current administration's record of strike breaking, or failure to cope with inflation, maintain civil rights, and protect Negroes and other minorities.

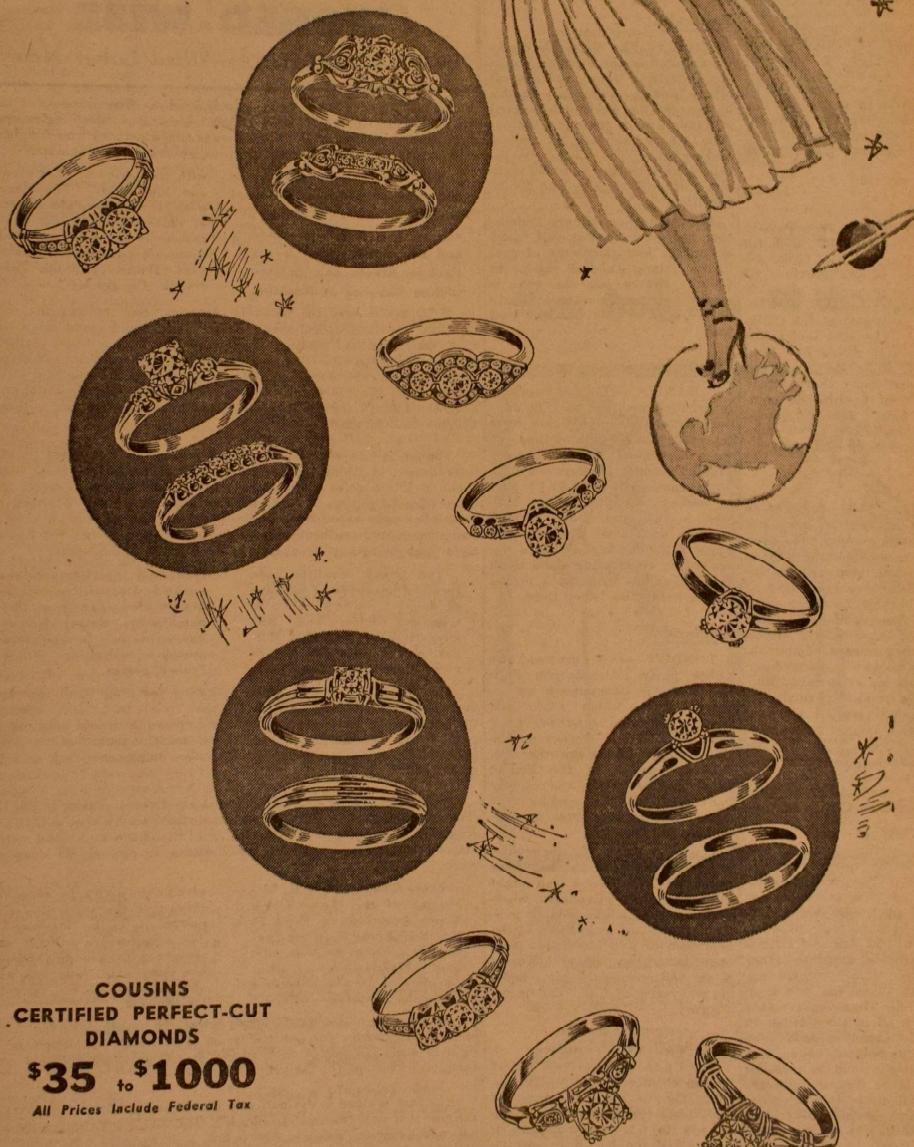
The Lake County Chapter of Indiana Citizens for Wallace will hold its first meeting Wednesday, January 25, in the Coral Room of Gary's YMCA. Called for the express purpose of apportioning demands of activity to those willing to carry them out, all active supporters of the third party cause are invited to attend.

Parnell Thomas says he found Communists from his hospital bed in Panama. But the congressman is frequently delirious even when he is sick.

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Labor Around The World

Canada

OTTAWA—Labor leaders here are charging that the government's Price Committee, set up to quiet the mounting cry for price controls, shows no signs of bringing relief to the people. The committee's power is limited to calling and questioning witnesses. Pres. Percy Bengough of the Trades and Labor Congress (AFL) told the nation in a cross-country radio broadcast that the blame for high prices lies with "a few get-rich-quick combines that need to be checked."

Mexico

MEXICO CITY—Pres. Vicente Lombardo Toledano of the Latin American Federation of Labor arrived safely in the province of Sinaloa after a private plane in which he was supposed to be traveling was sabotaged at the Culiacan airport. The pilot told police the plane's left motor had been hacked with axes. Lombardo has recently been under sharp attack from the right because he sponsored the new Popular party, which was organized as an independent progressive movement.

Cuba

HAVANA—Thirty-four union leaders at the Senado sugar mill in Camagüey province have been in jail for over a month, with no charges against them, though Cuba's constitution requires that no one be held over 24 hours without formal charges filed. The mill owner, confronted with a strike, has demanded release of the union leaders so he can resume operations, but the army says "No." Senado is a relatively small Cuban-owned mill located among some of the biggest American-owned mills here. Workers say the government and army are operating with U.S. firms who don't want Senado to grant wage increases because they'll have to follow suit.

Greece

ATHENS—The widely-publicized labor congress scheduled for March and admittedly designed to prove the Greek government is not anti-labor will be run and attended by government-appointed labor leaders only. Every elected national union official has now been removed under Greek government orders, with all of them either in prison, exile, hiding or dead. The government-appointed leaders were recently quoted to reassure American labor that the government did not intend to employ the death penalty against strike leaders provided in a recently-adopted law.

Russia

MOSCOW—Russian workers, currently negotiating new contracts, are seeking wider application of piece-rate and bonus system, the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions has announced. AUCCTU chairman Vasili Kuznetsov told a union conference here that average wages increased by 28.6% in the third quarter of 1947 as compared with

the third quarter of 1946. Currency revaluation at the end of 1947, he announced, brought further substantial rises in purchasing power.

Australia

SYDNEY—The Waterside Workers Federation, the Building Workers Industrial Union and several other leading Australian unions have urged the Australian Council of Trade Unions to stage a nationwide 1-hour stoppage to protest soaring prices. The unions term recent price increases "a snide technique of wage-slashing and profit-boosting."

The Australian Miners Federation has announced it will "take action" to halt shipments of coal to the Chiang Kai-shek regime in China. Miners say the coal is needed in Australia and should not be used to help Chiang's civil war.

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Philippines

MANILA—Filipino workers returning from jobs at U.S. military installations on Guam have reported themselves victims of wage discrimination. Basic pay for Filipino common laborers is 21¢ an hour, compared with \$1.19 paid to workers recruited in the U.S. who do the same jobs. Filipino workers on Guam, Okinawa and other U.S. Pacific bases are recruited by contracting agencies in the Philippines with the approval of the Philippine Labor Dept.

England

LONDON—A proposal by Labor party Sec. Morgan Phillips that all Communists be removed from union office has brought a heated rejoinder from Gen. Sec. Arthur Horner of the Nat'l. Union of Mineworkers, a leading member of the British Communist party who was recently reelected to his union post by more votes than his two opposing candidates put together.

British unionism, Horner argues, has been based on the following principle: "Whatever a man might think on matters of religion, whatever views he might hold in politics, he was just as entitled as the next man to join his union—and, once joined, to enjoy the same rights and receive the same benefits as everybody else. This is democracy."

Without Prejudice

The United Steelworkers (CIO) lost an election at the Hardwick-Etter Co. to the Int'l. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) by a vote of 139 to 92. The steel union then asked the NLRB to set the election aside because of employer interference. Ruling on the union's claim, the board refused to investigate the alleged shady practices on the ground that the steelworkers had not complied with the filing requirements of the Taft-Hartley law. It then gave the green light to the Machinists by dismissing the Steelworkers' petition, "without prejudice to the right of the Machinists to file a petition on their own behalf." Let's do this legitimately, boys.



WORLD - WISE

By ISRAEL EPSTEIN — Allied Labor News

"MERCENARY" has been a bad word to Americans ever since Britain's King George III used Hessian hirelings against their revolution. And the name of Benedict Arnold, an American who fought his countrymen for British money, remains a synonym for "traitor."

Yet today U. S. advisers and strategists in two foreign lands torn by civil war, egg on two American-armed and supported rulers, king Paul in Athens and dictator Chiang Kai-shek in Nanking, with wild cries of "Let's you and him fight." The "enemies" in each case are citizens of those countries who don't happen to share the political, economic and social ideas of Pres. Truman and the Taft-Hartley Congress.

It is freely admitted, even in America, that neither the Greek royalists nor Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang could stand up without U.S. assistance and staffing. On Greece that fact is frankly cited in appeals for more and more money grants by the House and Senate. On China, even the Republican New York Herald Tribune said as long ago as Aug. 26: "It would require billions and billions of dollars to keep the Chiang regime in power indefinitely against the wishes of 450,000,000 Chinese."

Though it has often been alleged no one has produced proof of intervention in China or Greece by any other power, Maj. George Fielding Elliot, a very right-wing military commentator, wrote after more than \$4 billion in U.S. aid had gone to Chiang Kai-shek that "there has been no evidence that either American officials or American correspondents have been able to discover to prove that the Russians have been giving any direct help to the Chinese Communists."

The Greek royalists have received hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of U.S. arms and advisory help. But allegations of Yugoslav, Bulgarian and Albanian aid to their opponents have been

limitted to statements that wounded guerrillas recuperate in hospitals in these neighboring states. No one has seen any foreign arms, money or technicians with the "rebel" forces.

The New York Times, which is strong for king Paul, can do no more than insinuate, as on Feb. 16, that "roads in Albania leading to the border have been modernized to a degree that would permit transport of war material" and that "the Greek Communist-rebel radio is believed to be shifted about on Yugoslav, northern Greek and Bulgarian soil."

As for the egging on of American-bought reactionaries to kill their own compatriots, the United Press reported Feb. 10 that a U.S. Col. Augustus J. Regnier of Providence, R. I., "took the lead when a Greek Major commanding a battalion was hesitant in pushing his troops forward."

From China, Henry R. Lieberman of the New York Times reported on Feb. 14 that the Chiang Kai-shek "nationalists have 200,000 men in the Mukden area . . . but foreign military observers stress the importance of using

these troops in counter-thrusts if the worsening situation is to be improved." The only foreign military observers with Chiang's forces are Americans, who are not observers at all but instructor-advisors.

All these maneuvers reflect two extremely un-American features of present bi-partisan foreign policy in Washington—rejection of the right of other peoples to choose their own form of government and a complete contempt for the peoples themselves.

The last feature is dramatically illustrated in a New York Herald Tribune dispatch from Seoul, South Korea, on Feb. 1. South Korea is not a conquered enemy country but a supposedly "liberated" one under temporary and friendly U. S. occupation. Yet this report tells how German police dogs specially trained for guard duty are "protecting" American supplies against the Korean people.

Lt. John M. Burke of the sixth infantry division, whose home is in Long Island City, N. Y., told the Tribune correspondent that army handlers use "aggravators" to make these dogs savage. "The ag-

gravators" are men dressed as Koreans who rap the dogs sharply over the nose with long sticks. The dogs are thus taught to attack all trespassing Koreans and have already "chewed" several slightly."

What these tactics really "aggravate" is a hatred for the U. S. by initially friendly peoples who have no way of telling that Americans at home are any different from Lt. John M. Burke and his bullies.

February 25,

Murray:

Won't Break Contracts by Steel Strike

PITTSBURGH—(FP)—United Steelworkers (CIO) will not break any of its contracts in 1948 by striking to force wage increases from the steel industry. Pres. Philip Murray announced here Feb. 16.

The CIO leader gave the strike assurance at a press conference immediately after a day meeting of the steel union's executive board. The board again behind closed doors the following day.

"We do not intend to abridge set aside or undermine our collective bargaining contracts," Murray replied to a question whether the union planned to honor the no-strike, no-lockout slowdown provisions of the incoming two-year contract to gain wage increase. The master contracts of this set were signed April and expire April 30. These agreements all include wage reopening clause effective April 1, 1948.

Murray said the steel industry has no intention at the time trying to apply a pattern agreement" from U. S. Steel Corp. that giant employer grants a wage increase—to the steel fabrication industry.

The union's top policy maker Murray said, probably will be here again near the end of March to take up questions relating to the fabricators. Actual negotiations in basic steel probably will get under way about April 5 and days after the contract reopens on April 1, 1948.

Oil Heir's Bride Has UMWA Father

WASHINGTON, Pa.—(FP)—Julius Paulekas, aged 60, came to the U. S. 40 years ago and is mighty happy about two things.

One is that he is a loyal member of the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) and earns a week loading coal in the Oneida mine of the Hillman Coal & Co. The other thing is that his daughter, Eva Paulekas, has married Winthrop Rockefeller, "a nice boy, just five years younger than her, and a millionaire."

Told by reporters at his home Feb. 16 that Rockefeller was above the rank-and-file miners class, Paulekas said: "A man is enough that that could be. I am enough to get along. I am not going to ask for no money. Rich or poor, I live just the same. If need help, I have a little, but no need help now."

Paulekas lives with a non-miner in a two-room basement in the Ontario mine, which Scenery Hill, Washington, 17 miles east of Washington. He pays \$15 a month rent, he says, has "an outside bathroom."

Paulekas' wife left him in taking young Eva and her daughter along. Paulekas had another bad break in 1936, he said, for the government accused of being in the U. S. illegally was sent back to Lithuania, where he worked on a farm for about a year until he was able to return here. He became American citizen in 1944.

Seats of the Mighty

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Albert J. Engel (R., Mich.) in time about an army order 161,000 chairs for officers' quarters, he had saved the government \$2,567,000. The army was to buy the chairs, for which specifications covered four typewritten pages, for \$26 each. But Engel made the brass change its mind and buy chairs for only \$9.45 instead.

Be It or Get Out

What's What They Don't Strike About New Relief Proposal at Mahoning

By FRANCIS MALLOY

In the middle of reading Steelworkers' plans to seek insurance along with higher union members hereabouts they'd up suddenly from their papers last week to peer with a sense of interest at a dash of news at Youngstown. There pooling brethren are currently over a new hospitalization proposal dished up by directors of the Employees Relief Association.

contemplating additional benefits or members and their families, the necessary extraction of a deal more of milled-rolled for financing, the proposal adequately produced — as had anticipated — a howl of hos-

here and there. The union's amateur legal talent, adjust their specs, approached the skeptical eye, went over fine tooth brush and tweezers. They came up with the conclusion they were again it, advised members to delay making a decision pending further clarification.

The new program is to go in effect April 1 — if 75% of their signify by saying **aye**.

Liberated Program

It need to bore you with details. The plan is not unlike many for surgical and hospital benefits, etc., including a death benefit of \$1,000, all of it just what the average person would have — provided of course he can afford it. The cost, according to members who have in such things close study and parison, is quite in line with generally charged.

Members currently are paying \$10 monthly for very limited benefits. The new and liberalized plan will cost single persons \$10 per month, those married (\$1 dependent) \$4.25, those married (\$all dependents) \$4.90.

What caused most of the rumpus in the manner in which members asked to indicate their will in matter. A letter from George Zink, president of the association, outlines plainly enough it shall be done:

... by filling out and signing another membership card."

You Better Sign! In the same paragraph, and really as plain, is this:

... the Board's resolution also provides that failure to fill out and another card will constitute abandonment of membership in the Association. For your own protection we ask you to be sure and then, to make it handy and when won't be any question at

... if any member does not secure the protection to had as a result of increased rights granted, "Waiver of Membership" cards will be made available for signature."

reaction to this, though initially and surprisingly varied, set mainly on this point: Those

I think we occupy a good bargaining position," the Associated Press quotes him, "based on economic factors, whatever they may be."

Nothing very sage as a rejoinder comes to mind at the moment; and we wouldn't think of questioning Mr. Murray's sources of information as to how things stand with the boys where they roll the precious stuff. With the Taft-Hartley law and all, maybe the man's right.

But just after Mr. Murray had defended himself of his industry-shaking statement, many steel producers came out with one that shook things up, too. What they had to say raised the price of some of their steel products \$5 ton.

Almost immediately, and after he had time to think about it, Senator (Cough) Ball of Minnesota became articulate. Said he, somewhat cautiously: "I think it's a little suspicious when companies go up about the same amount at the same time." And a very penetrating observation, all things considered.

Don't get sore. This came to us hot from a busy termite on the labor front, that a deal is in the making for a raise in steel of 8 to 10 cents an hour, in exchange for increased production — by you fellows who sweat at it, that is.

Happy?**Lime Lullaby**

HAVING observed the heartening turn for Wallace in the recent Bronx election, and after listening to what Pres. Truman had to say to "we of the forward-looking faith" in his Jackson Day speech, we turn to the philosophic contemplation of how it might feel now for a liberal, suddenly gone limp, to continue to blandish in front of good old Harry.

Being no great hand to blandish — practically don't know how, you might say — we had to give it up.

But harder to understand was an act of ingratitude right out in front of people by that great and impartial journal, Steel Labor, in reprinting an anti-Wallace cartoon from the reactionary press. More appropriate, we thought, would have been the picture of a meek and reluctant CIO being led by the ear to the piano to practice the Missouri Waltz.

Have a Cheer, You-all?

AND OH! how our hearts bled for those poor, poor people from "down that" who couldn't go to the Jackson Day doings for fear they'd have to sit next to a Negro. Now on a bus — up here of course — you're damn glad to sit next to anybody. And it's really very simple. You just sit.

A Moment of Decision

for One out of 2,000

ONE day last week Mrs. Howard Vezy formally washed her hands of being the wife of a union president, of attendant aesthetic starvation and domestic boredom, filed suit for divorce in Hammond Superior court.

A few days later Mr. Howard Vezy reluctantly handed over the reins of Local 3127, Youngstown Clerks' Union, gave up that killing pace which had ground away at his home life. All this as a gesture of good faith, you understand, and to strike for a pay raise in April. "I

prove his efforts to save his home are sincere.

Just a personal affair, we report it from the passing scene in purely spectator attitude.

Union Worth It?

But there is more than one connection of circumstance between the two items, as you may already have guessed. With its constant demands on her husband's time, we have it on good authority that Mrs. Vezy — and quite understandably so from her point of view — never did quite warm up to unionism. On the surface at least, there isn't much to endear it to the wife of a union official. And Mr. V. was without doubt one of the "workin'est" union heads in the district. But to what avail? Was the union worth all that bother?

Well, on October 13, last year, Mr. Vezy asked for weekly pay at Youngstown. It's a matter of state law that an employee be paid that way if he so desires. But Mr. Vezy says he couldn't convince company representatives, or for that matter those of the International Union, that he wasn't just being ornery, vindictive. He threatened court action, says he was told on Dec. 12 by Herman Sporer, industrial relation chief, that his request would be granted. It wasn't.

Says He Means It

Last week he talked with Mr. Sporer again, reaffirmed his intent to press for weekly pay, stressed the importance of its bearing on his troubles at home. Next day came this friendly memo:

Dear Howard: I was indeed sorry to hear about your marital difficulties yesterday and sincerely hope that you will be able to effectuate a reconciliation that will again make for a happy family. After talking to you about the weekly pay matter it appeared

California Voters Petition for Wallace

SAN FRANCISCO — (FP) — The Independent Progressive party, California arm of Henry A. Wallace's third party movement, announced it had collected 464,000 signatures, almost twice as many as the number required to put it on the ballot.

Only 275,970 signatures were needed to get the newly formed party on the ballot. News that one out of every six voters in the state had signed third party petitions was flashed to Wallace in a wire from Hugh Bryson, state chairman of the IPF organizing committee and president of the Nat'l. Union of Marine Cooks & Stewards (CIO).

Main issues highlighted in the whirlwind petition drive, Bryson said, were "world peace, high prices, continued discrimination against the people and increasing violations of civil liberties."

to me that no logical reasoning was advanced and needless to say I was disappointed to find that only one out of some two thousand salaried employees insists upon imposing a change that is truly not justified.

While I have not had the pleasure of meeting your wife, Howard, my feeling is that she would not knowingly want you to demand something of your company that they have clearly stated their objection to. May I suggest that you leave it to her good judgment by telling her of our conversation of yesterday. — Regards, Herman Sporer.

Suggestion declined: Mr. Vezy thinks the decision is his to make, not his wife's; says he'll take it to court.

How fashions do change!



THE latest fashion swing takes the ladies right back to where they were when the Gibson Girl was queen! The style magazines hint that hip pads will be worn. Skirts will be long and draped. We're going back to laces, stays, and whalebone!

Back go milady's modes. Back in every respect but one — price! But then, costs on everything else have been sky-rocketing, too!

On everything? Well, practically everything. But we'd like to remind you that the average family is still getting twice as much electricity for its money today as it did twenty years ago. Just think of how many jobs this ready giant does for you — for pennies!

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The Red Cross must be prepared to spring instantly into action,
any time, anywhere:

And the Red Cross will be ready. It will be ready because your
generous dollars always have made possible its merciful work;

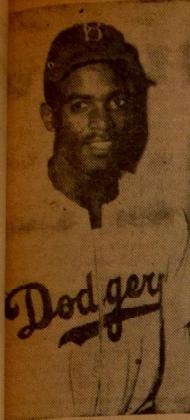
For the sake of the unsuspecting thousands who will be stricken
this year . . . for the sake of those destined for injury and
anguish . . . the Red Cross now turns to you:

It's March—and Red Cross time. This is the annual appeal
the Red Cross makes so that your humanity may be spread throughout
the coming year, among all—irrespective of race, color or creed.

You'll help again, won't you?

IT'S YOUR RED CROSS...KEEP IT GOING  *Give Generously!*

The LABOR SENTINEL



Swing and Sway McGregor's Way; Fights March 3rd

Traditionally, the only music incident to a boxing show is confined to those bird-like trills heard by the fallen warriors themselves. But Red McGregor, whose new series of fight cards under sponsorship of the Twin City Health Club bows in at 1010's headquarters, Wednesday night, March 3rd, believes that the customers, too, would enjoy a few soothing strains sandwiched between the savagery. Provided, of course, that they don't originate from a sound buffet on the customers' gills.

So Red's hired a band.

Services of Paul Hernandez have been obtained to wind up Wednesday night's card against an adversary not, so far, definitely decided upon. George Barry, who it is conceded, may interrupt the Gary CYO boy's winning streak, will probably be picked. Hernandez emerged from the recently concluded Gary Golden Gloves with the featherweight belt about his lean flanks. TWHC fans will recall that nearly every show at the Civic Center was highlighted by an altercation between Hernandez and the Joyce AC's featherweight flash, Johnny Taylor.

Wrestling is also among the evening's pot pourri provided for delectation of East Chicago's sporting element. Lou Talber, who operates the Chicago Wrestling Stable, has agreed to dispatch talent to the Auditorium, 3436 Michigan Ave., on the night of March 3rd, for that express purpose.

Wednesday night's opening show will see fighters mainly from the Gary CYO and Joyce AC pitted against each other. Subsequent cards will be made up of boxers from several other stables in competition. Johnny Coulam's South Chicago Gym, Madison AC, Savoy AC, as well as focal points of the fight trade in Milwaukee and South Bend have been contacted and have signified their willingness to participate in a series of boxing shows.

Tickets, either in advance or at the door, are \$1.50 ringside, and \$1.00 general admission. Because the newly completed bleachers in 1010's headquarters are practically on the arena apron, about all that ringsiders get for their half-check difference is prestige and a chance to get splashed from the water bucket.

Jobless Benefit Claims Near Half-Million Mark

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Although there were 400,000 initial claims for unemployment compensation filed during the week ending Jan. 10, Commissioner of Labor Statistics Ewan Clague said Jan. 21, the post-Christmas layoff was judged "mild."

Clague said that in the weeks before Christmas, when part-time work was available for many housewives and students and job prospects were good, there were 125,000 fewer applications for jobless benefits weekly.

pirins to "Irish" and the Inland AA

Award of local gymnasiums was burned up by players in the '76 Hot Strip in their successful campaign to win the Inland Athletic Association's basketball tournament.

Members of the winning aggregation are, at this point, burned in turn by refusal of the IAA award them jackets ostensibly red to the victors of the communist-dominated competition.

Protests lodged by members of '76 team with General Foremen "Irish" and other main gears he IAA have, according to reliable information, met with the full response formerly made to grievances filed by the company men: a—No explanation; b—No etc.

Thirty-one permanent arbitrators settle grievances for over 600 workers in 56 branches of the industry in the New York City area.

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Lumps and Laughs Loom 1010 Skaters At Party March 29

Floor and facilities of the Palace Roller Skating Rink, 69th & Calumet, Hammond, have been obtained by the Recreation Committee for exclusive use of those members of 1010 skillful, or foolhardy, enough to take advantage of them.

The party is set for Monday, March 29, at 8:00 P.M. Tickets are 50¢ each which includes the rental of skates. Liniment and bandages will be provided at a nominal fee. Members of the Recreational Committee or the Financial Secretary's office may be contacted for tickets in advance. All members of the local and their friends are invited.

Bring your own pillows.

Same as Here; Puerto Ricans Gyped in Ohio

LORAIN, O.—(FP)—The basic big business maxim of profits above human rights is operating against Puerto Ricans recruited for work at the Natl. Tube Co. here, the Lorain Labor Leader, CIO publication, charged in its Feb. 14 issue.

Hired by the steel company through a Philadelphia employment agency, the workers are offered to employers "with much the same air as the slave dealers of pre-Civil War days," editor George R. Edwards wrote.

Supposed to collect fees from the company for bringing workers from Puerto Rico, the employment agency has tried to charge Puerto Ricans already in the country \$35 each for obtaining jobs for them at Natl. Tube.

Before leaving Puerto Rico for the U.S., workers are forced to pay the agency \$83. Included is a \$69 transportation charge for riding in a chartered plane that carries cattle on its return trip to the island, the article revealed. Workers have now hired a lawyer to find out whether this \$69 item contains an employment fee over and above that paid by the Natl. Tube Co.

The one bright light in the picture is that Local 1104, United Steelworkers (CIO) is accepting the Puerto Ricans into the union without discrimination and is organizing free English classes, Edwards said, adding that relations among all workers are excellent.

NEW LIVES FOR OLD: Chinese dictator Chiang Kai-shek heard news of a new prospective \$570 million grant from the U.S. while he was celebrating the 14th anniversary of the New Life movement.

The millions of Chinese killed in civil war since V-J day (with the help of earlier appropriations) weren't present for the celebration.

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'No Money in Meat'—Million \$ Ads to Say

CHICAGO—(FP)—A nationwide campaign to explain away the meat industry's holdup of consumers and head off rising demands for restoration of price control has been opened by the American Meat Institute, spokesman for the big packers (CIO).

In 1920 the Federal Trade Commission stated in its Report on the Meat Packing Industry, "The packers make use of the word 'cent,' 'fraction of a cent,' only a few cents . . . in the knowledge that the public regards a 'cent' as a very small element of value." Actually, the FTC pointed out, "this practice obscures the real facts as to profits." This is because "a profit of a cent per unit, far from being a small profit, may be an exorbitant profit."

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By "maximum freedom" Draper was referring to freedom from price control, which it won in the summer of 1946. Since then wholesale meat prices have more than doubled. Continued rise in meat prices has sent consumer organizations clamoring to Washington, demanding restoration of controls. Lobbyists for the big and independent packers have also de-

sended on the capital, fighting against any move which would limit their profits.

The slogan of a profit in pennies will be the main theme harped on in the AMI ads. This attempted hoax on the public was exposed a long time ago, according to The Meat Of It, research publication of the United Packinghouse Workers (CIO).

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Real purpose of the advertising campaign is to conceal the latest available figures that the big four packing companies — Swift, Armour, Wilson and Cudahy — showed a record net return of 11.2% on each dollar of investment in 1946, and in the same year their profits were nearly four times as high as before the war.

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Standard Gauge Dept. Restive in Wage Rate Case

"The guilty flee when no man pursueth."—Scriptures.

Convinced that switchmen and engineers were going to pull the pin on all standard gauge transportation in the plant Monday afternoon, Inland's management hastily drafted every supervisory employee who could reasonably be supposed to know a locomotive from a limousine for emergency service.

Since top management carefully avoided calling supervisory personnel from the Transportation Department itself to scab on their own hourly paid workers, rail transportation would, in all likelihood, have developed some interesting complications at Inland within a few hours time.

That situation did not develop, however. None of LU 1010's officers or responsible officials knew of any work stoppage in the Transportation Department being contemplated at this time.

Frozen Bonus Cut

Restiveness of Transportation Department workers over company finagling of their rates under the Inequity Program adjustments is what balloons management's acute unease into preparations for strike action February 2.

Before the Inequity Program, conductors received a frozen bonus of 9.9¢ an hour, and switchmen 9¢ an hour as a frozen bonus over and above their base, hourly rate. The proposed adjustment, which upped the hourly base rate of these employees, reduced their frozen bonus to 6.2¢ and 5.7¢ respectively.

At a meeting Wednesday, February 4, management agreed to reinstate the original frozen bonus in addition to the adjusted rates on these jobs.

Below Gary Rates

Switchmen's and conductors' rates at Inland are still below those of like jobs in the Gary works.

At Gary the rates are \$1.76 and \$1.62 an hour, total income for conductors and switchmen in that order. Application of their frozen bonus earnings would bring Inland's workers in those brackets to \$1.64 for conductors and \$1.53 for switchmen.

Although the company has endeavored to write an individual program for the Transportation Department, the department intends to see that Inland lives up to its commitment on the Gary rates.

The 8-hour day was won for the first time by union carpenters at the Charlestown, Mass., navy yard in 1847.

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NMU Sec'y Arrested, Held for Deportation, As Wage Talks Open

Latest step in the drive to crush American labor was taken Monday, Feb. 16, when Ferdinand Smith, secretary of the CIO National Maritime Union and outstanding Negro trade unionist, was arrested and held without bail on Ellis Island for deportation to his birthplace, the British West Indies.

Smith was charged with having no visa the last time he entered the U.S. in 1945 and being a member of an organization which advocates overthrow of the U.S. government. Justice Dept. spokesmen said he "has been active for years in behalf of the Communist party and is a life-long member of the party."

The NMU leader, a CIO executive board member, first came to the U.S. on July 25, 1918, and has an application on file for citizenship.

One of many

Smith's arrest brought to a total of four the number of union officials arrested so far by the Justice Department and facing deportation. Previous arrests include those of Organizational Director John Santo of the CIO Transport Workers, Michael Obermeier of the AFL Hotel & Restaurant Employees, and Regional Director Alex Balint of the CIO Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers.

In addition to the attacks on foreign born union leaders, the Justice Department was announcing almost daily arrests of one after another leader of the American Communist Party. Lengths to which the government agency is prepared to go were indicated in last week's seizure of Communist John Williamson whose birth records were destroyed in San Francisco's earthquake of 1906 and who has, consequently, been detained for deportation to Scotland—birthplace of many leading American unionists, but not, says he, of Williamson.

Seamen stirred up

Arrest of Smith was announced a few hours after it occurred to an emergency New York City membership meeting of 1200 seamen

by union vice president Howard McKenzie. The meeting voted unanimously to throw mass picketings around the Immigration Building and in short order 500 seamen were treading the pavement under the windows of the immigration authorities.

The membership meeting attributed Smith's arrest to deliberate political persecution because of his support for Henry A. Wallace which he made known at the recent CIO Executive Board meeting, and to his militant record of fighting for higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions for seamen.

The arrest took place only 18 hours after Smith had greeted Wallace at a New York political rally and sat on the platform beside the third party leader during the meeting; and it took place as the NMU leader was on his way to a meeting of the union's national council where plans were to be made for the struggles that are anticipated when the union's wage contract expires June 15.

Ford local protests

Protests against the arrest of Smith were quick to arrive at the offices of the immigration department. A meeting of the executive board of the giant (60,000 members) UAW Ford Local blasted the arrests.

Sec. Abner Green of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born condemned Smith's arrest "as illegal, as an attack upon organized labor and American democracy." The Justice Dept., he said, "has now initiated deportation proceedings in 11 states against 23 legally resident non-citizens of 14 different nationalities in its efforts to recreate the atmosphere of hysteria and repression that existed at the time of the Palmer raids of the 1920s." He urged unionists to wire protests to Atty Gen. Clark.

Promoter Chas. "Red" McGregor

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3519 Michigan Ave.

USA-CIO Local 1010
3436 Michigan Ave.

AMAIZO STRIKERS SET FOR SIEGE AS CO. HOARDS PROFITS

Claiming inability to pay wage increases, the Amaizo Corn Products Co. compelled their 700 employees to strike the plant February 16 in an effort to up their income 25¢ an hour. Existing minimum at the Amaizo Co. is \$1.11.

Figures on the company's profits for 1947 are unobtainable at this point. For the year 1946, however, during the first half of which food products were under rigid price controls, the Amaizo company's stockholders pocketed \$3,000,000 in net profits. This figure is approximately \$428 clear profit on the work of each one of their 700 employees.

H. W. Stevens, President of Local 210, Oil Workers Industrial Union, CIO, of which the Amaizo workers are an affiliated group, stated Sunday, February 22, that the outlook was one of a long, stubborn strike. Strikers are being advised, he added, to get jobs elsewhere for the time being.

Just Standing By

Although stand-by operations are permitted, no attempt is being made thus far to resume production with scab workers.

Together with the wage demand, the Amaizo strikers are holding out for a contract comparable to that existing in the Argo plant and

Well! Well! Well!

New heights of political fusion were reached last night as spokesmen bent on getting away the smashing of Leo Isaacson, American Labor Party candidate for Congress in the 24th District of New York. Isaacson, backed by Henry Wallace, garnered 22,000 votes as against, the Democratic candidate,民主黨人 McGrath, after making a "light vote . . . we didn't enough doorbells . . . other standard alibis, plus a new one, saying, "All 24th District is a working district."

Why, Mister McGrath aren't conceding the working class vote to Wallace and third party, are you?

elsewhere in the corn-products industry.

Authorized by the International Office of the OWIU, and so far as to comply with every "if" in the T-H law, the strike is legal in every respect. It was called immediately upon company's refusal to meet terms in drawing of a contract to replace the one which expired on February 15.

John Bates, chairman of the Amaizo sub-division of Local 210, is in direct charge of picketing and other details to the walkout.

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Presidential candidates are a dime a dozen, but Idaho's Glen Taylor, pictured above with Henry Wallace, is the first man to announce his candidacy for the second national spot. He will run for the vice presidency on the third party ticket headed by Wallace and will join the former vice president on the platform April 10 when third party forces hold a national rally in Chicago where party leaders will speak. Wallace himself will address a North Indiana rally two days earlier, April 8, in Gary.

Name Speedup or Death at S&T Plant

Crushed by a hurtling gas main, Leo Budisovich, blast furnace Wright, was instantaneously killed in the dust catcher explosion which rocked Youngstown Sheet & Tube's Harbor Plant, steel, Monday afternoon, March 1. Opinions as to the cause of the explosion vary but it is generally agreed that efforts to cool No. 2 furnace too rapidly for long over repairs forced an over accumulation of gas into the dust catcher where it was ignited by a static spark.

Brother Budisovich, together with two other millwrights was working on a gangle valve close by dust catcher when the first rumble of the explosion occurred. One of the others, Walter Martic, escaped death, although incurring broken bones in both feet, by leaping to the floor, a distance of some forty feet. The third member of the gang fled along the catwalk by one of those quirks attendant upon major upheavals, emerged from the flame and flew wreckage uninjured. Employed by Y&T for 19 years, other Budisovich was a charter member of Local Union 1011. A bachelor, he is survived by a brother and one sister, both of Chicago.

Wanted: Steckle feeder; Apply to old Strip Mill

Cold Strip supervision, in its infinite wisdom, recognized a grievance concerning inadequate force at the Steckle mill by removing feeder from his job. Alleging that Brother Gustaitis, who initiated the complaint, was entitled to the job because he had in directly last August instead of promoting to it, management demoted him on February 14, a grievance was filed two days later, February 12.

The job of feeding the Steckle mill, it turns out, is not, however, one of the most prized by cold strip employees. Two men who had the job on basis of their seniority, relinquished it within a week. Since that time the job has been temporarily filled by a part-time employee, none of whom has any great desire for a mill feeder's career. Brother Gustaitis is currently solicited to resume the job

CIO Meet Backs Truman Report On Civil Rights

CLEVELAND — (FP) — More than 200 delegates from CIO unions all over the country went overwhelmingly on record here Feb. 19 and 20 in favor of implementing the recommendations of Pres. Truman's Commission on Civil Rights.

Addressed by a long list of prominent speakers, the first Nat'l. CIO Conference on Civil Rights separated into panels which returned with specific recommendations on CIO action to help preserve civil rights through political action, the press, schools and other agencies. Recommendations will go to CIO Pres. Philip Murray and then to the CIO executive board for formal acceptance as CIO policy.

While avoiding mention of candidates or political parties, the conference stated firmly that the formula for attaining civil rights legislation "is the program of CIO-PAC. It is the program of registering the people, of disseminating information, of getting out the vote, of emphasizing the importance of the individual in our democratic process."

Attempts from the floor to obtain passage of resolutions pledging support to Philip Murray, who has been indicted for allegedly violating the Taft-Hartley law, and demanding that Pres. Truman issue an executive order ending segregation in the armed forces and banning race discrimination in government jobs were ruled out of order by the conference chairman, Pres. Willard Townsend of the Transport Service Employees Union. Townsend held the conference firmly to the single question on the agenda: "How shall we implement the President's civil rights program?"

Atty.-Gen. Tom Clark has invited Congress to join the Justice Dept. in prosecuting its criminal test case against CIO Pres. Philip Murray.

Haven't Congress already done more than its share by passing the Taft-Hartley act?

from which he was removed on February 14. So far, however, he seems to be quite well satisfied with wheeling a tractor about the cold strip area.

Meeting Told Race Bias Is 'Nazi Stuff'

"Race prejudice is a Nazi philosophy which is making ominous strides toward dominating our way of living right here," Doctor Martin Hayes Bickham, of the Illinois Interracial Commission, told more than one hundred citizens of East Chicago assembled in Washington High School Auditorium Thursday night, March 4.

Chaired by Frank H. Whitmore, City Librarian, the meeting was arranged by a group of educators, professional people, business men, and other leading citizens who are concerned about inter-racial relationships in this community.

Special emphasis is given the long standing problem at this time by suspension of all extra curricular activities in Washington High School due to wide protest against segregating colored and white students in these affairs.

Equality Necessary

Citing high schools and colleges in Chicago and elsewhere in the country in which all activities, including social events and swimming are integrated, Doctor Bickham submitted that complete and unreserved equality among high school and college students is a necessary factor in preventing the development of racial conflicts. Queried from the floor upon imminence of danger to the community from unfair treatment of minority groups, Doctor Bickham replied that any hesitancy to act in removing these inequalities is extremely dangerous.

No definite action was taken by the people gathered in Washington High School Thursday night. The meeting was arranged primarily for purposes of information and heightened understanding.

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Let 'em Eat Buttons; That's Inland Policy For Pensioned Workers

The tastefully designed gold button with the big "I", awarded by Inland Steel to employees for twenty-five years' faithful service to the company, is just a gadget-like those that kids find in Cracker Jack. It doesn't mean anything.

Anyone who thinks it does should ask the man who owns one. Particularly a man named Vit Markovitch, 5018 Indianapolis Ave., East Chicago.

Brother Markovitch went to work for Inland forty years ago, 1908, at the age of 25. Last January 1, he was arbitrarily discharged from the 28" mill motor room by reason of reaching the employable maximum of 65 years. In all of those forty years, through his youth, and maturity, and, finally, early old age, Vit Markovitch worked for no one else but Inland Steel.

\$16 a Month

One year ago, he was summoned to the Personnel Office and informed that the company, out of its magnanimity and in token of his long service would award him a pension of \$16 a month upon his retirement.

Came January, 1948, and Brother Markovitch walked out of the gates of Inland Steel at the end of his final shift. No pension check arrived that month, nor in February either. Early this month, he inquired about the delay.

It wasn't a delay, he was informed by the Personnel Office; the \$16 monthly pension had been disallowed by management because

Speedup on Billet Dock Revealed as One Part Of Plant-Wide Pattern

Discussion Sunday morning, March 3, of one job, hooking on the 40" mill billet dock, revealed one small corner of the whole pattern of speeded up operations which enabled Inland's owners to pocket twice as many millions of dollars this year than they did last.

During the stewards' reports, it was brought out that twice as much steel is handled on that billet dock now than was handled one year ago. Nevertheless, the number of hookers has not been increased nor has their pay been raised a single penny to compensate them for the 100% increase in their work load. In the same period, the number of scarpers has been doubled, the principal reason why twice the number of billets have to be handled by the hookers.

A further means or "rationalizing" steel production is company's effort to introduce a new type of scarfing torch; a type which has been refused by scarpers throughout the industry. A slight increase in pay is being dangled before the scarpers as an inducement

Rumors are being broadcast about Inland's plant and locker rooms concerning further back pay under the Inequity Agreement.

Disregard them. There will be an official statement from the Executive Board of the Local Union published in the March 24 issue of the Labor Sentinel.

to accept the new type torch. Because of three very sound reasons, however, the scarpers are steadfastly refusing to take the bait.

Use of the improved tool would cut the scarfing gang by one-third without reducing its output. It would also add considerably to the eye strain which already dooms scarpers to early impairment of their vision. A third reason is that intensified flame of the new torch causes continual scorching of the feet of those using it.

Men with the most departmental seniority have first choice of extra turns in other departments to round out their five day week. Paddy Faulkner, Asst. Griever, pointed out that it was up to the men themselves, in the event that they were not scheduled for five turns, to notify their foreman that they desired extra shifts.

The practice of failing to provide enough men to take care of each job was also dealt with at Sunday's meeting. Under existing contract provisions, a man cannot refuse to do any work assigned him by his foreman. He can and must, however, refuse to do more than one man's work. If, for example, three hookers are scheduled out to perform work normally done by four men, the three should not attempt to accomplish the work ordinarily done by two pairs of hookers. If this is not carefully adhered to by the men themselves, company will quickly establish a regular practice of three men on a job formerly done by four.

The same principle, of course, applies to all other hourly paid occupations in the plant.

No job descriptions nor classifications have yet been signed by union representatives. Attempts being made to convince workers in various parts of the plants that their rates have been accepted as final and binding are deliberate lies. These attempts are being made by the company to keep those whose rates need adjustment from going to their grievance to press the matter.

A case in point is that of an extra operator on the 28" mill hot beds who was informed by Foreman Lee Wanamaker that his job description had been accepted by Bill Young.

All rates are put into effect for a thirty-day trial period before they are accepted as final by the union representative.

Holding up a thick volume, the Taft-Hartley law in its entirety, Brother Young observed that it was a cleverly written piece of work, but that no book or paper can produce steel. Steel production is an operation that requires men.

The only clause in the entire law which lacks stiff penalties for its enforcement is the one dealing with discrimination in matters of employment.

Experiences of men from all sub-divisions of Group No. 3 bear out that Inland is withholding provisions of the Slave Law because this is an election year, for both civic and union leadership.

The company, naturally, doesn't want its employees to realize how vicious the law is and, accordingly, throw those who enacted it, or who knew before it, out of public life and influence.

GRIEVANCE REPORT

Monthly Meeting, March 2, 1948

Item #1—Promotional Sequences

The Committee requested the company to post in all departments all sequences that have been agreed upon to date. Mr. Luellian agreed to this request and a copy is to be sent to union headquarters for reference.

Item #2—Step Four Grievances

Mr. Luellian had answers on some grievances in the fourth step. A good ninety percent of the answers were denials. He agreed that all grievance men and the chairman should and would receive copies in the future.

Item #3—Parking Lots

The Committee requested the company to use slag in surfacing the parking lots. Mr. Luellian agreed that this was a good idea and will investigate the possibility of having this done. Mr. McClure and Glen Cramer composed a company and union committee to investigate the repairs needed. The report of this committee substantiated the claims and if the above suggestions are carried out, the company will not have to acquire additional Lake Rights for some time.

Item #4—Overtime Lunches

The Committee again brought to the company's attention that overtime lunches were not large enough for the money allowed.

The overtime lunch allowance is now seventy-five cents. The price the employee is charged for food is too high for the money allowed to purchase it. The Committee wants the company to compare the prices of the food served at the Gary Works. Mr. Luellian agreed to check into this. The size of the coffee cups has also been reduced. The union wants definite action to correct the food trouble within the plant. The company was asked to abolish profit and sell the food at cost to the workers.

Item #5—Overtime Charts

The company submitted overtime charts to the union. These copies are an interpretation by the company of overtime penalties prevailing under the present contract.

Item #6—Mechanical and Maintenance Classifications

These classifications will be out completely inside the next two weeks. This statement was made by Mr. Luellian and substantiated by Mr. Helm of the Industrial Engineering Department.

Item #7—Purpose of the Job Descriptions

Mr. Luellian was requested to submit a verbatim transcript in regards to job descriptions. He refused to do but finally agreed that any description which does

not contain all of the basic duties which a description has to contain in order to properly evaluate the job should be brought to the attention of the Engineering Department. It had looked for some time that all the equity and ethics of industrial engineering, if such exists, had evaporated into thin air. Prof. Fields, the head of Job Evaluation in the state of Indiana, Purdue University, has continually stated to the union class he has been instructing that we must have complete job descriptions to evaluate the jobs. Mr. Luellian claims that you don't have to describe a job to evaluate it. This evidently is due to a difference of opinion between professors.

Item #8—Payday

The company agreed to place one more pay window in effect at Plant #2 clock house.

The company will review the legal claims any past employee has under state or federal laws to claim back wages due.

General Discussion

Walkways between #2 team gate and salt house need repairs.

Salaried employees intruding upon vacation rights of 36" mill employees.

Sincerely,
Don Lutes, Chairman
Sam Krupshaw, Vice Chairman
E. L. Ditmars, Secretary

The revolt of the southern governors looks like the usual election year storm in a mint julep.

**Ford UAW President
Endorsed Wallace**

DEARBORN, Mich.—(FP)—Three cheers for Henry A. Wallace were given by Pres. Tommy Thompson of Ford Local 600, United Auto Workers (CIO), in his regular column in the union paper Ford Facts. He wrote:

"As dark as the situation may seem to ordinary people like you

and me, there is one ray of shining through. Henry is running for President on a party ticket. And his campaign has already begun the smear campaign against Wallace and his New York victory. A communist victory call it. But the workers and American people will not be by this old divide-and-conquer trick again."

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**Laugh?
Hoos, Cheers
; Lieberum
his League**

By FRANCIS MALLOY

We understand it, elsewhere in this excellent paper there is a little piece in lively bowing prose about how Mr. Lieberum, lately given summary use by the Steelworkers International and thus finding himself an agent, all of a sudden left the League and went over to Industrial Relations department at Inland Steel. Rather than gently fumble around in a with this story about a very instant person who once served the War Labor Board, it was led to place journalistic dis- of the play by play in strong- lands.

However, we will perhaps be fitted to hazard the reassuring fiction here that Mr. Lieberum's alleged retreat from rightness will not necessarily sound death-knell of unionism here-as as some—judging from expressions of acute pain—have seemed to think. Fact is not likely to have much effect one way or the other.

From Right and Left
For public reaction, it might be interesting to note that Mr. Leinen's decision to give up the fight to carry a harassed humanity to ever rising levels of living was greeted with chorus of boos from the bleachers deep left. There the unkind fiction is currently entertained the "good fight" to Mr. Leinen may have meant merely to Mr. Lieberum to ever rising levels, etc., a philosophy, it might be pointed out, not entirely foreign to some others in high places, even on the right, and especially among stalwarts in his own LOU-111 who but recently gave aid and comfort in a tiff with CIO front office, we have been able to detect much more than embarrassed silence, broken by occasional snicker as of smothering the urge to laugh loud,

and of course among free lance expressions ranged from the derisory to those of unequal approval, from such unorthodox as Judas, Benedict Arnold to where to something or other sounded like "professional ex-

pert on industrial relations." There were those, too, who took particular delight in pointing out that, unlike Youngstown Sheet & Tube company (where Lieberum formerly worked as a motor inspector) and the union (of which he was once sub-district director), Inland Steel was "able to recognize a good set of brains when it saw them, and so hired them and put them to work."

Glimmering Grievance**LABOR SENTINEL**
Bridges Won't Quit As CIO Director

SAN FRANCISCO—(FP)—Harry Bridges is standing pat on an order from the national CIO either to resign as northern California CIO director or announce his support of the Marshall plan and opposition to a third party.

Bridges wanted to resign a year ago because of overwork, but his was refused. Now he will apparently insist on being fired.

The San Francisco CIO Council has adopted a resolution rejecting national policy on both issues. So has the convention of the warehousemen's division of Bridges' union, the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, which said it would not let itself be black-jacked into positions with which the majority of members disagree."

When Passion is on the throne, Reason is out of doors.—Henry.

Goodbye, Mister Chips!**Fun for Foremen**

COMES now a depressing account of how intellectual relaxation provided for bosses in their spare time really works—with the charitable suggestion that the Youngstown Sheet & Tube company, for one at least, provide a company "paddy wagon" for the safe delivery of guests under the influence of one thing or another to home and fireside. All of this, you understand, is the result of an inspirational shindig generously provided by management in one of the local fish houses several Saturday nights ago, and its awful aftermath.

According to eye-witnesses, one Roger Anderson, safety chief for YS&T at its Iroquois Works, fresh from the banquet and full of spurt and stuff after listening to that great anti-labor statesman Clare Hoffman of Michigan, climbed into his car and away! After one brief pause to pry loose from the bumpers of another vehicle that had got in his impulsive path, we are told Anderson piloted his panting steed out into Indianapolis boulevard, ran over a safety island, and wreaked temporary havoc with traffic. According to reports, two more cars were hit, two women taken to the hospital, and Anderson led away by Hammond men in uniform for safer keeping somewhere else.

Back in the festive hall—but previous to the above—we are told a mischievous superintendent, in (Continued on Page 4)

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KKK PREVENTS NEGROES FROM VOTING

WRIGHTSVILLE, Ga. — (FP)—The ghost of the late Eugene Talmadge still stalks Johnson county, one of the former governor's strongholds.

Three hundred Ku Klux Klaners, through an election eve parade and burning of a fiery cross on the courthouse lawn, succeeded in keeping Negroes from exercising their voting rights in the Democratic primary March 3.

Only one of the county's 400 eligible Negro voters showed up at the polls and he left without voting. Attacking Pres. Truman's civil rights program, Dr. Samuel Green, Georgia Grand Dragon, told the 300 hooded men: "The Klan will not permit the people of this country to become a mongrel race."

The commodity market crisis is apparently over and everything's safely back to abnormal.

Too Much for Him

"So McDodge lost his mind, you say?"

"Sure, he did. Went crazy trying to find the shady side of the street at noon."

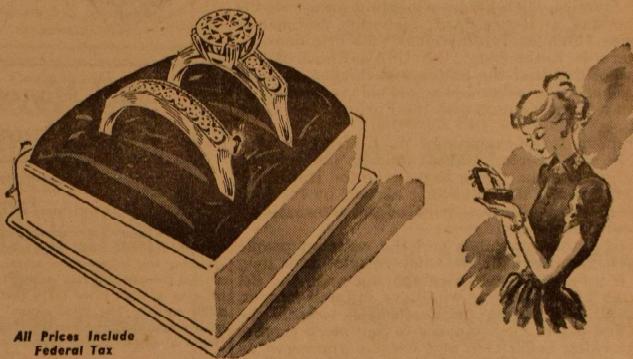
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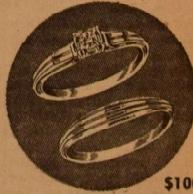


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The Case of Herb Lieberum

Herb Lieberum, former Director of Sub-District No. 2, USA-CIO, and International Representative, has changed sides. As of March 1, it is reliably reported, Lieberum joined the Industrial Relations Staff of Inland Steel under direction of Superintendent L. E. Luellen.

The case of Herb Lieberum is not without precedent. Outstanding among labor leaders of varying degrees of capability who have sold out their talents to labor's enemies is Homer Martin. Martin, it will be recalled, was thrown out by the rank and file of the United Automobile Workers of America, CIO, before accepting a post on the union busting staff of Henry Ford. Lieberum was merely fired by James Thimmes, International Vice President.

Then there is Ruthenberg, the USA's Chief of Research, who decided that the butter was thicker on management's side of his bread and changed sides accordingly. He was given a lucrative post with the Pioneer Steel Company of Pittsburgh.

Closer to home is the example of W. J. Harrigan who, up to last year, was Secretary of East Chicago's AFL bricklayers. Harrigan left that office to manage the Hammond Times. He is currently distinguishing himself by frenzied efforts to break the legitimate strike of the International Typographical Union No. 16.

The list of traitors to labor and the common people of America, beginning with Benedict Arnold, is a long one. But it is infinitely short in comparison with the list of loyal though unsung leaders who have suffered hunger, and jailing, and deportation, and death itself to build the union in the first place. Or compared to that much greater list of hardworking union men and women who serve on endless committees and picket and do all the other prosaic things which keep the organization a live and potent thing.

There is no question that Herb Lieberum was given a raw deal by the International. And there are some among the membership, particularly those who were associated with Lieberum when he fought skillfully and tirelessly to wrest good contracts from the steel companies here, who will find his firing an excuse for his action in going to Luellen's staff.

But a grudge against top leadership in the union, whether justified or not, is no extenuation for a man of Lieberum's intelligence and caliber to peddle his skill as a negotiator and inside knowledge of local union affairs to strangle the interests of LU 1010's ten thousand rank and file members. Very few GT's loved their colonels and generals, but they fought the Nazis and Nips with zeal unabated because of that.

The ten who died at Republic's gate 11 years ago next Memorial Day are dishonored by professional union men of Herb Lieberum's stamp.

In the last analysis, it's healthful for the union to be rid of Lieberum's type of leadership, to whom the unrelenting battle between labor and management is merely a field in which they can advance their own personal ends. With depression and a show down fight for the right to live like men around the corner, it's better that the company minded among us declare their real identity now.

Meeting Told Race Bias Is 'Nazi Stuff'

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standing of the matter rather than to formulate plans for alleviating local tensions.

Demands made by the Citizens' Action Committee upon the Board of Education to rescind the 1925 action which authorizes discrimination against Negro high school students in East Chicago, have not yet been acted upon by the Board. Michael Havran, Chairman of the Board of Education, has been absent on vacation for the past two and one-half months and the remaining two members, Stanley Kwiat and Rudolph Jarabak, refuse to take any action in the Chairman's absence.

Want Open Hearing

Executive members of the CAC meanwhile have been authorized to request an open hearing on the issue of discrimination in East Chicago's public schools. Alternative to a public hearing is adoption of the program advanced by the Citizens' Action Committee for

complete equality of Negro children and adolescents in the tax supported schools.

Appointment of teachers on a basis of qualification rather than racial quotas is one of the points recommended by the CAC to the Board of Education. At present, there are five Negro teachers appointed by the Board in a total of 133 teachers assigned to primary grades and high schools in East Chicago.

Board members are not elected directly by vote in this community. One member of the three man Board of Education is appointed by majority vote of the Common Council each year. Stanley Kwiat, who has strenuously resisted efforts to abolish discrimination in Washington High School, is subject to re-appointment by the Common Council this year.

Strange Bedfellows?

WASHINGTON—(FP)—AFL Pres. William Green joined with Chairman Philip D. Reed of the General Electric board of directors in an appeal for support for the Marshall plan Feb. 26. The unique collaboration took place in a 15-minute nationwide broadcast over the Mutual network.



Steel Monopoly Launches Third Round of Inflation

By THE ECONOMIST
Federated Press

With typical arrogance, the steel monopoly has boosted the price of semi-finished steel products by 10% as its contribution towards checking the inflationary spiral. The press picked up this \$68 million annual increase in steel prices, but it ignored for months a quiet series of even greater price hikes that total up to an annual price boost of \$229 million. The total annual increase so far is thus \$297 million, with more markups being announced almost every week back in the financial pages of the newspapers.

These increases have been put into effect although the steel industry is rolling in profits. For example, U. S. Steel made \$126 million in profits after taxes in 1947, compared with \$88 million in 1946. Bethlehem Steel boosted its profits after taxes from \$41 to \$51 million and Republic Steel from \$16 million to \$31 million in the same period.

But the greedy steel monopoly is not satisfied. The head of Republic Steel, Charles M. White, said: "I have publicly declared and still do firmly believe that steel prices are not high enough to assure the industry of firm financial experience in the months and years to come—unless some material reduction in our present costs comes about." The steel trust is not only serving notice of still greater price increases, but implying that wages should be cut.

The steel monopoly in this third round of increases did not even use the pretext that they were necessary because of wage increases. Early in 1946 the steel corporations blackmailed the government into raising price ceilings by \$5 a ton before granting a wage increase of 18½¢ an hour. The price increase was not justified and resulted in enormously increased profits during 1946. Last summer the steel trust used the excuse of an increase in coal prices averaging 50¢ a ton of steel to raise prices \$5 to \$10 a ton.

Now the steel monopoly is again raising prices on its products without even using the third round wage demand of the steel workers as an alibi. It is obvious that if the steel workers win a wage increase, the corporation will set off a fourth round of price increases.

The Truman administration and Congress are going through the motions of being indignant. But the record shows that both did not lift a finger to prevent the steel trust from gouging consumers and fanning the fires of inflation.

The administration early in 1946 could have turned down the blackmail demand of the trust for a price increase, when it had price control and allocation authority to fight the monopoly. It could have used the anti-trust laws long ago to crack down on the monopolistic pricing practices of the industry.

Instead, the administration sold government-constructed steel plants to the trust for a fraction of their value, thus enabling it to increase its power and further squeeze small rivals to the wall. And Congress, which pretends to be horrified at the action of the steel monopoly, put Taft-Hartley chains on labor, but has done nothing to curb profiteering and halt inflation.

The labor movement has the opportunity now to pin the responsibility for inflation where it belongs—on the profiteering drive of big business. The phony excuse that inflation has been caused by wage increases collapses in the face of the price boosts put into effect by the steel monopoly. It has raised prices even before entering into negotiations for the third round of wage increases and it has done so although the steel corporations are making fabulous profits.

Depending on Congress or the administration will get the unions nowhere in the third round wage fight. The contribution of Congress will be stalling on the issue of controlling profiteering and inflation. And the administration has been doing its bit with statistical sleight-of-hand that conjures up a non-existent decline in the cost of living. The workers and their unions are on their own and will have to depend on their organized strength to win their justified wage demands.

MALLOY—

(Continued from page 3)
boyish playfulness, flicked a full of dirty dishes with his hand to tilt and fall from hand of hard-working with uproarious clatter.

All in the spirit of good fun, of course.

Blast Furnace Blast

BUT much more serious week was the alleged undetonation at Mahoning to blow down a furnace which resulted in killing Mike Buden, a millwright, and endangering lives of many more workers causing extensive damage to plant. Up in the smoke of the rifle explosion went all claims set a new record for refining.

We Speak Out!

TIME now to contemplate due modesty the public for our puny paragraphs paper. Latest brought to attention was the pregnant of an unidentified member Inland Local who wanted to know "Just who in the hell does and think he is?" Now body can see that with custom steelworker restraint the man merely a little cautious with admiration.

Which brings us to the point we have never been exactly with our present title of "editor," and sometimes in beautiful behind-the-bowling retreat in far off Miller we to write of the better things fact, when we took on this we distinctly said we wanted church editor. From our kitchen door and across the vacant you can practically see right the sacristy of St. Mary of Lake church. You'd think would give us some priority,

But the man said no, it be sad enough to have the keepers on his neck. Probably afraid we would fall for some swallow theology, support the there will be no gold fringe or that the babes will not be blond and and eager in the say bye-and-bye.

Maybe this will explain.

Old Dog; Old Trick

THOUGH it's not likely to in a more stable economy they sometimes say, an increase in livestock impedes on our dunes estate.

To be a little more explicit the woman things Tag, our year-old wire haired fox terrier is going to have a pup. Why should entertain such a low-suspicion of a society-bred —with papers, too! and what we, we think it was, once wide ribbon in a dog show—she finds difficult to explain other that say that Tag has been "exposed." The "culprit" was interesting enough described as a mom with the sly face of a wicked man in side-whiskers.

Looking back now to weeks ago we seem to be noting the nuances of surprise disbelief and reproach all in single, high-pitched syllable "Tag" as the woman opened the door call that ancient animal in the back yard, then closed it quickly and sank resignedly into a kitchen chair. Being at that moment the very act of beginning our regular morning run to the NYC had no time to make inquiries.

Miss Tag, on the other shows no signs of the emotional agitation or concern you might look for in anyone "expecting" that age—comparable, they say to about 91 years among human beings.

In view of past unfortunate circumstances of this kind—which of course felt duty bound to report here—a shocked public might naturally suppose the canine members of our otherwise respectable family have nothing better to do but go hollering through the neighborhood hunting pork chop here and getting themselves in an interesting condition. Very disconcerting!

**OR'S PUNCHES
MP HERNANDEZ
WHC FIGHTS**

The bout of the Twin City Club's opening show, Saturday, March 3, finished with Hernandez down on one knee—clientele to a man—or up on both feet. Although boy was not saved by Taylor's two-handed punch, him teetering on the edge of Street.

Tuesday night's engagement the fourth get together for and Hernandez, first which were racked up by

the third round knock Taylor, it was anybody's musing only to grin at each occasionally, particularly he would make the other boys didn't put down hammer and tongs until the hand shake.

"*Its Murder*" Ian Funk, Hammond 160, pinned Kenneth Lang, after nine minutes of the stallment of the wrestling of Monday night's omnium. Franz Talaber, Laneal School, defeated Ernie Fitz in the second of the bouts. Both matches were with body slams, toe holds, pinning which have been standard operating practice present day wrestlers. One or, female, requested the in a shrill shriek to "stop murder," several times during the progress of the wrestling

ough mildly interested in transpiring within the ropes, people devoted their chief attention to smooching in the seclusion of the first row, ringside, under the glare of the arena lights, the customers enjoyed. McGregor, who believes in entertainment, denies art that exhibition, however.

Gary Boy Game

gunned all the way by Vaughn, Joyce AC, Philord, Gary CYO, displayed of courage and tenacity as the basic requisites for a man. The rest can be taken. Taking a nine count in the round, Comerford got off to finish strongly despite thorough leathering by deficient Vaughn. Both boys 5 pounds in the novice

Ward shaded Charlie Boze the semi-wind up; Joe is, not by much, to John L.; and Ray Zale won overall; in the supporting of Wednesday night's card. LaBounty, who is currently debuting himself for his debut professional, refereed both main and main bouts. An Islander, familiar to followers of the sport hereabouts, Stachon, was one of the Johnny also plans to turn professional within the coming

ide music, another McGregor, was provided by a combination, accordion, and bass.

**Stine Partition
Sured by CIO**

SHINGTOM (FP) — The still supports the United decision to partition Palestine in order to make a national home for the Jewish people, rea. Philip Murray wrote Truman Feb. 26.

letter was written two days U. S. delegate Warren Austria does not favor the enforcing partition. Murray, Truman, said that growth in Palestine makes it necessary to carry out "the high decision of UN. The nation must prevent bloodshed if by the interposition of policies that will prevent the possibility of flaring tempers."

STACKIN' 'EM UP

Local 1010 congratulates Hammond High and Gary's Emmerson High on winning the sectional tournaments. Emmerson, according to us, had a little the easiest of it. Hammond was pressed all the way in one of the year's greatest high school basketball games.

Alex Huttle has been tossing around a lot of that stuff about what fine and fancy figures he can cut on roller skates. The Recreational Committee believes it, of course, but there may be plenty of others who don't; so the Skating Party of March 29th is Alex's chance to skate now or forever hold his peace. In fact, the Party is called Alex Huttle Night.

The affair's set for 8:00 p.m. Pallace Rink in Hammond. All members of the local and their friends are invited.

Managers of departmental soft ball teams in 1010's intra-plant league last year, are urged to turn in their names, departments, and working schedules to Tom Conway, Fin. Sec., if they wish to play again during the coming season. That proposition also goes for soft ball enthusiasts in departments which may not have participated in 1947's diamond activities.

Everybody had a pretty good time playing soft ball and arguing about the scores last summer and there's no reason why we can't have an even better season this year. A bigger appropriation has been authorized by the local union for sports activities, we have organizational experience gained from the past season's activities, and, all things considered, barring the vagaries of weather and the 80th congress, 1948 is shaping up for local sports like Esther Williams shapes up for a wet bathing suit.

Soft ball fans of East Chicago, the Harbor, and Hammond will have plenty of opportunity to see major league games this summer. George Behrends has obtained the National League franchise for Hammond, which will enable local people to enjoy top bracket soft ball without having to journey out of town.

Although it's a trifle too early to name names and positions, that some of LU 1010's boys will see action in the National League games falls under the Best Bet column.

Outstanding soft ball players in the Local, as announced in the previous issue, are currently being given the long double O as candidates for 1010's All Local team. Under sponsorship of the Two I League, 1010's home games will be played on Noll Central's field. Possibly of interest to those who would just as soon cash in on their ability to clout the hide, is the circumstance that George Behrends, National League promoter, is also President of the Two I league.

Now is a good time to join the Recreational and Athletic Club of Local Union 1010, USA-CIO. Pass the word to your friends too, and let's make it 100%. Admittance fee, one dollar a year.

A tournament for bowlers in 1010's league is indicated for this point but no details as to schedules, prizes and the like have been worked out, so far. Suggestions upon this matter from the bowlers themselves would be appreciated by the Recreational Committee.

(Editor's note: I would suggest that you pull out of the ABC and organize an unsegregated bowling league in accordance with the founding principles of the CIO and all decent minded Americans, as the UAW has done in Detroit, instead of licking the feet of organized bowling's Sacred Cows.)

Calling attention to "the natural right of the Jews under the law of Almighty God to defend themselves," Murray wrote: "In our judgment the American embargo should be lifted at once."

**Mexican Unions Want
New Political Party**

MEXICO CITY (ALN)—The Workers & Farmers Federated Union of the state of Yucatan has voted unanimously to disaffiliate from the Mexican Confederation of Labor (CTM) because of the national executive board decision that all CTM affiliates must belong to the government political party.

The national executive board recently expelled Vicente Lombardo Toledano, prominent Latin American labor figure, and three others from the CTM for helping to organize a new political party.

The Yucatan union, in statewide convention, unanimously condemned CTM Gen. Sec. Fernando Amilpa—who led the fight against Lombardo—and the executive board majority as "traitors to the union." Earlier, Mexico's three

largest unions—oil, railroad and mine workers—withdraw from the CTM in a similar protest move.

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Benjamin J. Lesniak, East Chicago mortician, announces his candidacy for Coroner of Lake County, on the Democratic ticket, subject to the primaries on May 4th, 1948.

Mr. Lesniak, a life-long resident of Lake County, is the brother of Albert P. Lesniak, former East Chicago City Controller and candidate for mayor in the last city election.

The late parents of the candidates John and Magdalene Lesniak, settled in East Chicago in 1889 and contributed greatly to the development of Lake County. They not only took an active interest in the civic and social progress of their locality, but were also very vigilant to see that their eleven children became useful members of the community.

Benjamin J. Lesniak is 37 years of age, married and the father of three sons and one daughter.

After completing high school, he entered the Worsham College of Mortuary Science of Chicago, where he graduated in 1935. In this same year he qualified for the State Morticians License by passing an examination with the Indiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors in Indianapolis. Since then he has successfully

operated the Lesniak Mortuary in East Chicago. It is these years of experience that qualify him for the position of Coroner.

Like other members of his family, Ben (as he is popularly known) has also taken a keen interest in the progress of his community. Besides being the chairman of the East Chicago Citizens Club, he is also a director in the Lake County Funeral Directors Assn., a member of the Lions, K. of C., Eagles, the Ki-Yowga Athletic Club, the Harbor Lights Aeronautical Assn. and other church and fraternal organizations.

If nominated and elected he assures the people of Lake County an efficient and courteous administration of the Coroner's office, and will see that the RIGHTS OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL WILL BE CAREFULLY GUARDED.

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anguish...the Red Cross now turns to you:

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"They're Drunk"
Murray Declares
Of Big Business

BOSTON — (FP) — "Big business has been on an extravagant drunk and is driving the people into economic despair," CIO Pres. Philip Murray declared here March 2.

U. S. Steel Corp.'s boosts of \$16 a ton in steel prices in the last six months, he said, "reflect an increased profit in 1947 of \$330 million and a total profit for the entire steel industry in 1948 of \$1 billion."

"It is foolhardy of the officials of the steel industry to argue that increases are inconsequential,"

Murray told the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems. He spoke as U. S. Steel Pres. Benjamin Fairless told a Senate committee in Washington that his firm's latest \$5-a-ton boost on un-

finished steel was not inflationary. "Big business doesn't care what kind of effect it has on the country," Murray charged. "Never has such an orgy of widespread extortion existed as in 1947. It must be stopped."

Murray predicted that "every single individual in this country" would feel the steel price boosts "in increased prices in everything from small gadgets to automobiles and tractors."

"The only effective means to prevent the people of the country from being gouged," he concluded, "is by insistence that effective price controls be put into effect and prices rolled back."

More Jobless in U. S.

WASHINGTON — (FP) — More unemployed workers applied to the U. S. Employment Service for jobs in January than in any other month since June 1947, USES Director Robert C. Goodwin said Feb. 27, and placements fell far behind applications.

The USES chief said January's total of 653,000 new jobless applicants was 30% greater than in December. Applications from women workers rose 40% over the previous month, he said, and the 208,000 applications by war veterans were 20% more than in December.

He added that job placements

GESTAPO METHODS REVIVED IN ELLIS ISLAND PRISON

By Federated Press

NEW YORK — (FP) — A small cell with no room to move around in, an adjoining toilet which could not be closed off even when in use, and a guard posted 24 hours a day at one of two small tables inside the cell were what Vice Pres. Irving Potash of the Intl. Fur & Leather Workers Union (CIO) found when he was shuttled off to Ellis Island March 1 for detention with four other alleged Communist aliens.

Two days after the release of Potash and four other prisoners, including NMU Nat'l. Sec'y. Smith and Charles Doyle, CIO Gas Chemical Coke Workers, were admitted to bail.

This action followed the release of a statement by CIO chief Philip Murray, who charged that failure of the government to release the men on bail was a violation of basic American rights.

Potash, released on bail after a court hearing March 3, described these conditions to Federated Press in a low voice, reflecting the strain of the hunger strike he joined while in the cell.

Potash was released on \$5,000 bail by Federal Judge William Bondy, who said it had not been demonstrated that the CIO leader was a "menace to the community" and "no reason has been shown me to question his loyalty."

Potash, who was defended in court by former CIO general counsel Lee Pressman, went directly after his release to a meeting of 2,000 shop chairman of his union. The meeting, called to discuss current contract negotiations, developed into a rally for Potash, with the entire body rising in a standing ovation when he entered. Before discussing contracts — which he was negotiating at the time he was seized — Potash urged the meeting to fight for the release of the remaining four deportees. Further hearings on the Potash and Smith cases are scheduled for March 8.

by USES in January were only 417,000, falling 17% below the number made in December.

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Vet Housing Meet Gets Pledges On Bill

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Pledges from 65 congressmen to sign Discharge Petition No. 6 on the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill were the main results of a national veterans housing conference held here Feb. 28-March 1.

With 218 petition signatures necessary to pry the long-range housing measure from the House Banking committee, where it has been bottled up for three years, the 1,300 veteran delegates were given no encouragement that the measure would be enacted in 1948 without tremendous pressure.

Conceived originally by American Veterans Committee members as a mass lobby, the conference was decided upon as a means of unifying veteran sentiment behind the TEW housing bill. Official delegations attended from all veteran groups except the American Legion, but individual legionnaires were present, including members of the Nat'l. Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires.

Conference sponsors, which included Reps. John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.) and Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.), brought a dozen prominent members of Congress to conference sessions to discuss housing bills. From sharp questioning by delegates, the speakers learned the veterans wanted action rather than words.

A sponsor of the measure which the conference was called to push, Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) had to spend his time making excuses for inaction on the housing problem by his party and himself. Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP, N. Y.) told the group "there is no excuse for a congressman not signing the discharge petition."

Just as a Favor
 "Excuse me, officer," said the meek-looking little man to the "cop," "but I've been waiting here for my wife for over half an hour. Would you be good enough to order me to move on?"

The Rockefeller Foundation has drafted a plan to make Crete, an island off Greece, into a "Paradise."

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YEAR'S BACK PAY IN APRIL ASKED BY 1010

LOSE 3rd PARTY PORT ERP--TOP COMMANDS

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Local industrial unions of the CIO were told they must back national CIO policies against a third party in 1948 and in the Marshall plan.

Letter to the 397 CIO local union councils, John Brophy, CIO director of councils:

"The obligation of all is to take a front right in support of national policies on these issues. Action or compromise on one is permissible."

All CIO policy, Brophy said, is one of express opposition to any third party in and one of positive support for the Marshall plan." Local councils must back up the position.

Issue was sharply joined last week by attempts of CIO bodies to establish a position of local polity. However, he said, "adoption of some of conflicting policies constitutes a rejection of CIO communications."

In order to oppose a third and support the Marshall Plan, extends to any individual entering a council in any city. The Brophy letter said not only councils but also officers, board members, steersmen or representatives would be required to line up with CIO policy.

He said "any councils have rejected, evaded, or ignored communications from the National CIO; these matters or have conflicting statements to correct their policies." Local councils were asked to call meetings to purpose within ten

State CIO Fires 8 Brd. Members For Refusing To Vote 'Ja'

Eight members were suspended by majority vote, 13, of the Indiana State Industrial Union Council this week for voting in opposition to policy laid down by the Executive Board of the CIO. Although eleven of the top CIO body also opposed the policy, which condemns the third party movement and upholds the Marshall Plan, at the time of its adoption they were not relieved of their posts on the national Executive Board.

State Board members from Lake County who were suspended for insisting upon their right to support Wallace and oppose the Marshall Plan are: Mrs. Virginia Fish, supervisor of the Hammond Welfare Office, and official representative of the United Public Workers; and William McCray, employed by Harbison Walker, E. C., and official representative of the United Gas, Coke, and Chemical Workers.

In addition to Mrs. Fish and McCray, those suspended are: James Nash, Ft. Wayne, United Electrical Workers; Thomas Wilson, Indianapolis, United Packinghouse Workers; Charles Kasly, South Bend, United Furniture Workers; Edward Prather, Richmond, United

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Steelworkers' Wage Demands Upheld By HAW At Convention

YORK, PA.—Every steel worker in America could be paid an additional \$600 a year and steel profits would still be double the pre-war average, Henry Wallace declared before 2,300 delegates this week at the statewide founding convention of a new third party in Pennsylvania.

"The wages of steel workers can be substantially increased; the prices of steel can be rolled back; and the gray market can be eliminated and still leave the steel barons with a more than comfortable existence," Wallace said.

Wallace contrasted the lot of steel workers "who aren't enjoying any increase in real wages since 1939," with the profits of U. S. and Bethlehem Steel—three times pre-war. "The Administration," he said, "knows how to get tough with Russia, with labor and with liberals... but will not get tough with the steel trusts."

Wallace further contrasted "the simple manner in which Ben Fairless decrees a \$5 a ton increase in semi-finished steel" with President Truman's recent use of the Taft-Hartley Act to deprive employees of the Carbon Chemical Corporation at Oak Ridge, Tenn. of their right to strike for a 15-cent per hour wage increase.

"This Federal action under the Taft-Hartley law is only a start," Wallace warned.

"As the leaders of organized labor present just demands for wage increases in industry after industry, we can expect the Administration to take similar ac-

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Payment in April of one more year's back pay under the Wage Rate Inequity Agreement will be asked of Inland Steel by Local Union 1010 in a meeting Thursday morning, March 25, between the Inequity Negotiating Committee and management.

Payment in full of all back pay claims cannot be completed until all rates and classifications have been adjusted. Upward adjustment of rates still to be made must be financed by subtracting from the fund appropriated by the company to cover the entire program, both existing rates and payment of retroactivity.

What percentage of back pay each employee who has it coming will receive has not yet been definitely established.

Further details of the meeting between Local 1010's officers and management will be given at the membership meeting Thursday night, March 25.

Delegates To CIO Convention To Be Elected April 15

Candidates for delegates from Local Union 1010 to the Fourth Constitutional Convention of the CIO will be nominated at the membership meeting of Thursday, April 1. An election committee to conduct the election of delegates will also be nominated and elected from the floor at that meeting.

Balloting for the 11 Convention delegates themselves will be carried on all day, 6 A. M. to 6 P. M., on Thursday, April 15.

Taking place in a year which will permit no holding on such matters of CIO policy as political alignments; all out struggle against legalized union busting or appeasement of the Taft-Hartleyites; and the question of demanding wage increases to compensate in some degree with unbridled profiteering, the Fourth CIO Constitutional Convention will begin May 11 at Boston, Massachusetts.

Local Union 1010 will send eleven of its members to express the opinion of its 10,000 membership upon these matters.

Local Union 1010 will conduct membership meetings every Thursday night beginning March 25 until July 1st. Because wage negotiations, imminence of Local Union elections, and other matters are crowding the list of business to be handled by the membership, the Executive Board recommended weekly meetings for the coming period instead of the usual schedule of two meetings a month. The recommendation was upheld by the meeting of Thursday, March 18.

CO. HAND CALLED ON SPEED UP AS TIN LINES REACH 60 FEET PER MINUTE

Actual issue of the dispute which has tin mill operations almost completely suspended at this point is whether or not management can get away with cutting rates and destroying job sequences—which management, itself, set up—simply by changing job titles.

If management is permitted to arbitrarily assign electrolytic line men to operate the Halden shear, a precedent will have been established that will give management the right to reduce men from higher paid jobs to lower brackets throughout the entire plant.

In line with an industry wide effort to double production and halve labor costs, Inland's tin and cold strip mills are about to expand into the new buildings nearing completion. Since the method of assigning workers to the many jobs opening up hinges upon outcome of the Halden shear dispute, it becomes something much larger than a mere departmental squabble over job security.

It is, rather, the point of industry wide speed up and stretch out operations, encroaching upon the income of every steelworker, at which a section of 1010's membership have decided to fight.

WAGES DOWN — PRODUCTION UP

By methods existing up to this time, nine men were required to operate the plating and shearing processes on the electrolytic line.

With installation of the Halden shear, this number is reduced to six. At the same time, the new method is calculated to step up electrolytic line output to twice its present rate.

Not content with that enormous raise in dividends however, management also insists upon cutting the rates of those men whose seniority holds them on the electrolytic operation.

Despite that the Halden shear unquestionably cuts in plate management denies that it is a shear. This subterfuge, if accepted by the men, will enable management to replace a shear operator, who averages \$19.60 a shift, with a coiler, whose earnings average \$16. The inspector, a shear sequence job which averages \$17.50, will be replaced by a feeder, who draws \$14.

Pres. Turns Head

As Negro Family

Face Ga. Lynching

As far as President Truman is concerned, Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram, Negro mother of seven children, and her two teen age sons, can burn on schedule in one of Georgia's electric chairs.

White House spokesman and a representative of the Department of Justice told a delegation in Washington March 18th that the Government would stay out of the case "until it goes through the state (Georgia) courts."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Ingram and her two sons, originally sentenced by an all white jury to die February 27, still live because of nation wide protest rolling up against this, the most flagrant case of legal lynching to

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Thus management is attempting to channelize \$7.10 a day to Inland's stock holders in addition to the already swollen increase arising from increased output and reduced number of wage earners.

These, in brief, are the circumstances which underly the tin mill tie up which began Tuesday morning, March 16.

Co. Edict: Take It Easy, But Take It.

Walter Szplich, tin mill Griever, notified management several weeks ago that the Halden shear properly belongs in the shear sequence &, accordingly, men from the shearing unit were to be assigned to running it. What Brother Szplich got for an answer was a flat refusal by management to consider the matter. Three men from the electrolytic line were instructed by supervision to begin breaking in on the new machine Tuesday morning.

Tin Line Men Show Iron Principle

Rather than co-operate with management against the common interests of the whole department, none of the three men reported for work. All of the electrolytic line and black plate's 75 employees also have failed to report for work since.

In compliance with their obligation under the contract, which prohibits interference with production regardless of provocations and contract violations by the company, Griever Szplich and LU Pres. John Sargent notified each of the workers involved in the tie-up by telegram to report at the union hall 4:30 P.M. Friday.

Nobody but Brothers Szplich and Sargent, themselves, showed up for the meeting.

3 For; 110 Against

Segregation Policy

Of EC School Board

East Chicago's Jim Crow isn't dead or even knocked out completely. But that loathsome bird took a considerable beating from 135 civic minded citizens who assembled Thursday night, March 18, in Washington High School's music room to ascertain majority opinion in this community against segregation of Negro students from their white classmates.

Following a lecture by two consultants from the Bureau of Intra-Cultural Education, James H. Tipton and Victor C. Pitkin, the audience was divided

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Germano's Action Of Taft 'Reception' Upheld By Doherty

Mr. George Sopko,
Recording Secretary
L. U. 1010, USA CIO
3436 Michigan Avenue
Indiana Harbor, Indiana

Dear Brother Sopko:

A letter under date of February 21st to President Murray, signed by Nick Migas, Secretary of the Legislative Committee of Local Union 1010 and a resolution that was discussed at a local union meeting, dealing with CIO policy on the right of members to engage in political matters, have found their way to this office.

Brother Migas' letter to President Murray to deal with the specific question of CIO policy as it pertains to the right of any CIO member as an individual to work for any candidate he or she chooses.

The resolution seems to deal specifically with the desirability of Local Union 1010 establishing a picket line protesting the appearance of Senator Taft at a recent meeting held in the city of Gary, Indiana. The resolution takes exception to the expressed desire manifested by Director Germano that the picket line be cancelled. His judgment was no doubt correct in this matter. Finally, the resolution asks that the International Union reaffirm the right of any member of the CIO as an individual to work for any residential candidate they wish.

As is no doubt known to your local union, it is the mature judgment of both National CIO and the United Steelworkers of America that the best interest of labor will be served by not splitting our efforts in chasing rainbows, such as the so-called Third Party Movement, in the task of doing at this time. The task of electing a Congress and an Administration will work for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law and that press such other beneficial action on the CIO, such as EPC, repeal of the Poll Laws, etc. should not be delayed.

Direct answer to the question as to the right of individuals, certainly there has been any doubt in any members' minds as to right to engage themselves off of any political campaign they choose.

John Doherty

Hike 7 Total Wages Companies

WORTH, Tex. — Price by the oil industry death of OPA are taken off a day from Americans, according to John Doherty, president of Oil International Union

seven times the total bill of all our re-

lave these figures to the of Textile Workers of Texas locals. we have fallen before we struggle to maintain standard of the death of OPA." To offset this fact that in the CIO better wages members and better for all of us.

Vote Taken From Strikers, Given To Scabs As T-H Law Is Applied To Cleveland Machinists' Strike

WASHINGTON, March 1 — Subjected to the Taft-Hartley board by their national union leaders, members of the Int'l. Association of Machinists now on strike at the Pipe Machinery Co. in Cleveland are being forced into an election in which scabs will decide with whom the boss is to deal.

SCABS TO VOTE

The company and a company union set up to break the strike for a wage increase have received board approval for a "collective bargaining" election in which all the scabs will be allowed to vote.

The Taft-Hartley board says that should the employer or the company union challenged the results, it will disqualify votes of all the strikers who have been "replaced" by scabs. The only reason it is allowing all the strikers to vote is that it is finding it difficult to figure out how which striker have been "replaced."

The IAM leaders were the first of any major unions to agree to put their members under the Taft-Hartley whip. Now the Pipe Machinery strikers as well as the rest of the members of the union are being subjected to a terrific beating as they try to protect their living standards and working conditions.

FIRST SUCH CASE

This is the first case under the Taft-Hartley law in which an employer is being given the

chance to break a union in this way.

A recent issue of the IAM weekly newspaper admits however, that members of the organization are being battered in the entire operation of the law. The national officials confessed in that explanation that in at least 5,000 shops collective bargaining is being "seriously impeded" by the Taft-Hartley board.

Instead of sticking together with other unions to beat the anti-labor law, IAM leaders hoped to make use of it to raid unions like UE which were determined not to make their members suffer the effects of the law.

IAM members who weren't interested in raiding other unions were told by their leaders that by signing the "anti-communist" affidavits, it would be easier for the union to get contracts and gain new members.

GAINS THREATENED

IAM officials are now having to confess to their members that their negotiations for wages, hours and working conditions are tied up as result (Cont. on Page 5)

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ABOUT RATES**

and all of the coke plant convinced that their men for the program are in parallel jobs in the plant.

Some's been taken to him twice by Buster but he reports that little was made at these sites, no job description provided by the company in this department. Except a couple exceptions, situation is preventing others from going ahead adjustment.

**FOOT FORWARD IN
THE STOCK HOUSE**

of reprimands, some and some not, are out in the blast Furnace house this spring. Moody seems to be for the reputation enjoyed by Calvin McLean being the quickest man that division with a

ding beef among the house crew now is Moody. He was full, and, consequently, there was nothing took house car to do. A few minutes, Dave Penner helper received an order for leaving a few minutes a week.

Moody hasn't seemed yet, is that a gang of king together in har- what keeps department operating smoothly.

**LAST IN 14"
DOCK**

in George Mursoc is name for himself a boys in the 14" slab dock. But if he over- body using it, he'll write them a discipline

back after an extend- ave, "Giddyup" George hat scarfers scheduled eight hour shift would be on out, give the a full eight hours of when a man isn't scar- ordered to scrape.

aturday, March 21, he impeded to compel the to stay on the slabs crane was picking up the same bay with used arms and legs, ers figure, aren't any their working agree- accordingly, got the off there 'till the bay ned up.

S TALKING AGAIN

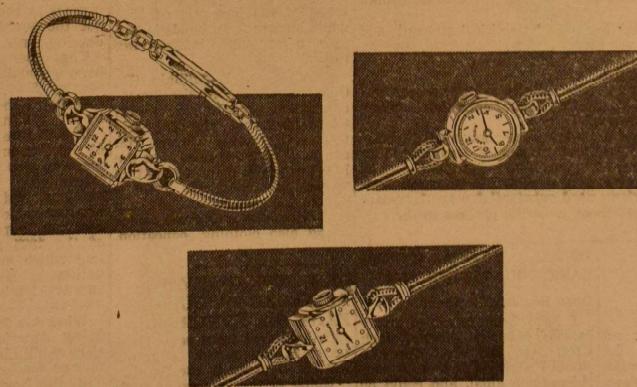
Surovek, Executive member, from the cold getting back into active recovery of his Brother Surovek was minute while on the job 21 by an obscure mal- of his vocal appara- owing two months of treatment, the ail- ment corrected in the mid-February.

**Dickot, Daughter,
Mamula's Life and Times**
Mamula, of the 1010 who go on forever son's Brook and the family, spent a jittery Day. He drew a lovely Cottage, in the stakes, and at 7:01 March 18, a daughter to R. Mamula family other and daughter are tell in St. Catherine's

writing we haven't about the horse.

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TRUE OR FALSE? THAT WAGE RAISES MAKE PRICES RISE

Sandwiched between the pages of routine drivel That Inland Steel Just Loves Everybody in this month's Inland News, is a two page spread of drawings calculated to convince hourly paid steelworkers that wage increases are what cause prices to go up.

That this expensively concocted blarney was thrust into working hands only a few days before preliminary negotiations for a general wage raise are slated to begin is an odd coincidence. About as odd as the coincidence that Japanese bombs, released in the air above Pearl Harbor six years ago, happened to land on the U. S. Naval Base.

85% of all value, These 24 panels of company propaganda say, is created by labor. This is an understatement, 100% of the value of steel as well as anything else is created by labor.

Price, i. e. the amount for which the plant's owners are able to sell the product which labor creates, is, however, an entirely different and unrelated thing.

Prices are as much as combinations of steel mill operators, or meat packers, or car manufacturers, are able to loot from the buying public.

High prices are established and maintained by agreements among these supposedly competitive corporations to keep goods off the market. The packers, it will be easily recalled, did exactly that in June, 1946, to create a meat famine as a build up for destroying price controls.

Destruction of price controls by governments owned and operated by the monopolists, as our present government is, is another of the sure-fire methods with which big business guarantees its profits.

Production costs, chiefly wages, on the other hand, have nothing to do with how much hi-jacking by the corporations that the American consumers will hold still for. Wages are as low as the mill owners and their corps of specialists can reduce them by force and trickery. Witness the present effort of Inland steel to cheapen the cost of tin plate production (not price) by introduction of machinery which will replace men and double output.

For a grasp of how this system works in an industry employing a million people, take a look at the over-all picture:

Profits for the steel industry accumulating from two price increases in 1947, months after the latest wage increase, leaped 300 million dollars.

Inland's profits, as its employees are well aware, nearly doubled while wages rose a scant one-eighth.

Economists, except for those jackals corrupted by the Iron and Steel Institute's money, agree that wage increases of 25 to 30% can be granted without raising prices a single penny.

These are the facts which management's captive artists seek to conceal with such tripe as that appearing in the March number of the Inland News.

Labor has the job of fighting with its political strength and its power of boycott to reduce prices and put iron clad laws on the books to keep them there.

But that's only half the job.

Labor union are formed and exist chiefly to raise wages and improve working conditions. That is the field of activities in which we are strongest and most united.

The packing workers and the miners are showing their bosses and the world that those two great sections of organized labor aren't snowed under by storm of "wages like prices" bull.

It's up to the membership of the USA-CIO to make their leaders aware that steelworkers need substantial wage increases too. And that we mean to get them, no-strike pledges to the corporations not-with-standing.

20-Year Batteries

Kept Off Market

By Int'l Conspiracy

Limitations imposed by an International Cartel deprived American users of automobile batteries of new developments which would enable a single battery to last the lifetime of a car—and then some. According to an article in Consumer Reports, these new (nickel - cadmium) batteries have been in use for many years in some European countries and have been used here industrially to a limited extent. But monopolies and trade pacts have kept them from consumer use, although they are ideally adapted for this.

Recently, however, the U. S. District Court, working on evidence gathered by the Dept. of Justice since 1941, filed a consent decree which will terminate at least some of the restrictive practices of the American end of the trust, being made and it is hoped that manufacturers of automobile

TO ALL CIO LOCAL UNIONS LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have been informed today by PAC National Director, Jack Kroll, that the First Congressional District of Indiana is considered marginal, and could be easily shifted in the 1948 election.

This district can be made pay dividends by an effective CIO membership.

Brother Kroll has asked that I inform all Local Unions of this Key importance and ask full cooperation in an all-out registration campaign.

Last date for filing candidates—April 3rd. Registration for primary—now to April 4th. and June 3rd to October 3rd.

Russell S. Graves
Sec. LCIVC-CIO

batteries will be next to fall into line.

Reprinted from Consumer Reports, monthly magazine of the Consumers Union, 17 Union Sq. New York 3, N. Y.

'TAX RELIEF' BILL FOR RICH ONLY — LABOR STILL STUCK

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Labor witnesses before the Senate Finance Committee Mar 8 argued for cuts in taxes on workers' families.

Stanley Ruttenberg, CIO ass't director of research, called for "proper and adequate relief to low income individuals" while at the same time "maintaining federal revenue at a high enough level to cover the necessary expenditures of the federal government. The extra revenue needed, Ruttenberg said, should come from taxes on profit-bloated corporations.

The committee is considering HR. 4790, a bill drawn by Rep. Harold Knutson (R., Minn.) and Republican leaders in the House. Russ Nixon, Washington representative of the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO), testified along with Ruttenberg that the Knutson bill gives more relief to the rich than to low income families.

"Now is the time to shift some of the burden of taxation from the shoulders of low income individuals to the excessively high profits of American corporations," Ruttenberg said.

In 1939, Ruttenberg pointed out, people with income under \$5,000 per year paid only a tenth of the total amount of income taxes whereas this year they will pay "over half the total individual income tax."

The CIO proposes, Ruttenberg said, that 20 million low income taxpayers be cut from the tax rolls. Make up the difference, he said, by shifting the burden back to corporations as was the case before the war.

Nixon sharply attacked the argument made for big business by the Natl. Assn. Manufacturers that corporations must have tax relief to make more jobs. "There is nothing to the argument except camouflage of tax relief for high incomes," Nixon said. "Our tax system is actually quite favorable to venture capital; capital gains are taxed at the low rate of 25% while income from bonds is taxable at a regular income rates."

Sen. Eugene D. Millikin (R., Colo.), chairman of the Senate committee, prodded Nixon with the remark that "the NAM has to be right once in a while. You are too." Nixon replied that the NAM arguments forget the fact when you take \$95 from a \$2,500 income today, you are literally taking milk from babies—and also clothing, education, and medical care."

PRES. TURNS HEAD AS NEGRO FAMILY FACE GA. LYNCHING

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occur in the current pogroms against Negroes in the South.

Going to the defense of their mother, who was being clubbed to death by a white farmer following an altercation over stray hogs, the Ingram boys are alleged to have struck him with a hammer causing his death.

Arguments for appeal were entered March 20, into defense attorneys in the court, Americus, Georgia, which imposed the death sentence.

The Department of Justice admits receiving a flood of letters and telegrams demanding guarantees of a mixed jury, governmental protection of witnesses, and assurance of a living wage for the Ingram children.

Contributions to the Ingram Defense Fund will be accepted by the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, who are organizing the

3 FOR; 110 AGAINST SEGREGATION POLICY

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into small panels for discussion of the question as it exists locally.

One hundred and ten voted for immediate and complete abolition of the existing Board of Education policy of segregated activities in the test of opinion that succeeded Thursday night's discussions. Three voted for maintaining the existing practice; and the remaining number, twenty-two, either preferred delaying the issue or were undecided.

Because of organized protest against separation of Negro and non-Negro students in social affairs, cultural studies, and in some athletics in Washington High School, school authorities suspended all extra-curricular activities last November.

The Citizen's Action Committee, a sizeable group of colored residents and white progressives, formulated a program of integration and inter-racial understanding and submitted it to the Board of Education for consideration. Up to this point, the Board of Education has evaded dealing with the issue upon very pretexts.

Under chairmanship of Frank L. Whitmore, City Librarian, and Fred Gillies, Inland Plant Manager, another group of people who are also interested in East Chicago affairs, assembled on March 4 to seek a solution to this pressing problem.

Outcome of that gathering was the meeting and results noted above.

Mr. Whitmore told the Sentinel Monday, March 22, that he considered progress had been made by Thursday night's proceedings.

"Although attendance was limited," he said, "Preponderant opinion favorable to joint participation of all students in every school activity expressed there seemed to be a fair cross section of the attitude of our community."

Michael Havran, President of the Board of Education, declined to commit himself as to whether or not he would be guided by the poll of representative attitudes toward the issue of segregation in the schools taken Thursday night. Because he has been out of town most of the winter, Mr. Havran explained, and was unable to be present at the meeting, he was not thoroughly informed upon developments.

The other two Board members, Rudolph Jarabak and Stanley Kwiat, were, however, present at the meeting chaired by Mr. Whitmore.

Mrs. Hattie Carter, President of the Citizen's Action Committee, who also participated in the Washington High School discussions, stated that the organization which she heads will continue to press for abolition of the 1925 School Board action which authorizes discrimination in East Chicago's tax supported schools.

What Are They Handing Us?
Many Americans do not like to have all this fraternizing with former fascists who took sides with the Nazis during the late war. We not only don't like it, but we don't like the brazen way they are going about reconstructing fascism in many parts of the earth. Some people have the gall to call it bi-partisan foreign policy.—Monterey County News, AFL

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Farm Equipment Workers; Miss Gretchen Flintke, Ft. Wayne, United Office and Professional Workers; and Mrs. Jessica Rhine, Indianapolis, Food Tobacco, and Agricultural Workers.

national campaign. Their Chicago Office is 3456 South State Street.
James McKinley, Sec'y of the East Chicago NAACP, may be contacted at his cleaning establishment, 2218 Broadway, Indiana Harbor.

Marshall Plan Liked By Wall St.—Sen. Taylor

WASHINGTON—(FP)—After a week's debate on the Economic Cooperation Act of 1948, better known as the Marshall plan, strong opposition to the measure came in a 5-hour session. Sen. Glen Taylor (D., Idaho)

Throughout his speech he stressed what he termed the leadership of big business in the Marshall plan. "Wall Street," he said, "has taken over the government and is keeping surplus generals temporarily employed as civilian administrators in countless agencies never before have grown under the ponderous weight of military."

Taylor blamed Democrats as well as Republicans for he called a "get-tough" policy, rolling toward nation like a streamlined "party," he said, "must be responsible for this of affairs. This war economy so much to the liking of moneyed masters that are equally enthusiastic for the program."

Foreign aid is necessary, Taylor said, but it should be handled through the United Nations. The Marshall plan is because it bypasses UN, so it is negatively undermining, and will eventually destroy United Nations."

Accordingly, Taylor introduced a substitute bill by all European relief funds through UN. The bill was defeated by a 73 to 3. Only senators with Taylor were Pennsylvania, Florida, and Langer of Dakota.

Stressing the need for action, to make sure American dollars arrive in Europe in time of the Italian election April 18, Vandenberg urged turning aside amendment offered by Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R., Minn.) and other Repub-

Marshall Plan OK!

By Phil Murray

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Pres. Philip Murray has asked all CIO affiliates to give full support to "those who are pushing S. 2202 (the Marshall plan) toward enactment."

The bill "should be passed by both houses of Congress," signed by the President later than April 1, Murray said. Asking that Marshall plan be made the top item of business at CIO meetings, Murray stated "the political and economic future of a large portion of the world may depend on the action taken by Congress within the next few weeks."

With his statement Murray issued an analysis prepared by CIO Legislative Dept. which argued against claims of Marshall plan opponents that the plan is militaristic, and that the Street plot, would split labor and would hurt American labor would rebuild Nazi Germany.

In line with the Murray proposal, a delegation of officials of Local 1630, Steelworkers (CIO), came to Washington Mar. 15 to present a 1,000-signature petition urging congressmen to act on ERP. The petition "American labor is solid behind the Marshall plan and immediate action is imperative."

ITU To Continue Fight

With the aid of the Hartley law, publishers are continuing to smash the International Graphical Union (AFL). Pres. Elmer Brown charged that the strike against go publishers, on since Nov. 15, as an example of the fight the union is waging to preserve conditions up through the years. (Federated Pub-

March 24, 1948

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This action was not only authorized but emphasized by the Yard Master during the safety meeting held Monday, March 8, for all South Yard employees.

Years, the meeting may be owing to pressing of the hazard factor in switchman and conductor's job descriptions by members of the Wage Inequity Committee. Regardless of why these meetings have been resumed, they are vital to the welfare of all Trans. Dept. workers. Heaviest responsibility for carrying out the recommendations developed at these meetings rests with the men on the job themselves.

**CHARTER MEMBER OF
1010 DIES MARCH 10**

Clarence (Jake) Sieffkin, 45, formerly an electrician in the 76° hot strip and a steward in that department since the earliest days of 1010, died suddenly from a heart attack Wednesday, March 10. He was returning from a trip to his doctor when he was stricken in his car.

Leaving Indiana's employ a year ago, Brother Sieffkin was appointed Town Marshall of Munster. He had resigned that post for reasons of health some months before his untimely death.

Coming from a town in southern Illinois, Brother Sieffkin was returned to his original home for burial.

JIM COLE, YD. DEPT., BETTER

Jim Cole, one of 1010's front line guys, is convalescing at home from surgery which he recently underwent in St. Catherine's Hospital. Jim asked the Sentinel to thank his many friends for the cards and gifts that he received as tokens of their sympathy during his disablement.

**MECHANICAL DEPT.
REPORT ON OVERTIME**

Some time ago a union committee, representing all of the employees in the Mechanical Department, met with management in the M. M. Office and agreed on the following rules:

(Any extra days within a work week are to be offered first to the men at the top of the departmental seniority list.

If they refuse, a record is to be kept and they will be put at bottom of the list.

The next time an extra day is available the men next in line on the seniority list are to be asked to work, and so forth until the cycle is completed.

In some departments the short night crews are always worked on the holidays. This practice should remain in effect without penalizing the men as far as their opportunity to get an extra day is concerned when they are on the day turn.

Overtime on a regular work day is not considered as an extra day.

Extra days are days in excess of the number of regularly scheduled work days per man, for the week involved, in any sub-department of the mechanical department.)

When this issue became a problem we had a series of meetings and the majority of you voted for the above procedure. It must be handled in some uniform manner, and I personally think this setup is good. There have been few complaints on

this point from departments other than the Machine Shop where Mr. Queer constantly strives to play ball according to his own rules.

However, Sup't. Method has assured me that a record will be kept which can be checked.

**ON THE
INEQUITY PROGRAM**

The Co. is still working on an overall plan to cover the trade and craft jobs.

The classifications for these jobs are not completed. Mr. Luellen agreed to restore the proper rates to certain groups but this has not been done.

A meeting will be held with management Tuesday, March 23, to attempt to agree on a procedure to reclassify the employees who still are not receiving proper rates.

A series of meetings for the Mechanical Departments will be held soon. These meetings will be of vital importance. We urge you to attend when you are notified.

As you will read elsewhere in this edition, your Union Inequity Committee will meet with the Co. next Thursday, March 25. A report will be made at the local union meeting that evening. Geo. Sopko

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You Are Not Alone: The gallant fight of the Intl. Typographical Union against the Taft-Hartley act, the NLRB and its union-busting general counsel, Mr. Denham, is the fight to

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a finish of the entire labor movement. There's no task that cannot be licked by a united labor movement. The typos may well be the means of showing us the way to solidarity.—New Jersey Labor Herald, AFL

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**Strikes On Upswing
As Wage-Price Gap
Forces Showdown**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Strike activity moved upward in January, reversing the trend of recent months, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Approximately 175 new work stoppages began in January 1948 as against 120 in December. This compares with 320 in stoppages which occurred in January of a year ago.

Workers involved in January labor-management disputes totalled 75,000 as against about 30,000 for December.

Among the larger stoppages beginning in January were those involving about 11,000 sawmill and timber workers in the tri-State area of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia; 6,000 Boston truck drivers; and several thousand communications employees of four cable companies.

Including stoppages which continued into 1948 from preceding month, about 250 strikes were in effect at one time or another during January. These involved a total of approximately 100,000 workers.

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Leader Of Allis-Chalmers Strike Given 2 To 6 Years

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Harold Christoffel, Milwaukee union leader, was sentenced to prison for a two to six year term Mar. 5 on charges of perjury before the House labor committee.

A former president of Local 248, United Auto Workers (CIO) at the Milwaukee Allis-Chalmers Co. plant, Christoffel had denied claims of communist connection when the committee was probing the long strike at that plant last year. He was charged with perjury and found guilty by a Washington jury, although several of his fellow unionists testified to his innocence.

Turning down a request of defense counsel O. John Rogge for a new trial, Justice Edward Curran also denied bail. Christoffel was taken to district jail here.

Fired For Alleged Slow Down, 8 Back On Jobs After Strike

CINCINNATI — (FP) — Fifteen hundred members of the United Steelworkers (CIO) returned to work here at three local plants of Aluminum Industries after eight discharged employees were reinstated by the company.

The eight workers, whose dismissal started the 5-day walkout, were accused by the company of engaging in slowdown tactics. The strike-ending agreement reached by the two parties also provided that employees maintain production tempo up to standards established in the past two years.

The agreement was reached just before a common pleas judge was to hear a suit by the company to enjoin the union from continuing the strike.

National Officers to Address Mid-West Amer-Slav Congress

NATIONAL OFFICERS TO ADDRESS MID WEST AMER-SLAV CONGRESS

In an atmosphere heightened by tensions currently mounting in the Balkans, Leo Krzycki, National President of the American Slav Congress, will deliver the main address to the Midwest Conference of that organization April 17 and 18.

The two day Conference will be held in the Amalgamated Center, 333 So. Ashland St., Chicago. Following the business sessions, an all Slav Musical Festival will begin at 5 P.M., April 18.

Zlatko Balokovic, world renowned violinist.

In addition to the National President, Joyce Borden Balokovic, Chairman of the Women's Division, George Perinsky, Executive Board member, and other notables of the Slavic world will also be on the conference agenda.

Slavs of the Calumet area will recall that Mr. Perinsky's latest appearance in this area was at the Robeson meeting in Gary, January 10.

Individuals as well as delegates from affiliated organizations are invited to attend the conference.

Steel Steals A March: It reminded us of a three act play—with the last act missing. Act No. 1 got under way when the commodity market took a nose-dive and the radio and newspaper "experts" decided to declare a field day. Act No. 2, which hadn't been billed in advance, opened with a bang. The steel industry suddenly upped prices again! Act No. 3 hasn't really begun yet—but we'll wager it will be a dandy and that the "experts" will come up with a perfectly simple explanation:

Vicky Samarzia Leaves Office

Vicky Samarzia, 1010's "Girl Friday" since 1939, left the union office Monday, March, 22, upon rigid orders of her doctor to take a long rest.

Although Vicki's been under medical surveillance because of a pulmonary condition for some months past, she did very little sounding off about it. Her abrupt departure has, in consequence, left the office staff of 1010 with both feet temporarily suspended from the ground.

Nominally Assistant to the long succession of financial secretaries who have come and gone in 1010 since she took the situation in hand eight years ago, actual description of Vicki's job would give the most softhearted Griever in the Local nuts.

Combining the responsibilities of general adviser, co-ordinator, appointment maker, and half a hundred other things besides, rank and file members and leadership alike depend on Vicki in the union office like a truck driver looks to the painted strin on the highway to keep them strengthened out and moving in the right direction.

A few months rest in a milder climate seems to be on the agenda for Vicki after which, everybody concerned hopes, she'll be back in the swing again at 3436 Michigan Ave.

Dolly Utira, who worked in 1010's office from 1942 to 44, is taking Vicki's place during her absence.

"Organized labor was responsible for it all. Didn't it say it was going to ask for substantial wage increases?" — CIO News.

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1010 OPEN WAGE TALKS FRI. APRIL 9th

iations on a wage increase for Inland's hourly paid workers begin 10:30 A.M., April 9, in the Main building. Local Union 1010's equity Committee, who carry the union's demands upon the company for a wage increase, will be there, special representative of Philip Murray, and uski, Staff Representative.

Figure has yet been disclosed as to the size of the increase which the union will make at the beginning of making their pitch from stations also being entered between the International and Big Steel, the Inland spokesmen are preparing a substantial increase in pay and social insur-

agreement upon a wage scale is reached by May 15th, the level of wages will be in effect until April, his provision is clearly into the contract signed between the union and the company at conclusion of our last May.

contract also prohibits like action to enforce the workers' demands upon the country.

There have been no steel over wage decontract or no contract, that all areas are held company under the agreement as it is written, and real wages are actually to the 1939 level or be-

Envoy election

nated — Election day, April 15th

enty-five members were elected Thursday night, April 15th, candidates for delegations to the Fourth Constitutional Convention of the CIO which May 11 in Boston, Massachusetts.

nominees, except a few names, are not now on the union's membership files, notified by post card and telephoned, write, the Financial Secretary, 6 P.M. Thursday, April 15th, they wished to accept the invitation.

his goes to press, (Tuesday), the following brothers have signified their acceptance of the nomination: J. D. Lutes, P. Calacchi; E. R. J. Jaworski; F. M. A. Breen; J. Sargent; F. S. Krupsaw; W. Young; J. A. Hutton; F. E. C. G. Sopko; E. King; Macho; S. Zaragoza; W. Vitar; R. Bielski; G. Was; A. Sladick; H. Kraft; H. K.

tion of the eleven delegations Local 1010 is sending Convention will be at Union Headquarters, Mich. Ave., on Thursday, 15th.

oting will be carried on 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. Don't forget to bring your card with you. following named brothers selected by the members of the meeting of April 1 during the elections: Walter Carl Skaeger; Ray Tom Howell; Emil B. Schatze; W. Foskos; McNamara; Nick Olenik; Marco.

RANDOLPH OPPOSES JIM CROW DRAFT

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Unless Jim Crow policies are dropped by the army, Negroes will oppose universal military training and the draft, Pres. A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (AFL) told the Senate armed services committee March 31.

Randolph was supported before the committee by Grant Reynolds, chairman of the Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Service. Both Negro leaders held their ground in the face of sharp questioning from members of the Senate committee.

Sen. Wayne Morse (R. Ore.) asked Randolph if he would tell Negroes not to "shoulder arms in protection of your country."

Randolph said, "That is correct. I would be doing my duty if I did not develop the democratic processes at home, then it is a great service. If it is not the type of country worth fighting for."

In spite of Morse's threat that such statements in wartime would bring charges of treason, Randolph said the army has enough time to end practices of segregation and discrimination.

HEADS OF 3 CIO INT'L'S TO SPEAK FOR HW DESPITE BAN

CHICAGO — In defiance of CIO President Philip Murray's anti-Third Party policy, John Clark, president of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers of America, CIO, will deliver a major labor report favoring Henry Wallace's candidacy, the Progressive Party announced today.

Clark will speak before 2,500 delegates, 1,000 of them from the ranks of labor, at the first Illinois convention of the Progressive Party, April 10 and 11, at the Savoy Ballroom.

Two other international presidents of large CIO unions will actively participate in the convention. They are Grant Oakes, president of United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers of America and Albert J. Fitzgerald, president of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America.

Ernest DeMaio, UERMWA vice president and District 11 leader will also speak before the convention.

Delegates to the Progressive Party parley half from AFL CIO, Railway brotherhood locals and industry Wallace committees from all over the state.

PACKING STRIKERS TIGHTENING BELTS IN CIO's BATTLE FOR WAGES IN '48

"No CIO union has been broken since we first organized eleven years ago, and you can bet that the Packinghouse workers won't be the first," LeRoy W. Johnson, Intl. Representative of the UPW-CIO, assured the membership of Local Union 1010 Thursday night, April 1.

As in 1946, the Packinghouse workers are carrying the ball for the entire CIO in the first big strike of the present period to wrest wage increases from the owners of basic industry. Settlement of their wage demand, consequently, will set the pattern for wage settlements in steel, auto, rubber, and all other mass production industries in which the CIO is the dominant organization.

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Tin Shear Men Face Firing In Fight To Save Seniority

Not one of the sixty-two shear men, whose walk out in protest of company's arbitrary by passing of contract provisions idled the entire tin mill for 18 days, has returned to work as this is written (Tuesday night). Meanwhile, as the scale printed Hammond Times blares that "the wild cat walk out of 75 shear punch operators at the Indiana Harbor plant is nearly ended, most of the workers having returned to work Monday in answer to a company ultimatum," ten (10) tin line men returned to their customary jobs.

None of the three men who refused to operate the Halden shear returned to work and the ten who did go back, under threat of firing, are to a man refusing to touch a control of that machine.

A hearing for the sixty-two shear men, with firing as the anticipated outcome, is set for Wednesday morning, April 7.

One Demand:

Shear Men On Shear Jobs

Only the demand made by men involved in the stoppage upon the company is that shear men be placed on the new shear under provisions of the contract covering promotion. Unsatisfied with doubling tonnage out put, however, the company is insisting upon cutting labor costs for the operation by placing men in lower paid brackets on the shear men's job.

Three basic points are laid down to establish promotional sequences; job experience; supervisory grouping; and geographical location. The Halden shear requires experienced men to operate it. Tin plate shearing, as under the present set up, would be under supervision of the shear foreman. As to geographical location, the old shear was dug up to make room for the new one's installation.

Despite these inescapable facts, company insists that the Halden shear is a new operation and, in consequence, management is entitled to anyone on it whom they see fit.

More Jobs And Departments In Line

How this practice will work out in the expansion program getting underway at Inland as well as throughout the steel industry.

Industry is a matter of limitless, and ominous, speculation.

Devices for speeding heats through open hearths by forcing oxygen instead of air through the metal, for example, can easily be interpreted as a legitimate reason for knocking off first helpers and cutting down the number of second and third helpers.

Four new Halden shears are slated for early installation in the Cold Mill where shearers will, if Inland's Operation Tin Mill is successful, also be replaced with less expensive employees. The same pattern looks, as a matter of course, for these two jobs as well as for a big proportion of all other production work in the steel making industry.

Seniority Security Shot

Men with fifteen and twenty years of service will, according to this plan, be compelled to accept jobs at the bottoms of new sequences with unemployment compensation as their only alternative.

These are some of the underlying circumstances which make the Tin Mill stoppage a matter of vital concern to every member of Local Union 1010, as sixty-two shear men begin their 22nd day of voluntary unemployment for the common welfare.

KROLL OKAYS NEW PAC BODIES IN CAL.

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Director Jack Kroll of the CIO Political Action Committee said April 1 new spokesmen have been recognized for CIO-PAC.

The original PAC bodies for the state of California and Los Angeles County did not ratify official CIO policy on the Marshall plan and third party. Representatives of 48 locals from 15 CIO international unions then organized in opposition to the California PAC bodies and in support of national CIO policy.

State director of the new group is Morris Zussman who resigned his job as head of the California Industrial Union Council.

Kroll said: "The California report only substantiates what is already evident—that the 1948 third party movement is a disruptive influence which could result in the elimination of many progressives in the present Congress."



Great Day a-Dawning Mr. Dickinson Speaks His Mind About This 'n That From Down In Arkansas

By FRANCIS MALLEY

The stuff you read in the papers these days sometimes gets to be pretty annoying.

Now take for instance a pulsating little piece we dashed off a couple of weeks ago about Mr. Herbert Lieberman, a very serious young man, lately of the CIO, who—if you are inclined to look at it that way—proved himself "something better" by hiring out as an expert labor trouble-shooter for the benign Mr. Gillies at Inland Steel. Public reaction to our learned efforts, we have been tactfully informed, in some instances was not quite what you would recommend as nourishment for an already wilting ego.

And so, upon the strong advice of the editor of this friendly sheet who knows so much more about such things, we went to work and washed our typewriter out with gin before pursuing the embarrassing subject any further.

Comes a Sizzler!

But the way we get it, way down in Arkansas a certain oracle (man by name of Dickinson who used to hang around the Local 1010 office) took a scholarly gander at our account of this recent CIO "catastrophe," angrily twanged his gallopes, quietly began to simmer as, one by one, the indignant buttons popped off his gaiters. In due time Mr. D. booted over and dispatched postscript a scorching letter to the editor of the Sentinel. Among other things, he said:

"... am I all burned up over Malloy's article about Herb Leiberman (sic)! Am more than sure that his pen has not expressed the views of the many members of Local 1010, who will never forget the good work that Herb performed for our local... Brother Malloy sure sounds like some leaders of industry who, after our benefactor FDR pulled them out of the mire and set them onto good, firm ground, began knifing him in the back."

No Snicker See, Though

Now, except for that bowie business in the back, Mr. Dickinson's criticism that we sound like some of those leaders of industry might seem downright flattering. On the other hand, the woman—indulging her propensity to stick pins in penny balloons, and depending on her familiarity with our downstate background—says no, we still sound to her like a Hoosier hillbilly. Mr. D. takes an optimistic view, notwithstanding. His letter goes on:

"What's wrong with Herb Leiberman going to work for the Inland Steel company? I cannot see any harm in it. It is my firm conviction that Fred Gillies has just proved again how smart an executive he really is. Instead of criticizing Leiberman, why not place the criticisms where they belong?... Local 1010 should thank their lucky stars that Mr. Gillies saw fit to place a man of Leiberman's qualifications on his payroll. Where is there any semblance of human relations in Brother Malloy's trend of thought? I am still of the firm conviction that time is not too far distant when we will all see a human relation (not personal relations) supplement added to or included in all labor contracts or agreements, and when that time comes, Mr. Gillies will be sitting pretty with Mr. Leiberman at his elbow."

A Great Day Coming

Just what more could one ask? Mr. Gillies sitting pretty with Mr. Leiberman beaming at his elbow! It's almost over-

whelming. Of course in no way would we presume to express the views of members of Local 1010, but their hearts, too, must leap in the mere contemplation of this peaceful picture of a cloudless day in the distance. We pause here, however, to breathe a prayer that all this serenity can somehow be soundproofed against persistent gnashing of teeth from those Youngstown badlands beyond the canal.

Don't go, Mr. Dickinson is not through. "I am sure," he continues, "Mr. Gillies did not hire Mr. Leiberman to fight labor, and I am sure Mr. Leiberman made it plain to Mr. Gillies that he would not fight, attempt to tear down or destroy the House of Labor. Yes, I am glad that Herb got such a position, and I am sure that Local 1010 will profit by it."

Why Was He Hired

Our joy is equally as unfounded. Yet we cannot remember off hand of hazarding a guess as to just what passed between Gillies and Leiberman or—just what the one hired the other to do. For all we know Mr. Leiberman may have been employed to pass the fudge when gentlemen from the union gather to present their petitions for this or that. There has been no question that as an employee he gave the union its money's worth. It is quite as certain he must prove worthy of his hire remain on the steel company's pay roll.

But now the grim hand peaking away in Arkansas gropes back to yesteryear. "Am still thinking and griping," he goes on indignantly, "about the International's treatment of Brothers Myrick and Mygas, and then comes a slap in the face to such a great labor leader as Herb Leiberman. Sure hope their ghosts haunt the big office at Pittsburgh for many a day. Why slam Inland Steel Company's Personal Relation Department when the International does not even have the shadow of one? Yes, more power to Herb Leiberman, and I for one, am speaking for myself only, in wishing him the best of luck. If the officials of Local 1010 will just mark time, am sure they will realize that Herb Leiberman will make sledging just a little bit smoother for the rank and file of our Local, and that is as it should be—the objective.

"In closing may I use an old Southern expression, 'Bye for now, and may the Lord take a liking to you all!'

By gonnies, there you have it!

Before slinking away red-necked to hide our shame in the depths of the sand bowl country, it is perhaps useless now to point out that our flippancy, though factual report of the affair, Lieberman carried none of the editorial disapproval. Mr. Dickinson apparently read into it. He may have been reading between the lines, over someone's shoulder, or—and this is highly probable—on another page altogether.

WAY BACK WHEN

This isn't intended particularly to upset you, but do you ever think back to wartime and dazzling picture conjured up by big business of a beautiful life for all when the battle was won? Here's a little piece of yellowing embroidery done one time by Lamont duPont, chairman of the Board of the E.I. duPont Nemours & Company:

Better and yet cheaper homes, finer and less costly auto-

Christoffel Frame-Up Warning To All Labor Says Rogge

DETROIT—(FP)—Sponsored by the Wayne County CIO Council and the Michigan Civil Rights Congress, former Asst. Gen. O. John Rogge explained the labor significance of the Harold Christoffel case, in which the United Auto Workers (CIO) had retained him as counsel. Christoffel, convicted by a District of Columbia jury of perjury before the House education and labor committee is free on bail and is appealing a sentence of 2 to 6 years.

The alleged perjury was his denial that he is or was a communist, a denial which he repeated at the March meeting in Detroit and which Rogge reiterated in the words, "Chris is not a communist."

"The Christoffel case," Rogge said, "is one of a large number of cases in the drive against union labor. The government proceeded against him because he is an able honest union leader, the kind of leader the American labor movement ought to have. Managements and the government are working hand in hand today to knife the labor movement."

Christoffel, also speaking, told how the Allis-Chalmers management in West Allis, Wis. used \$25½ million in tax rebates to fight the union. Local 248, UAW-CIO, of which he was president until he entered the army and of which he is honorary president today. As an example of the Allis-Chalmers hatred of unions he said:

"Management refused to cooperate with the union in gathering blood for the soldiers during the war. So the union started doing so singlehanded. And immediately the company sent the foremen to the men, saying, 'Don't give your blood to the union, give it to the company!'"

The \$10,000 voted by the UAW executive board for the Christoffel defense was augmented by over \$1,200 in a collection besides net proceeds from the 60¢ admission charge. Ford Local 600 led the donors with a check for \$200. Two detectives of the Detroit red squad contributed \$1 each to the collection.

Christoffel is on a defense appeal tour of the auto centers, having spoken in Flint and Ann Arbor in Michigan and being points west. Scheduled for a number of Chairman Maurice Sugar of the meeting ridiculed the red scare being whipped up by the Detroit News in its circulation rivalry with Herast's Detroit Times and denounced Police Commissioner Harry S. Toy, former Ford Motor Co. lawyer who now is inciting people to murder progressives. Sugar maintained. He branded Toy as a tool of the auto magnates, saying, "The auto industry now has an automatic Toy as its police commissioner."

"The real drive in all this red scare," said Sec-Treas. Sam'l Sage of the CIO council, "is the drive on the paychecks of the workers and on their unions."

Rogge in his concluding remarks urged more effective labor political action. "There is no real difference between Truman and Taft," he maintained, "except that Truman will spend a little more money in Europe, where the reactionaries will get it. Get out and fight for Wallace for President."

mobiles, radios and refrigerators, more nourishing food, superior medicines—a greater abundance of almost everything that adds to the comfort and satisfaction of living—of these will be awaiting the homecoming soldier when the war is won.

Hmm, wonder what the hell happened to it.

\$750 TOP MONEY IN UAW TOURNAMENT

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DETROIT—(FP)—At least 100 bowling teams from many parts of the country will take part in the first international bowling championships, open to all comers, staged by the United Auto Workers (CIO) at the Dexter Recreation alleys, Detroit, April 3 to May 4. These championships will be an annual event held in a different city each year, says Int'l. Rep. Jess Corona of the union recreation department.

time, excluded all but white males under its bylaws. A team

The American Bowling Congress, holding its annual tournament in Detroit at the same time from Hawaii, coming to Detroit for the ABC tourney, is expected to be barred and will bowl in the UAW event instead.

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RHILL, Mass.—(FP)—A member of the Haverhill Mass. of the United Shoe (CIO), who is now in Greece, with 2,000 other prisoners in Greece, is a "last plea" to his protest "the executions of Greek resis-

ter, made public by C. C. was sent by Vasilios who returned to his land in 1935. "While I America," he wrote, "I fought the ideal of liberty democracy for which I upon return to my

After the occupation

resistance movement

I have been im-

with about 2,000 other patriots whose only

was a desire to liberate

country."

ad others. Melomas said, intended to death on trumped-up charges" won reprieve. Now, under the Aegis su- authority of America" on orders have been re-

He said the letter is be- awarded to CIO head- s in Washington for a on action to be taken.

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cincinnati CIO

CINCINNATI—(FP)—The council has taken its first steps to discourage brutality against minorities—Negroes.

of Councilman Roll Everett, editor of the CIO Sun, the body unani- recommended to Pol- Eugene Weatherly: he conduct hearings onality charges in public at the dismiss or transfer officers who display pre- or intolerance toward es, but he consult with all interested in eliminating

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**GREEK LABOR CONG.
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WASHINGTON—(FP)—The CIO stands behind American government efforts to aid the Greek government, CIO Pres. Philip Murray said Mar. 28 in a cable greeting the Congress of the Greek Confederation of Labor.

Meeting at Piraeus, the congress is the first free assembly of union leaders since the Metaxas regime, which began in 1935. Murray said he hopes the meeting "will be largely attended, and that all of the local unions of workers in your country will be fully represented in the deliberations."

He hailed Greece as "the only country in the Balkans in which it is possible for workers to meet freely and engage in democratic discussion on their problems. It is our earnest hope that your government will keep its solemn commitment to repeal the anti-strike act and to lift any other restrictions on your rights and liberties that may have been unwisely imposed upon you in the past."

The law referred to was a national emergency statute enacted in December by the monarchist government and providing penalties up to death for strike leaders. Both the CIO and the U.S. government have objected to the law, to no avail.

**LORAIN, O., USA-CIO
Fight's Agency's Gyp
Of Puerto Ricans**

LORAIN, O.—(AP)—The practice of illegally collecting fees from both employer and employee brought a demand from 18 Puerto Rican workers here that the Friedman Farm Labor Agency refund the \$35 they each were forced to pay for their jobs at Natl. Tube Co.

The United Steelworkers (CIO) has since exacted a promise from the employment agency that it will cease this practice. In the case of the 18 Puerto Ricans, the agency collected \$35 apiece after having collected fees from the company for supplying the workers.

What The Labor**Press Is Saying**

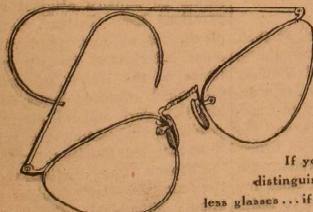
Deporting Communists: One by one, top leaders of the Communist party are being arrested by the FBI with the intent to deport them. This may be cheery news to Hearst and Col. McCormick, but not to true Americans. Those under arrest are being prosecuted for their political beliefs. This is a betrayal of all that America stands for. It does not matter that those arrested would also betray America if they could. It does not matter that they themselves would be far more ruthless if they were rulers. What matters is that our democracy is behaving like a police state. The danger to labor is clear. Organized workers are often an unpopular minority in some areas, even today. If police methods are justified against communists, they are justified against us.—Textile Labor, CIO.

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Once More, We're Asked to March Down the Road That Leads to War: American Big Business wants to resume its prewar "international cartel" ties with the industrial and financial combines of Germany, Italy, Japan and other nations. It was those industrialists and financiers who—with help from big American corporations—put Hitler and Mussolini in power, used the Japanese emperor as their puppet, militarized their nations, destroyed trade unions and democracy, and plunged into bloody war. On the chance that they can make big money, some of our business tycoons are willing to once more march down the road which leads to war. Is that what the "war to save democracy" was fought for? — Labor, railroad unions.

Natl. Tube, a U.S. Steel subsidiary, refuses to hire Puerto Ricans except through the Friedman agency. They have to pay \$69 transportation to come up from the island in a chartered plane, which carries cattle on the way back.

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The Death Of A Leader

Three years have passed since the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt on April 12, 1945. It has taken three years for the greatness of the loss to sink in.

They say people wept as they stood in Lafayette square across from the White House. I heard the news among GI's. I saw no soldiers crying. But I saw only sober faces that day.

All of us were right. The death of Roosevelt has a cause for tears. But I say again it has taken three years to understand fully the weight of the loss.

In history of our country, Roosevelt was the only president who took a stand for labor. Lincoln may have been an even greater friend of the people, but in those days unions had hardly begun.

It was in the early years of Roosevelt's administration that the Wagner act was pushed through Congress. In the 12 years he was in the White House organized labor tripled in size. It was under Roosevelt's leadership that the LaFollette committee turned up the spies and finks whom the corporations had set up upon labor.

Against the stubborn resistance of the friends of big business in Congress, Roosevelt won the fight for a social security act for TVA and for some controls on Wall Street. The press of the country showered ridicule on the WPA but Roosevelt stuck to the simple proposition that the government shouldn't leave the jobless to starve.

The record of the three years without Roosevelt shows nothing but defeat. The Wagner act was scuttled by Taft-Hartley. The weight of the government was thrown against the railroad men and the coal miners when they were locked in critical battle with the employers.

In the face of constant corporation pressure, Roosevelt held firm through the war years for price control and rationing. Inflation was checked. After the war, with Roosevelt dead, OPA was dumped and the cost of living has risen ever since.

Roosevelt knew that when the veterans came home there would have to be more housing. He mapped a big housing program. Without Roosevelt to guide the program, housing is as tight as ever. So it goes, down the line: sniping attacks on social security, direct attack on the wage-hour law, profits swelling like a dead pig and wages running far behind prices.

With the war nearly won, Roosevelt fixed his eyes on the best way to keep the world at peace. When he died at Warm Springs, Ga., he was planning to go in person to the organizing meeting of the United Nations.

UN was Roosevelt's hope for the peace of the world. Roosevelt helped to hold the allied nations together through the most terrible war in history. He thought UN could do the same job after the war. With each year since 1945 UN has lost more ground.

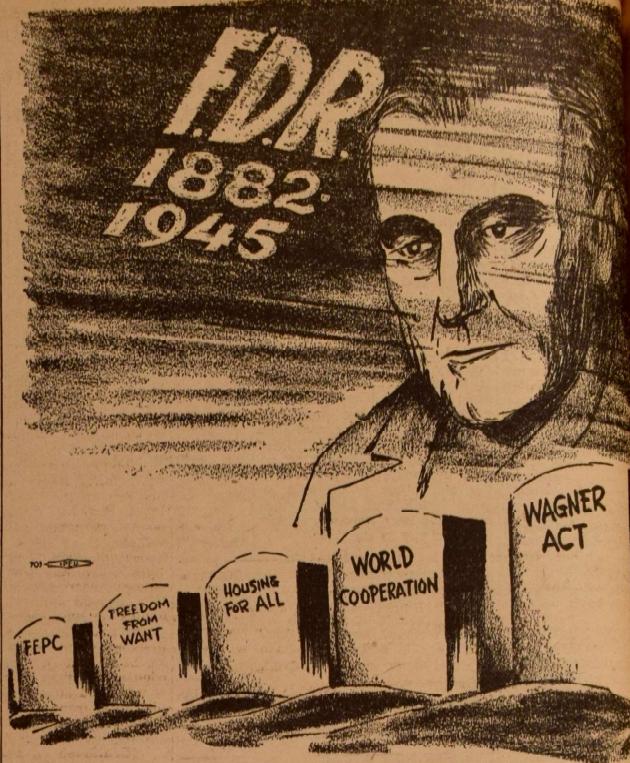
Today the big decisions are being made outside of UN. The world is tense with war fear. UN now seems as powerless to quiet the war drums as the old League of Nations.

There was no magic in the way Roosevelt led the people from one victory to another. He was a fighter, and the people fought with him.

When he said drive the money changers from the temple and talked of "economic royalists," the monopolies knew he meant it. They hated him with passion. They fought him with every foul device in the book. They turned 90% of the press against him. Most of the other 10% gave only timid support.

Even so, the voters found their way through the cloud of hatred. Four times Roosevelt was sent to the White House.

Roosevelt won against odds because he was a gallant fighter and because he made the issues clear. The same recipe will win battles without Roosevelt.



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MINE SAFETY 1 YR.

AFTER CENTRALIA

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Congress seems to have completely forgotten its responsibility to prevent future Centralia mine disasters. Rep. Melvin Price (D. Ill.) told the House Mar. 25 on the first anniversary of the 1947 tragedy.

Price said he had started a discharge petition on HR. 2907, a bill which would give the federal Bureau of Mines power to enforce safety in the coal mines. The House labor committee, which helped cook up the Taft-Hartley law, has been sitting on the bill for a full year. During that time, he said, 175 anthracite and 990 bituminous diggers have been killed in U. S. mines.

SOCIAL SECURITY CARD DUPLICATES

Workers who have lost their Social Security Card should go to the nearest Social Security field office and apply for a duplicate card, according to Charles S. Davis, Manager of the Hammond, Indiana field office. It will take from seven to ten days to get the card since the application has to go to Baltimore, Maryland for checking against a master file to insure they get the same number back again. A worker should have only one Social Security number. If, through mistake, more than one Social Security number is obtained, the worker should take both cards to the Social Security office and have both accounts consolidated under one number which he should use from them on. People whose names are changed should file a change in records application.

They will still retain the same number but a new card will be issued with the new name. Your local office is at 507 State St., Room 417 Post Office Bldg., Hammond, Indiana.

Labor 'Round The World

ITALY

GERMANY

ROME — (ALN) — Italian workers are considering a counter-attack against the "Letters to Italy" campaign in which Americans of Italian descent have been urged to write friends and relatives in Italy to vote against left-wing candidates. Angry at what they consider American attempts to influence the Italian national elections, many workers are considering sending letters to the U. S. pressuring their friends to defeat Pres. Truman in November.

JAPAN

TOKYO — (ALN) — Talk is rampant here that Gen. Douglas MacArthur has secretly withdrawn dismantling orders affecting 125 factories and plants on Japan's original reparations list. Instead, these plants are to be merged with other enterprises. Twenty factories of the Hano Industrial Co., which produced tanks during the war, and 45 aircraft plants in Nakashima are said to be affected. Earlier this year, the Nippon Times disclosed that the four "Zaibatsu" families of Mitsui, Mitsubishi, Sumitomo and Yasuda, who dominate Japan's industrial life, were removed from the jurisdiction of the law on economic decentralization.

CHINA

HARBIN — (ALN) — A conference of all unions in the Chinese Liberated Areas has been called here for June 10. Pres Chu Hsueh-fan of the Chinese Assn. of Labor, which links workers in both Kuomintang and Communist-led China, recently arrived here from Europe to help prepare for the parley. Delegates will be unable to come from Kuomintang areas, where the CAL has been outlawed.

SOVIET UNION

MOSCOW — (ALN) — Official government reports disclosed that 1,900 factories have been reconstructed from war destruction since 1945. Industrial output in the Union this year will exceed 14%, the announcement states.

CHILE

SANTIAGO — (ALN) — newspaper Diario El Mercurio supported a proposal to endow regardless of Comoros or sympathizers be purged. It doesn't go far. Blacklisting is also in added, for those who mention communism in their classes speak of very of some, the wealthy, the exploitation and of the wealthy and of the industrialists' government.

AUSTRALIA

SIDNEY — (ALN) — work stoppage throughout Australia to protest a police picketlines established railroad workers state of Queensland. New South Wales their sympathy walkout several days.

Hernandez Takes TCHC Events

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the Brown-Hernandez go which must engender a feeling akin to visiting your ex-wife and her new husband; you're present but not participating.

Best round of the whole card, other cards to boot, was the second between Lonnie Ford, Ringside, and Joe Zale, CYO, and, for matter of that, several. The final nod went to Zale but it was one of those contests which cause typewriter termites to reflect with satisfaction that nothing in their job descriptions calls for making decisions. All they have to do is criticize the judges who do.

Fighting under remote control by Manager LaBroil, Don Ward, Ringside, beat Joyce Gym's Everett Cooper in the semi-windup with an attack that shifted from head to head at shouted commands from the Ringsider's corner. After soaking up two rounds of Ward's best efforts, Cooper came back strongly in the third. He was, however, too far behind to catch up.

Ray Zale, CYO, beat Henry Robinson, Joyce, in the second preliminary; LeRoy Harrison, Ringside, decisioned Charles Berry, Joyce, in the curtain raiser.

Barney Ross (not the ex-champ) and Bob Tomsack, a pair of Indiana Harbor paper weights did their best to butter each other thinly on the deck for the full three minutes allotted to them for that purpose. Everybody won this one, especially the spectators.

Johnny Stachon, in charge of clanging the bell at Twin City Health Club shows, is having a rough time getting back inside the ropes, himself. Shift work, Johnny's a second helper on No. 2 open hearth, is making it nearly impossible for him to achieve the top condition which the sport requires.

Calling 'em Straight By Ed Hughes

Dizzy Dean's Sittdown Strike
Remember the great Dizzy Dean's one-man sittdown strike in behalf of his brother? Well, the Nat'l. League pitcher struck against the Cardinal Club for its "eekonomic abuse," as he put it, of brother Paul Dean. Dizz made the line "Me and Paul" famous. Would the Cards win the pennant? "Sure," Dizz would answer, "jus' leave it to me and Paul!" Nor was he kidding either.

Slated to pitch one early spring afternoon, Dean bawled at manager Frankie Frisch: "No, sir, ole Dizz ain't doin' no flippin' till brother Paul hooks a raise!"

Frisch fumed and threatened but Dizz swore he wouldn't move even a bloop until the Cards produced a \$5,000 contract for Paul. "It ain't right," he added hotly, "to expect Paul to pitch the way he can for \$3,000 a year!"

Dizz held firm before the club prexy, Sam Breadon, and the raise came through shortly after. Dizz was a shrewd clown. He knew he held all the aces, also that his cause was just.

"Me and Paul" practically grabbed the pennant for the Cards that year. Dizz won 30 games. Paul did all right, too, including no-hitter.

And, double-handed, "Me and Paul" whipped the Detroit Tigers in the world series that season. Each won two games. Paul sewed up one of his with the winning hit. A brother act guaranteed to make the best of 'em—including a penny pinching club owner—say "Uncle."

NEGRO'S LIFE LITERALLY NOT WORTH A NICKEL' AS COPS STEP UP TERROR ON DEMOCRACY IN DIXIE

GRETNA, LA.—(FP)—An innocent Negro worker was murdered in broad daylight by a policeman on a busy city street here while hundreds stood by and watched.

The victim was Roy Cyril Brooks, 44, for more than five years a member of the Food Tobacco Agricultural & Allied Workers (CIO). A family man and a hard worker, Brooks never in his life committed an offense against law. The authorities are hard put to it to find an excuse for the murder but they will have to think hard, for a demand for action is already on its way to Pres. Truman from Brooks' union.

Acknowledged slayer was local patrolman Alvin Bladsacker, on duty at the time directing traffic at the ferry landing in Gretna, near New Orleans. Within a few minutes after Bladsacker killed Brooks, Dist. Atty. John Fleury and Police Chief Beauregard Miller, to whom he "reported the incident," allowed to resume his post directing traffic.

Excuse given by the policeman was that Brooks had "made a motion as if to draw a weapon." Hundreds of unlockers can testify, however, that the man lay dead on the sidewalk in plain sight, with his hat in one hand and a bag of peanuts in the other. No weapon was found on his body. The coroner's report showed two bullets in Brooks' body: one in the abdomen and one in the back.

An exact account of what happened has been given by the Provisional Committee for Justice in the Brooks Case, composed of Local CIO, AFL and Negro leaders.

Brooks was on his way to work at the Swift & Co. fertilizer plant in the nearby town of Harvey. He boarded a bus in Gretna behind a Negro woman who put a nickel in the slot register and then, realizing she was on the wrong bus, asked for her nickel back. The driver refused, saying the nickel had already gone through the register so that no one would be the loser. Although this is an accepted method of handling such incidents, the bus driver challenged Brooks and insisted that he put a nickel in the register. Brooks objected.

It was a little argument which could have been settled in a few minutes. But at this moment, Bladsacker, whose post was some 20 feet from the bus stop, stepped up and struck Brooks savagely in the head with his blackjack. He then proceeded to walk Brooks, whose head was bleeding, to the Gretna jail, a block away. Brooks had a paper bag of peanuts in one hand. When the cop struck him, his hat was knocked off. He stooped to pick it up and carried it in his other hand.

Halfway to the jail, the patrolman, without any provocation from Brooks and while hundreds of people were walking in the vicinity, pulled out his .38-calibre revolver and killed him. The shooting took place on Huey P. Long Ave., almost in the shadow of the Jefferson Parish courthouse, at 3:15 p.m. Feb. 27. The coroner pronounced Brooks dead 40 minutes later.

The dead man had two sons, one of whom, Roy C. Brooks jr., 21-year-old veteran, arrived at the scene of his father's murder a few minutes after it happened. The other son, aged 18, is in the army. Brooks also left a wife, daughter and a brother, the Rev. C. E. Brooks, pastor of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church at Harvey.

Forty-eight hours after the killing, the Louisiana Seafood Workers Council, an FTA division, unanimously adopted a resolution denouncing the murder and urging Truman to act immediately "in this case of a direct violation of the civil rights section of the U. S. Constitution."

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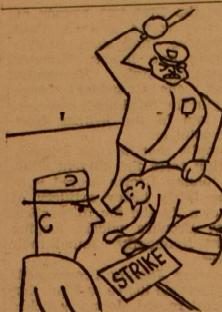
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Ben Schwartz, now serving as chief deputy prosecuting attorney, has indicated his desire for promotion by becoming a candidate for prosecuting attorney of Lake County in the Democratic primary election to be held May 4, 1948.



Mr. Schwartz was born of humble parents near Scranton, Pennsylvania. With little or no assistance, he worked his way through Pennsylvania State Teachers' College and Susquehanna University. After acquiring an AB degree, he spent the next six years in the teaching profession. For two years, he served as a grade school principal and then taught high school classes in Latin and history.

Following the footsteps of many an able and famous attorney before him Mr. Schwartz the teacher, enrolled at the University of Notre Dame for the study of law. He received his law degree in 1930 and immediately thereafter came to East Chicago to pursue his chosen profession.

His legal ability was quickly discovered and given proper recognition. Fred Egan, now serving as judge of the Lake Superior Court in Gary, appointed him as chief deputy prosecutor.

Felix Kaul, now judge of the Lake Circuit Court, continued him in the same capacity.

Not to be outdone by his predecessors in office, John Roszkowski, the present prosecuting attorney for Lake County, also turned to Mr. Schwartz for assistance. He, too, made Mr. Schwartz his chief deputy.

As any Lake County practicing attorney well knows, the chief deputy at Crown Point has direct supervision over all administrative details of the office and all the important court-room battles are fought by him.

Mr. Schwartz, during his tenure of office, has personally participated in more than 100 murder trials. Few, very few, lawyers the country over — perhaps no more than you have fingers on your hands — can boast of such a record.

Many of these cases, such as the recent fatal shooting of two Hammond policemen by desperados named Brown and Badgely, were cold-blooded murders of the most vicious kind. Men such as these are a deadly menace to society. Nine times has a death penalty been meted out by fair-minded juries in trials where Mr. Schwartz represented the State of Indiana.

But not all of Mr. Schwartz's time is spent in the court room handing out punishment to robbers, burglars, murderers and the like. In an industrial county such as Lake, much of his time and attention must be given to labor and management problems.

Industrial differences in Lake County have been comparatively quiet and peaceful during the past decade. Much of this is due to the cool head and wise counsel of Mr. Schwartz.

Labor, partly due to his own

PACKING STRIKE

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Broke and in debt to begin with, Brother Johnson said, the packinghouse workers are scraping the bottom of the barrel as the strike enters its third week. Contributions from affiliated unions as well as civic groups are keeping the soup kitchens well supplied and food in general is not one of the most immediate problems.

Rent, however, is a demand which must be met immediately by cash contributions from all those who have a stake in the packinghouse strike. That, of course, includes every man and woman who works for wages.

Fifty-five percent of their membership are Negroes and are, therefore, compelled by restrictive covenants to live in the teeming ghettos of the South Side in which rents and prices are highest. Most packinghouse workers live in furnished rooms which they rent on weekly basis.

With take home pay checks less than forty dollars a week for more than two-thirds of the

humble origin, has always held his sympathy. As many of his friends in Locals 1010 and 1011 of the United Steel Workers of America will testify, he has given generously of his own funds toward the welfare of union men on strike.

For these reasons, as long as he had a prominent voice in the affairs of the prosecutor's office in Lake County, labor-baiting employers realized that they could not import thugs and gunmen to break up strikes. They acted accordingly and in this way, much violence and bloodshed was averted.

These are facts that have been long known to the large corporations of our section of the country. They are facts that the rank and file of Labor should know so that they might express their appreciation accordingly.

Perhaps no man in the history of the State of Indiana has come before the voters so well qualified and so well experienced for the position of prosecuting attorney.

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INDIVIDUALS NOT BOUND BY CIO POLICY — MURRAY

WASHINGTON — (FP) — In a wire released April 5 in the CIO News, Pres. Philip Murray thanked Pres. Michael Quill of the Transport Workers Union (CIO) for Quill's support of national CIO policies in the N. Y. industrial union council.

Quill resigned as head of the N. Y. city CIO council because of disagreement with other members of the council on questions like the third party and the Marshal plan. The TWU, however, remained affiliated with the council.

Murray said "recognize the rights of individual members of the CIO, as private citizens, to vote and speak as they please on political questions." The CIO leader added, "However, state and local chartered councils of the CIO are agencies of the organization and under duly adopted rules 'take no action or issue statements in conflict with CIO policy'."

MURRAY ASKED FOR POLICY CONFERENCE BY NEW YORK CIO

NEW YORK — (FP) — The Greater New York CIO Council called on CIO Pres. Philip Murray on the disputed order that all ray March 30 to confer with it councils repudiate Henry A. Wallace and support the Marshall plan.

A meeting of the executive board reaffirmed the council's rejection of the order which came in a letter from John Brophy, national director of CIO councils. Brophy's letter was overwhelmingly rejected at a council meeting March 18 on grounds that it infringed on local union autonomy and attempted to violate basic democratic rights.

'48 Mercury Being Raffled By '72 Club

Somebody is going to get a 1948 Mercury convertible coupe next June 5th for a buck. Not that anybody's expecting car prices to deflate that fast and that far: the Tin Mill Black Plate's "72" is raffling the Mercury at Wicker Park on that date.

These boys have been out of work for more than three weeks and grocery men and landlords aren't interested in the merits of the dispute, it's money they're after.

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WALL ST. STAINED BY

PICKETS' BLOOD AS COPS CLUB STRIKERS

NEW YORK — (FP) — Wall Street was strewn with the bodies of union members March 30 after police launched a nightstick attack on picketlines of AFL.

The police attack began when the United Financial Employees a 19-year-old girl, Claire Johnson, tried to join three pickets on a line before the Stock Exchange entrance at 11 Wall St. Police, who had ordered the line limited to three, manhandled the girl when she tried to join other pickets.

A group of seamen, members of the Seafarers Int'l. Union (AFL), which has helped maintain UFE's mass picketlines, protested by sitting or lying on the sidewalk to block the building entrance. Emergency squads, radio cars and mounted police rushed to the spot. UFE Vice Pres. John Cole estimated that 2,000 police, including plainclothesmen, took part in the ensuing attack.

About 50 pickets were injured, several seriously. Another 50 were arrested. Injured strikers were left lying on the street until patrol cars arrived. Then their unconscious bodies were dumped into the cars. Strikers bitterly pointed out that one detective, hit with a nightstick by mistake, was immediately rushed off in the only ambulance called.

The police, Cole said, "are doing the best job they can for Wall Street brokers." The Police Dept. apparently believes, he added, that "we're trying to take the bread out of those millionaires' mouths."

The UFE strike was called March 29 after month-long negotiations with the Stock and Curb Exchanges had failed to budge employers. Chief UFE demands are the union shop plus wage increases of \$9 weekly for those earning under \$40 and \$15 weekly for those earning more.

UFE Pres. M. David Keele said the strike may spread to 50-odd individual brokerage firms when contracts begin expiring March 31. The union is a local affiliate of the Office Employees Int'l. Union.

PENICILLIN SAVES LIFE OF H. POWELL

Brother Harry Powell, Grievancer for No. 2 Open Hearth and member of the Inequity Committee, is recovering rapidly from an attack of lobar pneumonia. Stricken suddenly Thursday morning, April 1, Brother Powell was a live candidate for

the ultimate convention for a few hours.

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Billies Scuttles Soc. Ins. At 1st Wage Talk

With management bluntly using to consider social insurance a matter for inclusion in negotiations on a wage agreement, the meeting held Friday, April 7, was a formal wage clause spener adjourned after than an hour's talk until May 3rd.

It is expected that by that general pattern for wage increases, if any, will have been blushed by outcome of those in progress between the USA-CIO and United States Steel. Members of Local Union 1010 will recall, however, that Inland Steel agreed to meet the standard increase of 12½¢ an hour that conceded throughout the industry until the Indiana Harbor Works had been totally shut down for seven full days, May 7.

RB Order To Bargain Pensions Agreed On T-H

In ruling which climaxed Local Union 1010 and the USA-CIO's two year fight to compel Steel to bargain the conditions of retiring the company's 65 year old employees, the RB awarded the union victory and snatched it away in a tie decision.

At a 4 to 1 opinion, the NLRB ruled April 13 that an employer is required by federal labor laws to bargain with the union on pension or retirement plans the union requests.

The **Joker in the ruling**, as deduced by the newly constituted Labor Board, is that union must first stick its neck in the noose of compliance with all provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law as a condition of company's bargaining agreement plans.

The United Steelworkers of America has refused to sign the Communist affidavits under oaths of the slave labor and the company is, therefore, permitted a loop hole by a piece of legislation to evade the NLRB directive.

G STEEL BOSSING LL WAGE LEVELS

SAN FRANCISCO — (FP) — Communists' picket lines formed around four large shops April 1, heralding a strike which is expected to involve some 20,000 workers.

The strike was called by the Assn. of Machinists (united) after attempts to win settlement with the California Metal Trades Assn. broke down. Union leaders charged that U. S. Steel Corp., was responsible for the deadlocked wage talks. The metal trades players here have reportedly received orders from U. S. Steel to grant any pay boosts which might set a national wage pattern. Negotiations between U. S. Steel and the United Steelworkers (CIO) opened in Pittsburgh April 5.

We can't do a thing because the position of U. S. Steel is to grant any pay boosts," an unnamed all-night wage session in union representatives and

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Back Pay Stalled —

One year's back pay which Local Union 1010's representatives asked the company Wednesday, April 7, to pay this month, was flatly turned down by Inland Steel at that meeting.

Reason offered by the company for its refusal to issue the checks due under the Wage Rate inequity Program is that not enough rates have been finally adjusted to guarantee that the program is close to completion.

Although virtually all job descriptions are now in the hands of the departmental representatives, company's delay in furnishing that data is chiefly responsible for the length of time which settlement of the program is taking.

A quick check of rates with the Y&T and Gary mills rates revealed that a large proportion of Inland's rates are out of line.

Despite company's dangling of back pay before the membership to force immediate acceptance of the whole Program, 1010's Negotiating Committee has no intention of letting itself be black jacked into signing an agreement which would guarantee holding Inland's rates lower than prevailing wages in the area.

For the past two weeks, members of the Committee have been meeting daily checking and cross checking Inland rates with those of the other major steel producers in this region.

Only concession obtained from management at the meeting of April 7 is an agreement to provide the union with photostatic copies of the Gary pay scales in order to expedite conclusion of the Inequity Program.

NO HITS—NO RUNS; ONE ERROR (CO.'s)

Approximately 80 Tin Mill Black Plate men were called out to their place of employment this morning (Wednesday) to be harangued by Supt. Luellen on the advisability of taking shearmen's jobs.

They listened courteously and left for home, without shearmen's jobs but with four hours' reporting pay and the continued respect of every union member at Inland to their credit.

Walter Leonard, long time former griever in that division, was spoken of quite disparagingly by Luellen, it is reported.

Joe Jeneske, Staff Representative; John Sargent LUE Pres.; Don Lutes, Chairman of the Grievance Committee, and Walter Szepich, present Griever for the tin Mill were also invited to attend Wednesday morning's company called meeting. All but Lutes, who was on shift in his own department, were unavoidably detained, however.

No mention, so far as can be learned, was made by company spokesman of any concession on recognizing proper sequences to restore normal operations.

Another meeting between management, Jeneske, Sargent, and Szepich is in process of being arranged for this afternoon.

PACKING PICKET KILLED AS POLICE STEP UP TERROR

Santo Cicardo, Packinghouse picket, was run down and killed Tuesday morning at the gates of Armour's plant by a truck whose driver was deliberately encouraged to the act by Police Captain George Barnes.

By agreement with the police, pickets at that point limited themselves to two men for accosting trucks bound inside the struck plants. As Cicardo and a companion approached the truck, Barnes violently gestured the truck forward, pinning Cicardo beneath its wheels.

Ignoring the mortally injured man writhing on the pavement, the police who were concentrated at that spot Tuesday morning for an unexplained reason, spent several minutes protecting the truck driver from Cicardo's enraged friends.

Their efforts to break the Packinghouse strike intensified by complete failure of Monday's back to work move at Armour's, police were especially alert to create incidents on the following day.

A mass rally at strike headquarters, 4758 South Marshfield one block from Ashland avenue, is in preparation by the strike strategy committee to protest use of Chicago's police force by the Packinghouse owners.

Blatant headlines in the Chicago Tribune and elsewhere in the commercial dailies that Armour's Packing Plant is operating at a satisfactory level are as phony as the Ham. Time's premature declaration a couple of weeks ago that Inland's Tin Mill stoppage was broken.

Monday, April 19, loudly heralded as "D" day for the back-to-work movement at Armour's, saw picket lines twice as large as at any time since the strike began March 16.

The number of supervisory personnel, imported scalers, and other strike breakers who have evaded the picket lines so far to maintain the plant and token production was cut in half on Monday.

More than half the usual complement of office workers and non-striking employees also found Monday a good day to stay away from Armour's plant.

In order to contend for publicity purposes that all departments of Armour's are operating, the limited number of scabs are working in one department at a time. The strike-breaking butchers, unaccustomed to the keen edged tools of the craft, are, however, butchering themselves and each more frequently than they are the animals marked for slaughter.

According to strike headquarters, which has informal sources of information within the plant, operations are concentrated in the sheep kill. Although the scabs are capable of knocking these defenseless beasts off

Inland Angles for Scabs to Replace 62 Fired in Fight for Job Security

An invitation to scab on the sixty shear crew members and three electrolytic line men whom management fired Saturday, April 10, was extended by Inland's Industrial Relations Department to every Tin Mill employee Monday, April 19.

An attempt two weeks ago, made primarily to parade management's right of might to show unfair working conditions down their employees' throats, choked itself to death, instead, within a couple of days. A combination of management's threats and pressure from the USA-CIO's officialdom succeeded in sending 10 of the 72 who walked of their jobs March 16th back to work at that time.

Neither any of those ten nor any other Tin Mill employee would come within yards of the shears, however; the control handles were too hot. Sheet tin, unsheared and unshipped, as a result, quickly cluttered up the whole department and operations were again stopped; this time, dead enough to skin.

As this is written (Tuesday night), the Tin Mill is still down.

COMPANY STAKES ON SCABS

With car factories demanding deliveries of sheet tin, Inland is gambling a thick slice of '48's profits and its preferred position in the market upon lack of 1010 members' loyalty to each other and to their common fight against company aggression.

That tin production could be resumed without delay by the simple means of putting shear

with a minimum of struggle, they don't know much about processing the carcasses. Sum result is that most of the meat is tossed into tanks for rendering into fats and other non-edible commodities.

The President's Board of Inquiry, meanwhile, came up with a ninety page document which agrees with everybody. The Board has, in fact, no authority to recommend solutions for settlement of the strike; it's established expressly for legalizing the Chief Executive's outlawing the strike when he sees fit.

Although the B'd termed 9c. an hour a substantial increase, they also found that the union's demand for 29c, based on cost of living indexes, is not an unreasonable one.

The Packing Trust, however, refused to consider even a 9c increase for their employees; an arbitrary position which uncorked the walk out in the first place. The moguls have not altered their position since.

In response to an appeal for funds, made by a Representative of the United Packinghouse Workers CIO, Local Union 1010's budget committee voted a fifty dollar contribution to the strike fund.

men on all shear jobs according to contract provisions is an alternative which the company, so far, refuses to consider.

If enough scab minded men can be found on Inland's pay roll or recruited on the outside to operate the shears, management's right to ignore job sequences, cut rates, and speed up production without protest from the Union will stand up anywhere in the Indiana Harbor Plant.

Although no representative of the Union can instruct the members not to take the job of a striking shear man; neither does anything in the contract compell any member to accept promotion. This includes promotion to a shear job.

That the sixty-three men who have been fired will, if management's snide maneuver is successful, stay fired is assured. As bitter experiences of every man and woman who has been fired for upholding workers' rights bear out, these sixty-three members of Local Union 1010 will also be blacklisted throughout basic industry as well.

These are the conditions which any hourly paid employee who may figure a shear man's pay and Inland's good graces are worth it, fastening upon himself and every other hourly paid steel worker.

RAFFLE TICKETS PINCH HIT FOR PAYDAYS

Meanwhile Joe Corem, Glen Carden, and Carl Skaeger, the three electrolytic line men who refused to operate the Halden shear because it properly belongs in the shear sequence, and sixty shear men still prefer picketing on their feet to working on their knees.

They are, of course, denied unemployment compensation by our government who does not see fit to encourage opposition to management by feeding strikers' kids.

Tickets for the 1948 Mercury Convertible Coupe, which will be raffled June 5th at Wicker Park, are being bought in blocs by thousands of 1010ers and other union conscious people.

To date the Mercury's been paid for in full and \$2,200 worth of groceries have been bought from proceeds of the ticket sales.

Members of the "72" Club, by the way, can be encountered in their usual haunts about the Harbor but, for avid ticket buyers who don't care to look for them, "72" Club headquarters are in John's Tavern, 3704 Fir Street.

WALLACE PARTY CONVENTION SET IN PHILADELPHIA JULY 24

CHICAGO—(FP)—Four hundred delegates to the Natl. Wallace for President Committee conference here voted to hold a founding convention for a new third party at Philadelphia on July 24 and 25.

Call for the Philadelphia convention which will name the new party, adopt a platform and formally nominate Henry A. Wallace for President and Sen. Glen H. Taylor (D. Ida.) for Vice President, was addressed to all new state parties or committees backing the two candidates. Wallace groups are already functioning in 45 states.

In setting the convention date, the conference charged that control of the Republican and Democratic parties has passed into the "hands of economic royalists." Both old parties, it said, "have conspired to deny our citizens the simple democratic right to vote for a program in which they can believe and for candidates whom they can entrust with its execution." The GOP convention opens in Philadelphia June 20 and the Democrats will meet in the same city July 12.

Resolutions adopted at the conference, which included delegates from 42 states, opposed the draft and peacetime conscription, defended Negro rights and condemned U. S. interference in the April 18 Italian elections. In a cable to leaders of all Italian political parties, the delegates said: "As Americans we repudiate our government's threat to cut off food from Italy unless the election results please it. Hungry children must not go unfed because their parents do not vote as ordered from abroad."

Highlight of the 2-day conference was the appearance of Wallace and Taylor at a public rally in Chicago Stadium April 10, which saw more than 21,000 people jam into the arena and another 7,000 turned away. A Wallace committee spokesman said the rally surpassed in size, enthusiasm and financial contributions any yet addressed by Wallace throughout the country.

Appearing with Wallace were Reydor G. Tunwell, Paul Robeson, Rebecca Styles Taylor,

Palestine Protest

Backed by CIO, AFL

NEW YORK—(FP)—More than a quarter million AFL and CIO workers poured out of their shops here April 14 in a demonstration against the U. S. reversal of policy on the decision to set up a Jewish state in Palestine.

Thousands of shops and stores in the garment section shut tight at 2 p.m. About 30,000 workers, ignoring a cold wind-swept rain, journeyed up to an open-air rally at Yankee Stadium sponsored by the American Trade Union Council.

Participating in the work stoppage and mass rally were hundreds of unions and civic organizations, including virtually all New York units of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO), Int'l. Ladies Garment Workers Union, United Hatters Cap & Millinery Workers Union (both AFL), New York Central Trades & Labor Council and the New York State CIO Council.

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Horse Shoe Pitchers Challenged

Mike Greslo, Treasurer of 1010 and employed in the blast furnace, wishes it to be made public that he is ready and eager to pitch horseshoes with any member of the Local who fancies his own prowess at barnyard tennis.

Any Saturday afternoon will do, Brother Greslo states, and he will provide the quoits and stakes. Any and all comers are invited to accept the challenge by turning their names in at the Recreation Club Room.

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Board of Education Moving to Decision on Jim Crow at Washington High

Confronted with two and one-half hours of arguments the Citizens' Action Committee Saturday afternoon, Mar. 17, which capped the overwhelming majority of action favoring full equality of Negro students in East Chicago's public schools, expressed by community leaders during the past five months, Michael Havran, Board of Education President, stated that the issue would be decided at subsequent regular meeting of the Board.

He did not, however, commit the Board to definite action for final disposition of the controversy which has stalled all social activities in Washington High School suspended since November, 1947.

The sticking point of the discussion between the CAC and the school authorities is the matter of joint participation of Negro and non-Negro students in school affairs, physical education, group cultural studies under school sponsorship. As an alternative to accepting responsibility for a decision based on principles involved, it will be recalled that the school authorities cancelled all social events at Washington High School at the beginning of the past holiday season.

Despite that five months of inquiry and investigation of community attitudes towards officially authorized discrimination in tax supported schools we elapsed since the school authorities were first apprised of the situation, the Board President stated that more time is needed. With approach of the season for social events at the end of each school year, however, a decision must have to be forthcoming in these officials within coming weeks.

sta of Colored Teachers Kept
As far as any contrary commitments made by the School Board at Saturday's meeting are concerned, color will continue to all but a token fraction of colored teachers from East Chicago's schools. At present there are five colored teachers listed in a staff totalling one hundred and thirty-three. Stanley Kwiat, Board Member, who alleged that Negro teachers are hired on a basis of merit and qualifications equal to tests applied to non-Negro applicants, was answered by Mrs. Hattie Carter, President and chief spokeswoman for CAC.

As side from the disproportionate number of teachers engaged by the Board for primary and grade schools, she admitted, no Negro has ever been assigned to the faculty of high school in this city. That the Negro people must demonstrate their responsibility as citizens of the community before they are accepted as equals by other residents, was advanced by Mr. Kwiat as argument for taking no action at this time to abolish segregation policies established by the Board of Education in 1953.

Progress on other points
Although the central issue of participation of students in the above named activities remains unresolved, some progress has been achieved upon other points of the proposals improving inter-racial understanding which were submitted by the CAC to the Board of Education last December.

The hiring of student counselors, trained in child guidance and psychology, was recommended favorably by the Board. Ralph Jarahak, Trustee, suggested that School Supt. Senour and all supervisors together determine the advisability of hiring more personnel for department. Recommendations of Mr. Senour would, Mr. Jarahak indicated, be favorably considered by the Board and fitted into budget requirements. A suggestion that Negro

counselors be hired to advise Negro students, offered by Floyd Bolton, Washington Faculty Member, was immediately and unanimously rejected by the representatives of the Citizens' Action Committee. Separation of Negro and non-Negro students, they emphasized, is precisely the situation which forward looking citizens of East Chicago are endeavoring to root out of the school system.

A teacher training program, members of the Board informed the delegation, had been instituted three years ago. Some effect of this program, it was brought out, has been evidenced by such actions as removing books which reflect prejudiced thinking. The existing program, the authorities said, would be broadened and amplified.

New books, presenting Negro history and contributions to American society in a fair light, have been ordered by the purchasing department and will soon be placed upon school library shelves.

Presenting the case against discrimination at Saturday's meeting were the following members of the CAC:

Mrs. Hattie Carter; Henry Walker, Asst. Prosecuting Attorney for Lake County; Arthur Darnotsky, Chairman of the Lake County Citizens For Wallace; Lawrence Meskimen, Local 210 Oil workers Industrial Union-CIO; Mrs. Anne Broomes; Mrs. Lee Hayes; Mrs. Earline Riley; Mrs. Sylvra Warren; James McKinnie, NAACP; Davis, NAACP; David Cooper; and Doctor Goodloe.

All members of the Board of Education, Superintendent Seznour, principals of both high schools, and several faculty members also attended and participated in the discussion.

Death Reduced to Life Term for Ingram; Taken to State Court

Erroneously believing that Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram, Negro mother of seventeen and two of her teen age sons who were sentenced to death in Americus Georgia for killing a white farmer in self defense, had been acquitted and freed. Local Union 1010's Budget Committee withheld a fifteen dollar contribution which had been earmarked for the national campaign to defend the Ingram family.

Learning Tuesday, however, that Mrs. Ingram and her sons had not been freed, that they were sentenced to life imprisonment and in imminent danger of lynching in the Klan ridden state, Fin. Sec'y Tom Conway stated that 1010's contribution would be put through immediately.

Brutally clubbing Mrs. Ingram with a rifle in a dispute over strayed hogs, John Stratford was killed by her two sons who rushed to their mother's defense.

Later evidence introduced by the Ingram's defense lawyers (Continued on Page 4)

PAC PUSHES REGISTRATIONS

WASHINGTON — (FP) — The CIO Political Action Committee called for maximum registration of voters for the 1948 campaign, in a pamphlet issued April 8.

Setting a goal of at least 75 million registrations, the PAC statement declared "good citizenship demands the active participation in government by the people who live under that government."

The pamphlet pointed out that "a bad candidate with ten votes will beat a good candidate with

1,000 supporters who forgot to register." Special responsibility for getting people registered was placed on shop stewards.

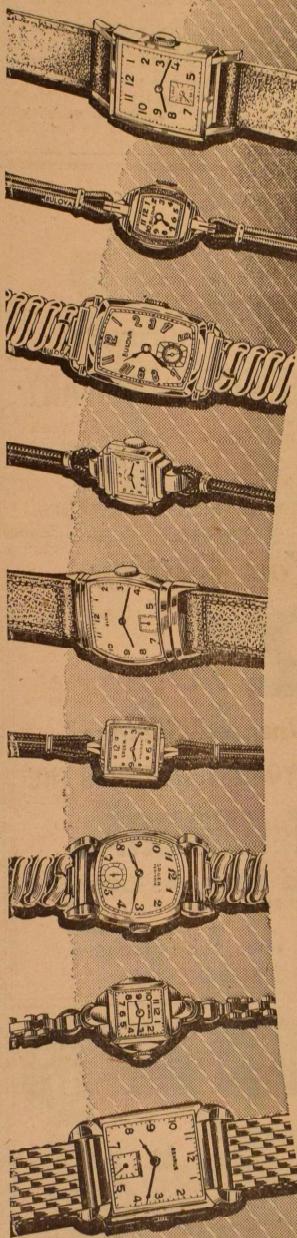
PALESTINE AND OIL

The shameful action of the State Dept. in proposing that the United Nations back down on its decision to partition Palestine has a familiar smell. It's a smell most familiar to CIO members who belong to the Oil Workers Intl. Union. It's the smell of oil—oil diplomacy, or old-fashioned dollar diplomacy dressed up in the new look.—Minnesota Labor, CIO.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO LABOR?

Labor has slipped during these last two years of readjustment to a peacetime, no overtime economy, and there is evidence of this regression on every hand. If labor hasn't the intestinal fortitude to defend its own economic existence, its civil liberties and its self-respect—then it should not complain if it is made to crawl on its belly and beg for whatever it receives in the way of recognition. It is time that labor awakens from its stupid sleep of indifference.—Minnesota Union Advocate, AFL.

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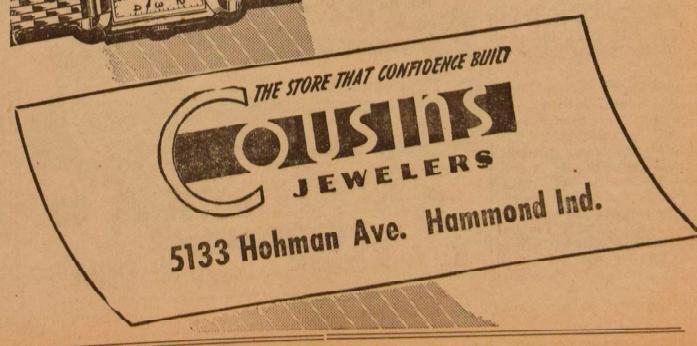
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disclosed that Stratford's insistence upon an illicit relationship with Mrs. Ingram, which she repudiated, underlay the trifling argument which served as an excuse for the white farmer's deadly attack.

In February, a jury from which Negroes were rigidly excluded sentenced both the mother and her sons to death in the electric chair on March 6, 1948.

Efforts of a defense committee of local people attracted the attention of defenders of civil rights throughout the entire country. Under organization of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, pressure was brought to bear which resulted in a new trial, March 26.

The new trial, also held in a lynch atmosphere although considerably tempered by national attention focused upon it, ended with the death sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

The case is now being appealed to the State Supreme Court of Georgia. In the event that an unsatisfactory verdict is handed down there, it will be carried to the U. S. Supreme Court.

War Talk Scored By UN Sec'y In FDR Memorial Address

HYDE PARK, N. Y.—(FP)—"The government of the world should stop talking war and start working for peace," Gen. Sec. Trygve Lie of the United Nations declared here April 12 in an address marking the third anniversary of the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Lie spoke from the front porch of FDR's Hyde Park home to some 500 friends of the late President who had journeyed to the shrine to pay their respects at his grave.

The assemblage, which included housewives, children and other neighbors from the nearby village as well as world celebrities, also heard messages from Mrs. Roosevelt, who was in London, Pres. Truman and Sec. of State George C. Marshall. They listened in intent silence as Lie recalled that the day before Roosevelt died, he wrote that civilization would survive only if "all people of all kinds" lived and worked in peace.

"All peoples, I remind you," Lie said, "includes both Americans and Russians. All kinds includes both Communists and capitalists, as well as the great majority of the world who are neither one or the other. It includes people of every race and every culture and every creed."

Turning to the United Nations, which he defended as "the only way to peace," Lie said that for many months there has been "no serious attempt by any one of the Big Five countries at negotiations of the major differences about the peace treaties."

"The boycott, the bypass and the backdown are not the way to make the UN stronger, or the way to serve the cause of peace," Lie said in an indirect rebuke to the U. S. and Soviet Union.

"People everywhere are shocked and sick at heart to hear so much talk of another war was so often and so soon after the terrible destruction and slaughter of millions of people in the last war. They have every right to be shocked and sick at heart. I do not believe any government anywhere in the world, is so utterly mad as to contemplate starting another war."

Former Sec. of the Treasury

LABOR SENTINEL**MEYER ADELMAN,
DIST. 30 DIR., DIES**

WASHINGTON—(FP)—CIO leaders paid tribute April 16 to Meyer Adelman, veteran leader of the United Steelworkers. Adelman, who died in Milwaukee, was active in the steel union since its formation. At the time of his death he was director of the union's district 30.

CIO Pres. Philip Murray, along with Sec-Treas. James B. Carey and Organization Director Allan S. Haywood wired Adelman's family: "His passing comes as a heavy blow both to the CIO and to the United Steelworkers. His contributions to the welfare of the people, his devotion to the cause of labor, his deep sense of humanitarianism will always be remembered."

Henry Morgenthau Jr., one of Roosevelt's closest co-workers, said that more than a million people had visited Hyde Park since the President's death "to reaffirm their belief and faith in the four freedoms which he had enumerated as the foundation of a secure world."

'34 Strike No Part Of 'Frisco History — Gov't Erases Mural

SAN FRANCISCO — (FP)—The Public Buildings Administration has ordered Anton Refregier to paint over his panel depicting the 1934 waterfront strike in the mural he is doing at the Rincon Annex postoffice. He was given until April 15 to cover the mural, which he considers is an integral part of San Francisco history.

A protest came from the joint conference of CIO maritime unions, which demanded an open hearing for Refregier with testimony from waterfront workers. "If recording of an important labor struggle is arbitrarily to be eliminated from the history of the U. S. or of California, it can only be because anti-labor forces find such struggles embarrassing," the unions said.

Editor's note — This is the same agency which refused to permit a portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt to be included in the mural.

WALL STREET ACTION:

If anyone wants a preview of what the big shots would welcome, take a look at some of the pictures of club-swinging cops beating up pickets before the New York Stock Exchange March 30. After all, here were unarmed, peaceful pickets storming the very citadel of big business. Blood spattered the pavements, heads were cracked. In a few minutes the cops had won the battle of Wall Street and saved the city! — The Pilot, Natl. Maritime Union (CIO).

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**TRUMAN TAKES AN
OUT ON PROTECTION
OF CIVIL LIBERTIES**

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Pres. Truman in his press conference April 8 expressed regrets over recent violations of civil liberties in Ohio and Indiana but said the job of preventing outbreaks rested with state officials.

The President touched on the subject in answer to a question concerning a plea by Pres. Walter Reuther of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) for government action against the mob which wrecked the home of a Communist party official in Columbus, Ohio. In a letter to Truman, Reuther made clear his opposition to communism but asked for protection of civil liberties.

Truman said he thought recent mob action against Henry Wallace in Evansville, Ind., was improper, but said such matters would have to be handled by local authorities.

**LESSON IN APPLIED JUSTICE
KIDS HEAR INJUNCTION
SOUGHT AGAINST DADS**

OKLAHOMA CITY — (FP) — The counsel for Armour & Co. didn't like the idea of 60 public school children sitting in the courtroom while he demanded an injunction against the striking United Packinghouse Workers (CIO).

It was a "most inopportune time" for them to see how a court operates, company counsel S. Dist. Judge A. P. Van Meter, been brought to the courtroom. D. I. Johnson complained to U. The sixth grade pupils had by two women teachers.

Many of the students are children of parents who are on the picketlines, Johnson said, indicating why he was reluctant to have them witness the facts of court-room life.

Van Meter reminded the company lawyer that a recent state judicial decision held that a courtroom must be open to the public. "I know that, but I suggest the teachers withdraw the children voluntarily," Johnson said. Neither of the teachers felt like doing that. They said they weren't out to disturb anybody.

The judge said the children could stay.

LABOR SENTINEL

**Three Awards For
Work In Race Amity
Given Ore. Teacher**

PORTLAND, ORE. — (FP) — Mrs. Beatrice Stevens, AFL high school teacher, has received one of the three annual Freedom Awards given by the American Veterans Committee in this area.

The award was made in recognition of her service in setting the pattern of inter-racial accord which characterizes Oregon student life, AVC Council Chairman Kenneth Kraemer

told Federated Press. Mrs. Stevens founded Portland's first high school inter-racial club several years ago at Commerce. Today there are similar clubs in most schools in this area.

Other awards went to labor attorney Irvin Goodman for "outstanding service to the American tradition in the field of civil rights" and to manufacturer Max Hirsch for "instituting a policy of non-discrimination in employment practices in his clothing factory." Workers in the Hirsch-Weis White Stag plant belong to the AFL. The awards were a feature of Freedom Train week in Oregon.

A JUST JUDGE:

In the entire ruling handed down by Judge Moore there were no weasel words, no attempt to cloud the issue. One of the most precious rights under the Constitution had, in the opinion of the judge, been violated by those who framed the Taft-Hartley law — The Advance, Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO).

The CIO wants no nation — neither the United States nor Russia — to engage in the type of meddling which makes it impossible for a country to determine its own political future. Allan Swim, Editor CIO News.

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CHINA

SHANGHAI—(ALN)—Chinese unions, already placed under strict government control and forced to carry on regular activities underground, are being subjected to a new wave of repression. Terming everyone who disagrees with Kuomintang civil war policies a Communist, the government has seized several hundred new political prisoners in Shanghai. The roundup took place chiefly in public utilities.

POLAND

WARSAW—(ALN)—Income tax reductions and withdrawal of many items from ration lists were announced by the Polish government. Because rationing in Poland was based on assuring all workers the necessary number of calories at virtually no cost—the ration card thus being part of workers' pay—wage raises accompanied the partial abolition of rationing. Wages are being hiked the amount of the free market prices of all those goods no longer on ration. The income tax cut benefits chiefly low income groups, with the level of non-taxable income raised by one-half. The government said it expects to end all rationing by the end of 1948.

ROMANIA

BUCHAREST—(ALN)—The Romanian Printers Union sent a cable of solidarity to striking members of the Intl. Typographical Union (AFL). The message said an ITU victory will be "a blow struck at trusts and monopolies."

HAWAII

HONOLULU—(ALN)—Two of Hawaii's largest stevedoring companies have reached settlements with the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (CIO) here, providing 10c hourly wage increases, more liberal vacations and submission of discharges to grievance procedure. The contract runs to March 1, 1949, with a wage reopening in 1949. Basic pay is now \$1.40 an hour. The companies are Castle & Cooke Terminal, and McCabe Hamilton & Renney.

YUGOSLAVIA

BELGRADE—(ALN)—In accordance with union rules, all Yugoslav factories are now holding annual elections of shop stewards and other officials. The secret ballot is compulsory in all union elections.

CONSCRIPTION AND TAFT-HARTLEY:

There are many sound arguments against peacetime conscription. It would be especially dangerous in America today with a

ITALY

ROME—(ALN)—A 1-hour stoppage in factories throughout Italy was called for April 12 to protest the recent murders of 36 Sicilian labor leaders and leftists. The Italian General Confederation of Labor charges that police are making no real effort to capture the killers, though the identities of some are known. With election fever mounting as the April 18 national voting approaches, terror campaigns against leftists have spread to other areas. Two Communist workers were shot dead in Milan by a Christian Democrat who later confessed.

GREECE

ATHENS—(ALN)—The man who served as labor minister under the fascist Metaxas dictatorship was elected head of the government-sponsored Greek General Confederation of Labor after a convention marked by power politics and bribes. The former fascist official, Aristides Dimitriou, is now a deputy to Parliament from the Populist (royalist) party. The government, dissatisfied with the election outcome, ordered a change in voting rules and declared the balloting illegal. The government was supporting Fotios Makis, whose pro-royalist activities are somewhat less notorious and who was felt to be more palatable to the U.S.

CUBA

HAVANA—(ALN)—A leader of the Cuban tobacco workers' union was killed and two others were wounded at the La Corona tobacco plant by a group of thugs hired, according to the Cuban Confederation of Labor, by government-sponsored rivals who are seeking control of the labor movement. The dead tobacco union leader is Miguel Fernandez Roig. In January, the head of the sugar workers' union, Jesus Menendez, was shot in the back and killed by an army captain.

MEXICO

MEXICO CITY—(ALN)—Vicente Lombardo Toledano, unanimously reelected president of the Latin American Federation of Labor (CTAL) at its recent third congress here, announced the three fundamental points of the CTAL program are: the fight for world peace, the achievement of democracy and political liberty in Latin America, and the industrialization of Latin American nations in an atmosphere of economic independence and freedom from domination by foreign interests.

9 Cents Enough

For Packing Workers

Says Pres.' Board

WASHINGTON — (FP) —

The parties to the meat packing industry dispute can come to a settlement of their dispute if they study the board of inquiry report "with an open mind," Pres. Truman said April 9.

The board, appointed by Tru-

man under the Taft-Hartley provision for dealing with nationwide strikes, called the 9c wage offer of the packers "substantial." The striking United Packinghouse Workers (CIO) demanded 29c.

Truman said he had asked Federal Conciliator Cyrus Ching to arrange further conferences and had asked his board of inquiry to stand by for further action.



HERE'S MR. HARTLEY AGAIN:

Republican Congressman Fred A. Hartley Jr., co-author of the anti-union Taft-Hartley law, is going to introduce an amendment to that law making it a criminal offense to "interfere with or prevent a worker from going to his job." We are fairly certain that Mr. Hartley's proposed amendment, like the Taft-Hartley law itself, was prompted by the NAM—Brewery Worker, CIO.

WHY THIS CLAMOR FOR WAR:

Having permitted those in charge of the U.S. government to let our country get sucked into two world wars, the American people are now hearing another big noise for war. Why are the bigwigs and so many of our newspapers clamoring so persistently and continuously for another world war, the outcome of which no one can predict? Nobody wants war with us now. But the talk is that we should start the next war. Why should we?—San Francisco Labor Review, AFL.

LIGHT BREAKS THROUGH:

The shadow of fascism retreated a bit in the dismissal by a federal district court of the indictment charging Pres. Philip Murray and the CIO with violation of the political activities provision of the Taft-Hartley act. The whole sorry mess which that law is and represents was brought sharply into focus for the public by Judge Ben Moore who, in clear and sweeping terms, held the union expenditures ban an "unconstitutional abridgement of freedom of press, freedom of speech and freedom of assembly."—Trainman News, Bro. of Railroad Trainmen.

CRACKS APPEARING:

Organized labor has been given the first concrete evidence to support its oft-repeated charge that the Taft-Hartley anti-labor law was not only unfair but unconstitutional. Down in Washington a federal district court judge declared the law's prohibition of financial contributions for political purposes through union publications was unconstitutional. This is the dawn of complete vindication in the course of time of labor's denunciation of this law.—Rochester, N. Y., Labor News, AFL.

PROFITS— HOW HIGH IS UP?

The profit records of leading corporations tell the same story over and over again. Profits in 1947 were up, way up above 1946 and any previous peacetime or even wartime year.

When the word "up" is translated into dollars and cents, the profits for specific corporations and industries and for the economy as a whole are revealed to be nothing short of extortionate. Business and industry are rolling in profits—reported profits and hidden profits, profits from operations and profits from inventory speculation.

UNDERCOVER PROFITS

It is important to note that these profits after taxes are only reported profits. Corporations also conceal profits thru various accounting tricks—fictitious reserves, excessive charges for depreciation, etc. Take U. S. Steel Corp. as an example.

Big Steel reported profits after taxes for 1947 as \$127.1 million, compared with \$88.6 million in 1946. But it had additional profits tucked away in its financial statement for 1947.

One concealed profit amounted to \$26.3 million, which U. S. Steel claimed it was putting aside to cover the higher cost of wear and exhaustion of its facilities. But this \$26 million comprised profits over and above its reported profits, and there is nothing to prevent the corporation from distributing this money as dividends in the future if it decides to do so.

Auditors for U. S. Steel noted in their report that the corporation had understated the value of its inventories by \$10 million. This meant concealing another profit, which even after taxes amounted to the tidy sum of \$6 million. The fact is that profits have become so fantastically high that more and more corporations attempt to hide their actual take from their workers and the consumers of their products.

So when workers read that profits have gone up, they can ask the question: Just how high is up in this case, since profits are shooting through the sky with no limit in sight.

A FULL DOSE OF TAFT-HARTLEY

By RICHARD SASI
Federated Press

The coal miners won great victory in the peacetime fight. Just how great that victory was can be seen in the way the Taft-Hartley law was used against miners.

From the start unions knew Taft-Hartley could be used to cripple their organizations. With reason, they called it a slave labor law. But the whole truth about Taft-Hartley could not be known until it was tried.

It is well known in Washington that a law cannot be from its words alone. It depends on how the law is administered.

As far as Taft-Hartley enough returns are in. That was passed in a Congress dominated by Republicans, setting all-out application Democratic administration both the mine and packing disputes Pres. Truman said would apply the letter of the law.

During Roosevelt's first day the Wagner act was passed. The Wagner act is labor's Magna Carta. At that time there were many questions about it. The act became defense of union rights in the law.

Many able labor lawyers serious doubts about provisions in the Wagner act. The company union clauses could be interpreted in a way that would wreck struggling young unions. The question of what kind of union is representative was in the hands of the government and the rulings could have been anti-labor. There were cases on the closed shop which have been used against established unions.

But the Wagner act came at a time when labor had the weight of a deep depression. It was determined not to be beaten from all the up-and-downs of business. Roosevelt was supported by the big labor and liberals generally. New Deal agencies were supported by people who thought they ought to get an even break. Taft-Hartley went through

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1010 SPORT AND RECREATION

Taylor Beats Brown

In Hard Fought

5 Rounder

It's getting to be Standard Operating Practice among ringworms hereabouts to micrometamorphose careers of burgeoning lightweights by how decisively they beat Johnny Brown, Gary Ringside's 135 Ace.

Johnny Taylor, Joyce Gym, who had Paul Hernandez down for a short count in their latest meeting, couldn't repeat against the durable Brown last Wednesday night although he did amass a comfortable lead on points. It was a club fight all the way. J. Taylor knows and respects J. Brown's repertoire of numbing ciouts too well to indulge in his customary by-play, bouncing off the ropes, shifting from right to left leads, and like flashy playing to the house.

Bill Walker, Joyce, upon whom the neighbors probably string their radio aerials bent down and cracked squat, bear like Hank Wlekliński, Calumet City, with enough force and violence to score a TKO midway in the third round of that heavyweight match.

Wlekliński opened up hostilities with a series of head dashes, a la Spanish bull, windmilling punches the while in Walker's general direction. By the end of the opener, however, Walker had recovered from his astonishment at these ungentlemanly tactics sufficiently to begin discouraging same with a few choice ones of his own brought from the deck in a northerly direction.

It was the kind of fight, boxing in name only, which sets off screaming in the house, especially in the top galleries where the real fans are to be found in any club.

Lennie Ford, who lost a hair the decision to Ray Zale two weeks previously, dropped another to Carl Sheets in the fastest, most action packed bout in the card. Bouncing about like a sparring kitten, Ford landed cleanly and regularly upon Zale but without enough shock in his gloves to slow the older down. Zale specialized in cornering Ford on the ropes and laying in solid smashes with both hands. These boys kept Referee Dale LaBounty practically unemployed throughout the contest. Both Zale and Ford believe in winning or losing their bouts by fighting according to the rules and highest standards of sportsmanship of the game.

A new com'er to TWCH shows Bob Brill, Hammond CYO, called his shots against Willie Jones, Ringside. High point of bout came in the second when Jones was knocked out of ring for a two count.

Siva Painter, Ringside, who had Mike Propko, CYO, outranged from the beginning, was, nevertheless, adjudged the loser of that contest.

A weekly kid from Verne Laramore's Ringside Stable, Cliff Thomas, rallied in the second and third rounds to eke out a win over Joyce's Abner Bain in the curtain raiser.

After ten minutes of kicking, running, and arguing with the referee, Bill Lenhardt, So. Chicago, pinned Angelo Popo, Journeymen's Grove. A series of resounding body slams seemed to dishearten Popo from further effective resistance.

Willard Belding, Hammond, defeated Carl Engstrom, DePaul University, in 13 minutes, 2 seconds of the second of the fight's two wrestling matches. Jack knife kind of hold, which could be witnessed, not described, turned the trick for the boy from Hammond's car shops against his crude opponent.

TWO-I SOFT BALL TO OPEN IN LATE MAY

The Two-I League soft ball, in which Local 1010 has a team entered this year for the first time, will have its opening game late in May according to schedules now being drawn up.

Noll Field, where it was announced that all Two-I home games would be played this year, has been supplemented by obtaining use of the North Gleason Field also.

The other eleven soft ball aggregations with whom 1010's team will be competing are the Hammond Moose; Prusiecki Cardinals; East Chicago Legion Post 369; Rondond Taps; Hammond Comets Club; Condor Whiting Tigers; Whiting Americans; Gary Osaga AC; Club Coloma; and Neighborhood Liquor Store of Roseland.

Intra-Plant Softies

Shaping Up For June 1

Little more than a month remains before opening game time in 1010's inter-departmental soft ball league. Team entries are being registered slowly, but work of the Rec. Committee in getting schedules and other details essential to conduct of organized soft ball is being hampered by lack of desire to take part this year.

Team captains' names, departments, and names of players should be brought into the formation from those members Fin. Sec'y office without further delay.

Bowling Tournament

Local Union 1010's Bowling League will have its annual tournament on Saturday, May 1, at the Sun Bowl Lanes. This is an all handicap tournament. Let's go, bowlers.

Memories of Sam Langford

Sam Langford, now blind and living in New York, was one of the greatest heavies that ever lived. Built like a sawed-off Hercules, the Boston Negro was as dangerous as a double-barreled shotgun in the ring.

Sam was such a dynamite that, to make the rent, he often engaged in live-and-let-live bouts. He'd win but generously padlock the cuckoo clout. Once he agreed to spare a young Negro in an eight rounder.

The veteran fighter took it easy. He missed a lot, too, and when he landed there was no shock in his gloves. It was almost heaven for the sucker kid—except that it gave him time to think. And he began to wonder about this g-e-a-t Sam Langford.

So he started to poke Sam HARD. And thing went on about the same. The sucker took a real chance in the sixth. Let go a regular Fourth of July jet-propelled sock. It really

Sam grinned, went right along missing and mauling harmlessly. The flashy young sucker really did look good.

When the seventh round opened, Sam extended his glove for a handshake. The sucker shook his dome impatiently, explaining:

"Not so soon, Sam. This is the seventh, not the eighth round." "SON, THEY AINT GONNA BE NO EIGHT," observed Sam. There wasn't.

Benefit Dance For Hoosier Boys' Town Slated May 22nd

A large section of 1010's membership, including those of us who live among the perils of our own two left feet, have got Saturday night, May 22nd, circled in red on our calendars. That's the date of the Class A shiny being arranged by 1010's Recreational and Athletic Committee for the benefit of Father Campagna's Hoosier Boys Town.

Mickey Isley and his band, who are making the Calumet Area famous, have been booked to feature the proceedings of May 22nd at Local 1010 headquarters which, in case you don't get around to less glamorous goings on such as Local meetings and elections, us at 3436 Michigan Ave.

Tickets, at six-bits the copy, are, meanwhile, available to all and sundry either by contacting the Local Union office or a member of the hard working Rec. Committee.

Members of the Rec. Committee are: Don Black, Chairman; Rose Gurevitz, Rec. Sec.; Tom Conway; Sec'y; Alex Hutton; John Durcho; Ernest Spialek; Mike Mamula; Archie Breen; Joe Mikhel; and Sam Krupsaw.

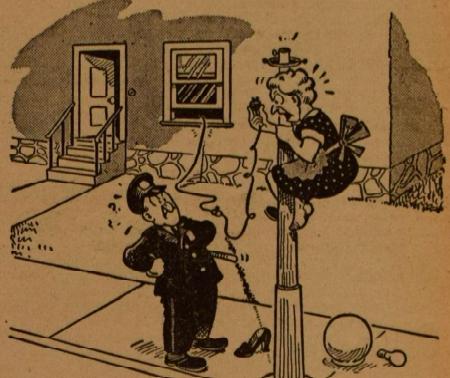
Taft-Hartley Congress. Is a conscientious army to be at the service of big business as the Taft-Hartley Congress labor board now is? We dare not risk a combination of the two.—Pennsylvania Labor News AFL.



NASH

Politics Vie With Polkas Politics Vie With Polkas

Young Democrats of East Chicago and their friends will get their electioneering quite painlessly Friday night, April 23. A dance sponsored by that organization is slated for Croation Hall, Chicago Ave. and Carey Streets, Indiana Harbor, on that night to which all candidates for public office are invited to attend.



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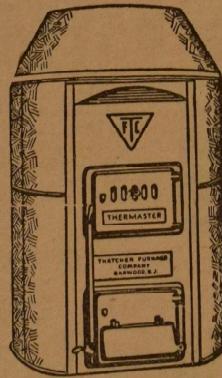
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WORLD LABOR OPENS DRIVE TO FEED KIDS

NEW YORK—(ALN)—The powerful world labor movement is emerging as the spearhead of the United Nations campaign to relieve the suffering of 230 million children left maimed, orphaned, starving by World War II.

The UN campaign, aimed at bringing funds, food and medical aid to needy children—with no discrimination because of race, creed or the political complexion of their governments—was launched throughout the U. S. during the month of April with the full backing of the AFL, CIO, railroad brotherhoods, machinists', miners' and other independent unions.

In a number of other countries the campaign is already in full swing and in all cases a leading role has been assumed by the labor movement.

The drive—known throughout the world as the UN Appeal for Children—originated with a labor man. The idea is credited to Aske Ordeng, a former Norwegian union leader who became a UN delegate from his country. The idea was to bring help to the suffering children and, at the same time, to bring the peoples of the United Nations together in direct action to help each other.

In several countries—including Czechoslovakia, Norway, Sweden and Holland—workers are putting in special overtime hours or full days, with their pay specifically earmarked for the UN appeal. On union initiative, plant owners agreed to donate an equal amount to the fund from their profits.

The appeal started and unprecedented campaign of cooperation between the three national labor federations of Canada, which issued a joint statement to their members urging the fullest cooperation. The statement was signed by Pres. Percy Bengough of the Trades and Labor Congress, parent body of AFL unions, Pres. A. R. Mosher of the Canadian Congress of Labor, parent body of CIO unions, and Pres. Gerard Picard of the Catholic Federation of Workers.

On a world scale, the drive is being backed by the World Federation of Trade Unions, the Latin American Federation of Labor, the Inter-American Labor Confederation and the Intl. Federation of Christian Trade Unions.

In Czechoslovakia, March 21 was declared a "national victory shift". Practically the entire working population either worked on their regular jobs or served in volunteer work brigades with one-third of the proceeds going to the UN fund and the other two-thirds for local and national relief. In addition, most unions have given or are planning a full day's work, plus 1% of their monthly income, specifically for the UN fund.

In Hungary and Sweden union officials are heading their countries' drives. In practically every country, labor is represented on the national coordinating committees of the drive.

In England, the Trades Union Congress is sparking 2,000 committees set up in all parts of the country to collect funds.

The U. S. appeal is being conducted through the Crusade for Children of American Overseas Aid—United Nations Appeal for Children. The organization is seeking \$60 million from the American people this spring to help the UN fund and expand the work of 25 associated private American relief agencies.

Hysteria Gripping U.S., Says Dr. Condon

NEW YORK—(FP)—The U. S. "the most powerful and wealthiest of nations" is in the grip of baseless hysteria and fear which leaves it unable to consider world problems "in a

sane and balanced fashion," Dr. Edward U. Condon, chief of the U. S. Bureau of Standards, told a dinner of scientists here April 12.

The dinner was arranged by the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists "as a testimony of confidence in Dr. Condon by his scientific colleagues" in reply to attacks on him by the House committee on un-American activities. Urging the U. S. to strengthen its cultural ties with other nations, Condon said he had some social contact with foreign diplomats in Washington. He told of dining with a Bulgarian diplomat, who asked him for information about bombs. It turned out, however, that what the wanted was not information about the atomic bomb, but about DDT insecticide bombs.

House Un-Americans Framing New Bill

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The House un-American activities committee Apr. 9 announced it will soon send to the house its first piece of legislation in 10 years.

The measure, to be entitled the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1948, is a sweeping anti-communist bill declaring the American Communist party is in conspiracy in the interest of the Soviet Union. The bill would require communist leaders to register as conspirators or face stiff prison sentences and fines.

Rep. Richard Nixon (R. Cal.), discussing the bill with the press in the absence of Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R. N. J.), said the bill still is to be worked over by the committee for final wording. It orders so-called communist front organizations to register on their own initiative, with power to determine just what is a front group lodged with the Justice Dept.

Asked whether he thought the front clauses of the bill would apply to Henry A. Wallace, Nixon said he thought they might, saying that "Henry Wallace is an unconscious follower of the Communist party line." He said he doubted seriously

that the conspiracy sections of the bill could be made to apply to unions, even those engaged in so-called political strikes.

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STICKS AND STONES' SPARED RANKIN AS HOUSE VOTES FUNDS

WASHINGTON—(FP)—During the current red-scare wave, the House Mar. voted a new appropriation of \$200,000 to the un-American committee to last it the rest of the year.

The 337 to 37 vote by which the additional funds were approved stood in sharp contrast to the hour-long debate preceding it, which found 11 speakers from both parties lambasting the probe group while but 2 supported its actions. They were Reps. John Rankin (R., Miss.) and Fred Busby (R., Ill.). No Republican member of the un-American body rose to speak favorably of the committee or of its conduct.

Although such tried friends of Labor as Rep. Blatnik (D., Minn.), Robert Crosser (D., O.), Herman Eberhardt (D., Pa.) and Ray Madden (D., Ind.) voted against the appropriation, Democratic party leaders went

along with the un-Americans. These included Minority Leader Sam Rayburn (Tex.) and Whip John McCormack (Mass.).

Rep. Adolph Sabath (D., Ill.), whose 42 years in the House are longer than any congressional service in U. S. history, said the committee "has conducted its affairs in an un-American manner." Protesting that he, too, is opposed to communism, he declared the committee has "devoted itself mostly to investigating organized labor and progressive people of the land."

Both members of New York's American Labor Party, Reps. Vito Marcantonio and Leo Isaacson, hit out at the un-Americans, with Marcantonio claiming the group had been operating in an unconstitutional manner for 10 years. It has been investigating people's thoughts and political activities, he said, adding "Since the committee cannot legislate in that field, it cannot investigate in that field."

Isaacson noted that on the 10th anniversary of the committee's life, there were "no messages of congratulation arriving, only

protest." He charged that the un-Americans, by attacking Atomic Scientist Edward U. Condon, head of the U. S. Bureau of Standards, are trying to get atomic energy out of civilian hands and under military control.

Big Steel Bosses Wages

(From page 6) federal conciliators. The IAM is seeking a 25¢ hourly pay increase. IAM Business Agent Anthony Ballerini said bitterly: "We thought we were dealing with our employers whom we had known for years but we discover it's U. S. Steel that's calling the shots."

Palestine Protest

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A resolution unanimously endorsed with cheers called for immediate recognition of a Jewish state, lifting of the embargo on arms to Palestine and creation of an international police force to defend partition.

The crowd booed and hissed every mention of Pres. Truman, Defense Sec. James V. Forrestal, the State Dept. and its Near East director, Loy Henderson, the British government and Ernest Bevin.

Warnings against new undercover attacks on Palestine Jews by the U. S. State Dept. came from CIO Sec.-Treas. James B. Carey, Chairman Leon Hender son of Americans for Democra-

tic Action, Rep. Emmanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

Carey charged that the U. S. abandonment of partition was an "ill-considered somersault that has hurt us all, hurt Palestine, hurt the chance of democratic progress for the rank-and-file Arab people, hurt American moral leadership in a world which is looking to us for light and guidance."

Terming the U. S. reversal

"a betrayal," ACW Pres. Jacob S. Potofsky dismissed all arguments for trusteeship as false. "Trusteeship will require more armed forces rather than less," he said. "The present crisis in Palestine will determine whether the interests of oil or the cause of humanity shall prevail."

Messages from AFL Pres. William Green, CIO Pres. Philip Murray and ILGWU Pres. David Dubinsky were read.

PACKINGHOUSE STRIKE -- WHY

"WONDER WHY some 100,000 packinghouse workers are out on strike? That's simple to explain. We just couldn't make enough money to get along. The companies say that everything is just fine, but they wouldn't give us a raise that would amount to anything. I wonder how they think we can get along on our wages."

FACT 1

More than two-thirds of the packinghouse workers earn wage rates less than \$1.10 an hour. One-third of these workers earn rates of \$1.02 or less. A government survey showed that a worker needs \$1.39 an hour to provide at a minimum level for a family with one child. Many packinghouse workers have families with more than one child.

FACT 2

The packinghouse workers, through our union, have been negotiating with the packing companies for more than three months trying to get a wage increase which would mean something toward providing better living conditions for our families. The packers refused to offer more than nine cents which they said was "enough." Our day-to-day living expenses tell a different story.

FACT 3

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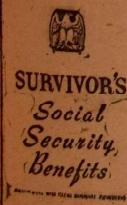
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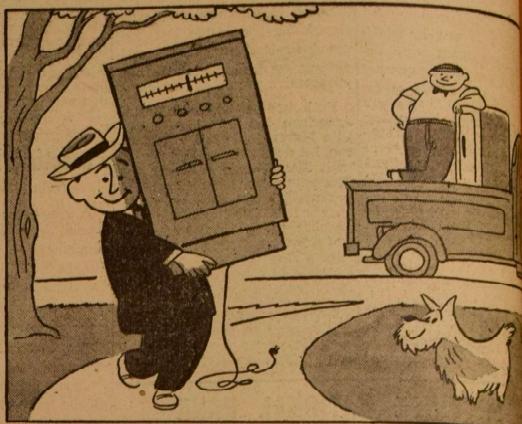
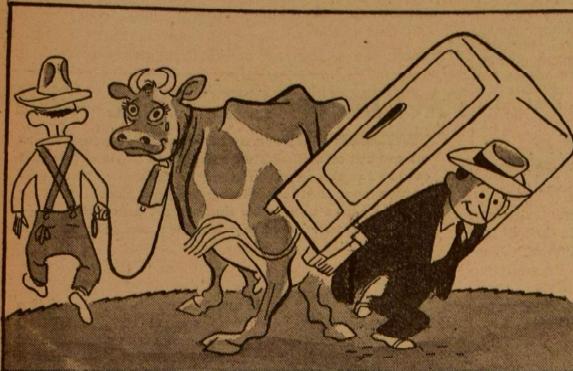
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**Gov't Ownership
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By Farm Union Head**

DENVER — (FP) — Government building of yardstick plants in basic industries to break monopoly control was proposed here by Pres. James G. Patton of the Nat'l. Farmers Union in a convention address to 400 delegates from 32 states.

Warning the NFU delegates that farmers are already feeling the effects of deflation while industrial prices continue to mount upward," Patton said: "The old law of supply and demand is a joke. It was repealed by big business corporations and the trade associations years ago."

He suggested the U. S. government "build plants to break the complete monopoly control in steel, freight cars, chemicals and fertilizers. The government could operate them or lease them if it was felt government operation was not the best way to deal with the situation."

Patton, who was chosen president of the NFU for the eighth time by unanimous nomination, said his organization would steer clear of the 1948 political campaign and not make any presidential endorsements. On state levels, however, Farmers Unions are getting actively into the campaign.

Patton criticized the 80th Congress as "the worst Congress in the history of the U. S. from the standpoint of people's welfare" and said the NFU would demand that a price support program establishing a floor of 90% be extended at least to Dec. 31, 1950. "We stand for abundant production and fair prices," he said, "and we reject scarcity both in agriculture and industry."

Devoting a major part of his speech to the world scene, Patton called World War III "the dream of an idiot. How can we to these things when the blood is still on our battlefields and half the population of the world is starving because of World War II?" He urged amendment of the United Nations charter "to create a setting it up and maintaining a strong world police force."

**When McGraw Tacked Up
A Notice**

John McGraw, baseball storm center for 30 years, passed from the game completely unnoticed. Well, for a few hours he did. Baseball's biggest scoop lay within arm's length of reporters wondering what to write for tomorrow's paper.

Scene: New York Giants' office. Date, June 3, 1932. Minor Giant officials were dispensing the habitual "Not a thing" to the writers' habitual "Anything new, pal?"

One of the club's odd notions of a news source was a bulletin board. It was studded with rusty thumb tacks and yellowed releases rarely ever read. No news, them.

"Well," moaned one cynic, "you think you're hard up for news. Get a load of me. I'm down to reading this damn bulletin board." He was.

On a small strip of flimsy, crudely typed, he read: "June 3—JOHN McGRAW HAS RESIGNED AS MANAGER OF THE NEW YORK GIANTS."

McGraw had written it and tacked it up. Not even Horace Stoneham, Giant owner, knew of his decision.

McGraw was a sick man. For the first time in his life he was sick of baseball. He didn't care who, or whether, anybody got the story.

Taft-Hartley

(From page 6)

Congress which was violently anti-labor. It is being applied at a time when the New Deal is only a memory in Washington.

Half a year ago some labor leaders were predicting privately Taft-Hartley would be used only a little at a time. The corporations would use it to sneak up on union. If so, they are sneaking up at a dead run.

When the miners' pension fight began, the government set new speed records in going after court orders and injunctions. Yet Taft-Hartley did not say Pres. Truman had to get an injunction. It said he could, of his own choice.

In the meat packing strike he did not have to set up a board of inquiry. The law said he could do so.

Taft-Hartley did not say the Feisinger board in the meat packing case had to issue a report which leaned toward the wage offers of the packing-

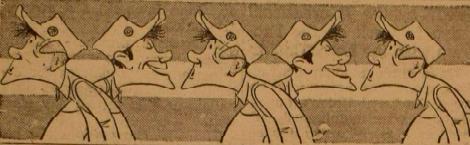
corporations. Actually, the report could make no recommendations. Instead, it ended with a set of tables which supported the companies' 9¢ an hour offer. Unions pointed about meat profits and a decent standard of living were passed by.

A clear picture comes out of the way Taft-Hartley is being applied. It is a picture which ought to frighten any one who loves his country and wants to live in it as a free man.

Taft-Hartley lets unions stay alive. But it is being applied in a way which can soon outlaw any major strike.

Unions robbed of the strike weapon would have to accept the good offices of presidential fact finding boards. Wages would be set, not by collective bargaining, but by government slide rule mechanics.

The corporations failed to break unions by direct attack before the war. Now the job is being done for them by tough application of Taft-Hartley. Labor's counter-attack comes at the polls in November.



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Wallace Raps 'Gov't By Injunction' At Gary Rally

GARY, IND. — (FP) — A capacity crowd, composed mostly of steel workers and their families, heard Henry A. Wallace April 8 accuse the Truman administration of sponsoring the return of "government by injunction."

The speech, Wallace's first major address on labor policy, hit out sharply at the Taft-Hartley act and supported labor's demands for wage increases. "Profits of the steel industry are so great," said Wallace "that if they were reduced to a level that would still be double the prewar average, the companies could pay the steel workers about 30¢ an hour more. Steel workers, like all other workers, are justified in demanding a substantial increase in wages."

Without mentioning any names, the third party Presidential candidate said: "Some labor officials give support to the foreign policy of the bi-partisans because they think it is different than the bi-partisan anti-labor program here at home.

"But there is no difference. Men whose economic and social philosophies lead them to oppose essential social legislation at home, don't suddenly become humanitarians when they deal with the problems of people abroad.

"Our foreign policy has provided the reason for labor injunctions. Every act against labor is taken as a measure of national security and is based on carefully manufactured war threats. They are manufactured to whip labor into line. The heart of our labor policy is the remobilization program and a major objective of this program is a labor draft, a wage freeze, forced labor and shackled unions."

With Wallace on the platform was Lee Pressman, former chief counsel for the national CIO and the United Steelworkers. Presidents of two large steel union locals were in the audience as well as workers from the mills of U. S. Steel, Inland Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube and other big firms. A recently formed steel workers' club for Wallace reported that hundreds of Gary workers had signed up.

Reinstatement of 9 Fired by State Council Asked by Inland Local

A letter signed by the President and the Sec'y-Treasurer of the Indiana State Industrial Union Council, explaining the grounds for expulsion of nine Executive Board members by that body, was rejected by majority vote of Local Union 1010 Thursday night, April 15. The Local Union also passed a motion urging ISCIU President Neal Edwards to reinstate the nine members. They were removed from their posts late in March for voting against acceptance of a directive from John Brophy, Council Director, to oppose the candidacy of Henry Wallace and to support the Marshall Plan.

Going into lengthy detail, the letter from the State Council alleges that the Executive Board Members were suspended for violating policy in this regard as it was laid down at the Convention, composed of CIO Exec-

utive Board Members, in 1947. Industrial Union Councils, the letter states further, are obligated to carry out policies established by top leadership of the entire Congress of Industrial Organizations.

State Board Members from Lake County who were suspended by vote of 13 to 9 are Mrs. Virginia Fish, Supervisor of Hammond Welfare Office, and official representative of the United Public Workers; and William McCray, employed at Harbison-Walker, E. C., and representative of the Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers.

Director Assigned

To Midwest PAC

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The appointment of Delmond Garst, CIO Regional Director for southern Illinois and eastern Missouri, as mid-west field representative of the National CIO Political Action Committee was announced today by PAC Director Jack Kroll.

Garst, who will make his headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, will represent PAC in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

Garst was a member of the Executive Board of the United Automobile Workers, representing the Southwest region, from 1936 until 1942. From 1942 until the end of the war he represented the CIO on the National War Labor Board. He was appointed assistant organizational director or CIO under Director of Organization Allan S. Haywood in 1945 and held that post until March, 1947 when he was named a CIO Regional Director.

Garst, who is 44 years old, is married and has one child. Mr. Kroll also announced that he has recognized the CIO-PAC Committee for Northern California as the official national PAC spokesman in that area. Similar recognition was granted to a group upholding nat-

Delegates Told by 1010 to Oppose Dues Hike at CIO Meet

Local 1010's eleven delegates, elected Thursday, April 15, were instructed by the membership at the regular meeting of the same night, to work for the following policies at the Fourth Constitutional Convention of the CIO:

1. Outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act with all its provisions;
2. Oppose any increase in dues or (levying) of assessments without a referendum vote of the membership;
3. Uniform application of the Wage Rate Inequity Program on a nationwide scale with competent Industrial engineers to be hired by the International Union to work on the Program with the Local Unions.

These three binding instructions, points of agreement between the Local Union's opposition slates, were unanimously adopted at a fairly well attended meeting.

John Sargent, President, received high count of 676 votes; George Sokpo, Recording Sec'y, placed with 598 votes; and Don Lutes, Chairman of the Grievance Committee, showed with 596 votes.

The remaining seven whom

ional CIO policy in regard to the third party movement in Southern California last week.

In a letter to Joseph Clark, chairman of the Northern California group, Mr. Kroll said, "California is going to be a real battleground in the 1948 elections, I congratulate you and wish you the best of luck. We can win if we will get all our people registered and voting. This must be our first endeavor."

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USA-CIO Local 1010
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Delmond Garst, NEW CIO-PAC
Mid-West Field Representative

Sodium Fluoride
Not Health Hazard
U.S. Service Holds

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The use of sodium fluoride in steel pouring does not by itself create a health hazard, the U. S. Public Health Service concluded in a report issued April 15.

The USPHS studied the effects of the chemical on workers on joint request of the United Steelworkers (CIO) and the Republic Steel Corp. Last year several members of Local 600 of the United Steel Workers (CIO) quit work because of illness brought on by the use of the chemical during hardening operations.

The USPHS said it studied the effects of sodium fluoride in four Republic Steel plants in Youngstown, Canton, Cleveland and Warren, Ohio. It used men in the study, making dental, oral and X-ray examinations.

It concluded that the heat caused by smoke, fumes and heat from steel pouring is due to the use of sodium fluoride. It recommended steps to control smoke from tar coating, and called for better protection of workers from excessive heat.

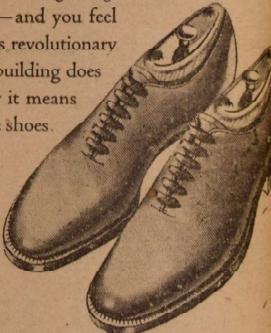


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burned headlong into a torch of molten steel, Grady (Smitty), a welder in Inland Steel's No. 1 Open Hearth. He ignored his own safety. Friday April 30, in a vain attempt to save his co-worker, Mechanic Foreman George Becker who was already severely burned, Grady exploded metal. Assessors agree that Grady have escaped with minor burns from the slag pot blow which took the lives of three others if he had made no effort with Becker.

burned, Grady was given a good chance to recover from St. Catherine's Hospital. Becker died a few hours after reaching St. Catherine's Friday afternoon.

is a veteran of World War II and a member of Local 1010, USA-CIO. Friends say he intended to leave to employ shortly but was until a settlement of pay claims under the Industrial Program is completed.

dead from Friday's disaster are Glen Becker, Mechanic, 3802 Euclid Ave., In-Harbor; Alfonso Martinez, 2310 Block Ave., In-Harbor; and Absalom J. Shicklauer, Foreman, Maryland Ave., Gary.

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NO STEEL FOR TIN MILL SCABS' IN MILL CREW VOTES

Tin Mill crews in a solid turn out Tuesday afternoon, voted unanimously to stick with the sixty-two strikers by refusing to roll a single inch of tin plate bearing by foremen and a handful of scabs. Limping began in the struck black plate department.

Steel rolled by the skin mills before the stoppage begins March 16, will be exhausted about Thursday of this

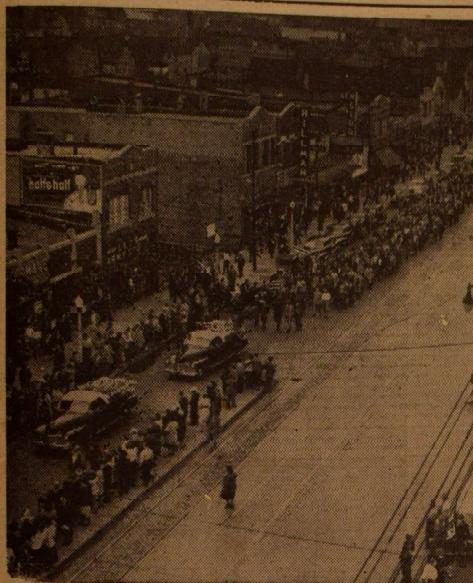
operation of the shears are ordered without benefit of union. Ordered to run A-24 essential to black plate sections, two cranes men go to go home instead. Mainly cut by scab men is laboriously handled by tractors.

NOT CRAWLING
The sixty-two shear men are, still picketing both at Inland in determination in 1010's back-to-the-wall against the company's all attempt to over ride provisions of the contract, establish speed up and labor cutbacks, and confine activities of union representatives collection of dues.

Rumor that all but six of the shear men have been back-crawling — by the many is a deliberate lie, heads of the Local Union management been restricted to efforts and file leaders into joining with the International Union to repudiate the strike.

LACH HIS OWN

In Sargent, Joe Jeneske, Don Lutes were hailed and commanded to draw up dog letter to the members of 1010.



Only a few days short of eleven years since Calumet steelworkers turned out to similarly honor those who fell before police guns at Republic Steel, 5,000 packinghouse strikers marched behind the body of Santo Cicardo, murdered yards worker. Speakers at the giant memorial held for Cicardo placed blame for his death on "greed of the meat trust backed by Chicago police."

STICK WITH THE '72' BUY RAFFLE TICKETS

'Prices Cut, Wage Raise Needless', Inland Tells 1010 Committee, May 3rd

Using the phoney excuse of price reductions, Inland Steel refused to consider either forty cents an hour, Local 1010's wage demand, or any part of that figure is the starting point for bargaining a general wage increase. The Wage Negotiating Committee, together with Staff Representatives Jeneske and Sam Parrish met for one and one-half hours Monday, May 3rd.

Bargaining for Social insurance and pensions will only be agreed to by the company if they lose the NLRB order to meet the union on these issues in the courts. Superintendent Lueller also indicated that, even with the USA-CIO complying with the Taft-Hartley law, Inland would appear against the order to bargain social insurance and pensions all the way to the United States' Supreme Court.

Since all members of the Wage Negotiating Committee were also elected delegates to the Fourth Constitutional Convention beginning in Boston, May 11, the union asked for an extension of time beyond the May 15th deadline on wage negotiations. The company refused to consider extension for so much as one day.

According to 1010's contract with Inland, if a different wage scale is not reached by agreement by May 15, 1948, the existing wage scale continues in force until May 1, 1949.

Company's proposal for an overall agreement on mechanical department rates, promised by Management for Monday, will not be given to the Negotiating Committee until Thursday, May 6th.

Another meeting between the Wage Negotiating Committee and Inland's Management is scheduled for Thursday of this week.

WAGES

On an industry wide basis, prospect for a wage increase looked anything but bright for this year.

On April 22nd, Benjamin Fairless, President of U. S. Steel, arrogantly announced the wage policy which not only steel producers but owners of all big industry as well are following this year — no increases.

As a sop to the public, Fairless also announced that the corporation would institute price cuts of 25 million dollars.

CIO President Philip Murray swiftly denounced the reductions as "picayune," pointing out that they amount to less than \$1.24 a ton, or about a half cent a pound.

"The Corporation professes to believe in fairness to its workers," Murray said, and the long range spirit of cooperation with our union. We leave to the forum of public opinion whether these professions are born out by the corporation's adamant refusal to grant an equitable wage increase.

He also observed that the 25 million cut was less than the 28 million which U. S. Steel added to its income last February when prices on some products were raised \$5 a ton.

Effects of U. S. Steel's stand were interpreted as having a "momentous implication" by the Wall St. Journal. "Inflation of most wages," it gloated is going to be strictly limited this year.

bing. This time, however, Walter Szpicek, tin mill Griever, carried the union's argument.

After giving Brother Szpicek a big hand, the assembled tin house, shipping, and assorting room people went home.

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E.C. Demos & GOP Wash Hands Of Racism In Schools-- 'Criminal' Avers New Party

Spokesmen for both the Democratic and Republican Parties in East Chicago reached one point of common agreement last week:

Neither Joseph Steiner, City Chairman of the Democratic Party, nor Fred Ferini, Chairman of the Republican Party's City Central Committee would utter a word of comment upon the issue of official discrimination against Negro high school students in Washington High School.

The Sentinel believes that anti-Negro prejudice upheld by East Chicago's School officials is more than a matter of concern and responsibility of the School City. We believe that this official stamp of approval placed upon the vicious doctrine of white supremacy is largely responsible for the insults and denials of equal opportunity which is the daily experience of East Chicago's colored citizens.

We believe, therefore, that this arrogant violation of Civil Rights, about which both Democrat and Republican office seekers prate in sonorous tones, is an issue upon which aspirants for public leadership are obligated to commit their respective positions.

Mr. Steiner, Head of East Chicago's Democrats authorized the following statement in response to a query for comment on the Washington High School situation:

"I don't care to make a statement on this issue. A political party has no place in deciding issues which belong properly within the School City. These matters must be decided by those occupying positions of authority within the school system."

Fred Ferini, head of the local GOP, expressed his position like this:

"I don't know the circumstances involved, so I don't feel competent to comment upon it."

Arthur Darnotay, Chairman of the Lake County Citizens For Wallace, showed no trace of reluctance in placing the

New Party on official record for full support of equal rights. Views of that organization are summed in the following statement submitted by request of this paper:

"I am convinced that neither one of the old political parties will have the courage to take a stand in favor of equal rights for everyone regardless of race, creed, national origin, or political affiliation. The New Party of Henry A. Wallace has not hedged on this issue and those of us in this party in Lake County shall work unceasingly to put into practice these democratic ideals."

Specifically, in relation to the practice of discrimination in East Chicago's Public Schools, our position is that the five-point program proposed by the Citizens' Action Committee should be adopted in its entirety by the School Board.

Each of the old parties shares responsibility for the disgraceful practice of Jimcrow. We join with Henry Wallace in saying that "those who practice Jim Crow are criminals."



Fascist Gets Castles

VIENNA — Telepress. — The property to be returned to Prince Ernst Ruediger von Staehremberg, former leader of the Fascist Heimwehr organization, includes 27 castles and villas and 8,500 hectares of land valued at 10,000,000 prewar Austrian schillings.

FIGHTS JIM CROW ARMY

Chairman Grant Reynolds of the Committee Against Jimcrow in Military Service & Training

has signed a pledge not to register or answer a draft call. A former army chaplain, he announced a nation wide campaign of civil disobedience by Negroes to protest segregation in the armed services.

Negro Spokesmen

United Against Segregated Army

WASHINGTON (FP). — A group of Negro leaders here April 26 turned down a bid from the armed forces to form a racial relations advisory council for the military.

Sec. Lester B. Granger of the Natl. Urban League served as chairman of the group Granger said none of his associates "wanted to continue in an advisory capacity on the basis of continued segregation in the armed services." He added, "Our group is concerned with elimination of segregation, not with its perpetuation."

The conference of Negro leaders met with chiefs of the armed forces at the Pentagon. They emerged from the meetings highly critical of Army Sec. Kenneth Royall. They said Royall had "a brickwall attitude" on the subject of segregation.

Granger said the navy took a somewhat more liberal stand. The navy, he said, was the only one of the armed services which was not "firmly supporting segregation."

Another member of Granger's group, Pres. John W. Davis of West Virginia State College, said the air force position was like that of the navy. Davis quoted air force Lieut. Gen. Edward Edwards as saying integration of white and Negro troops would be "unwise." Davis said the statement was unwise.

In recent congressional hearings, Pres. A. Philip Randolph of the Bro. of Sleeping Car Porters (AFL) threatened a civil disobedience program if military segregation was not ended. Asked about Randolph's statement, a Washington attorney Charles Houston said:

"I am happy Randolph said it. It reflects a very deep feeling among the Negro people." Houston added that he himself is not yet ready to endorse such action.

Particularly irritating to the group was the statement, by Army Sec. Royall, as quoted by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse College, that "there can be segregation without discrimination."

GOP AND DEMO CONCERN SKIN ON CIVIL RIGHTS - SEN. TAYLOR

WASHINGTON (FP). — The session, "The person of both old parties for content with a ten piece of legislation," said Sen. Glen Taylor (D. Ida.) said April 26. His remarks were released here as prepared for delivery at Greensboro State College in North Carolina.

Taylor, running mate of Henry A. Wallace on an independent Presidential ticket, said the people must demand that the Republicans stop a Democratic filibuster on anti-poll tax, antilynch and FEPC bills at this

Speaking of the bill, Taylor remained curious that the coalition should be so far and money so 80% of the Italian away from our shores more of people we in our own country

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PICTURE ABOVE Tom Conway, financial sec'y of Local 1010, is shown with Father Campagna of Hoosier Boys' Town, while in the lower shot is seen one of the reasons for the shake and big grins. Six of the 14 citizens of Boys' Town—seven counting the bored looking mutt in the prone pose—are holding a few items of the sports equipment which 1010 voted them a couple of days ago. The gent with his back to the camera — Conway again; the photographer claims more photogenic that way.



STRAIGHTEN HOOSIER Y'S TOWN

There is no such thing as boy," says Father Flanagan, nation-averred head of the or- Boys Town, Nebraska, that poignantly hu- doctored first, nearly 20 years ago.

Father Campagna, who also rules a generous share of energies to the program that two strikes on a mean out, not only Father Flanagan's article is making it mean right here in our corner of the State of In-

boys are emerging from distorted childhoods into normal adult lives on an equal footing with most every one else.

Loosely termed "underprivileged," some of these boys come from homes which are monuments to what destitution and despair of better things can do to human beings. Others are waifs; and a few more are just children whose maladjustments spring from ailments that only a psychologist can diagnose.

Father Campagna doesn't care what brought them here. He takes them and washes them up and feeds them and starts them on the path toward learning how to get along with other people.

Hoosier Boy's Town is on a wide farm where a growing boy has room to be noisy and natural. There's the usual accoutrements of farm life, trees to climb and make swings from, a couple of cows to milk and feed, and, due to the generosity of a friend of the Father's, a horse to cultivate the garden and to ride in off hours.

Over all these activities, studying, and doing chores, and choosing up sides for a ball game, the benison of Father Campagna's understanding and guidance lingers like the tones

of an evening bell across the fields.

It is from soil like this that healthy plants grow.

But all the good will in the world won't pay the grocery man. Fourteen growing boys, scuffing out shoes and pushing the fridgidaire to its utmost limits, need a sizeable income to keep the books fairly even.

Besides there's a pathetic number of underprivileged boys hereabouts who will need caring for but whom existing facilities of Hoosier Boys' Town cannot accommodate.

Local Union 1010, whose future stake in the community is as large as that of any other civic body hereabouts, is taking steps to meet its share of the general obligation.

On May 23rd, a dance, sponsored by 1010's Recreational and Athletic Club, is slated at union headquarters. Total proceeds are earmarked for upkeep and expansion of Hoosier Boys' Town.

The Rec. Committee visited the place Thursday, April 22, to see for itself the fruit of Father Campagna's efforts. What they saw and heard for themselves convinced the delegation that the project merited full

LABOR PRESS GAG TRIED FOR SIZE ON FIGHTING EDITOR

LORAIN, O.—(FP) — Editor Geo. R. Edwards of Lorain Labor Leader, the weekly paper of United Steelworkers Local 1104 (CIO), has been ordered by the Nat'l. Tube Co. to take no more time off from work for his editorial duties.

support of Local Union 1010's members.

Tom Conway, Financial Secretary and Don Black, Athletic Director of the Committee, who constituted the delegation, spent several hours with Father Campagna and his charges on that afternoon.

Gen. Foreman Gus Bueche of the machine shop said, "We'd be better off without the paper anyway." The union filed a grievance, because the editorial page has been a regular practice in the plant.

The Labor Leader has been a power in making the company live up to its contract. It also helped to elect a progressive school board and to advance labor political action. At present it is crusading for better Negro housing.

Clarence B. Randall, Director and VP of Inland Steel, meanwhile, has \$3,918.60 accumulating from the sum of production every month to a fund which will give him a benefit of \$14,374.80 each month upon his retirement.

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US Steel's 'No Raise' Echoed All Along Industrial Front

Organized labor's demand for higher wages to meet the squeeze of exorbitant living costs is running into a stone wall of resistance from big business leaders barricaded behind the Taft-Hartley law, a Federated Press survey indicated April 30.

Since the first of the year the nation has already seen several major strikes and scores of smaller walkouts. Negotiations shaping up in major industries point to an increasingly tough management policy this spring as evidence mounts that the big industrialists have tacitly agreed to bar the workers from getting another penny. Here's an industry-by-industry score-card:

STEEL: The United Steelworkers (CIO) demand for a substantial wage increase has been brushed aside by U. S. Steel with Bethlehem and Republic echoing loud 'No's' too. Committed to honor a no-strike clause in its 2-year steel contracts, the union is continuing talks with smaller firms and plugging away on its demand for welfare and pension benefits. Wage talks are also underway with the Aluminum Co. of America, with which the union has no commitment not to strike.

AUTO: The Chrysler Corp. yanked back a 6¢ hourly increase offer it made to the United Auto Workers (CIO) after U. S. Steel gave the no-increase high sign. UAW, which is demanding a flat 30¢ wage increase, has taken a strike vote against Chrysler and is polling strike sentiment among General Motors workers, whose contract expired April 28. There is no specific wage reopening provision in the Ford contract.

NEW PARTY ASKS PROBE OF 4,000,000 USED IN ITALY

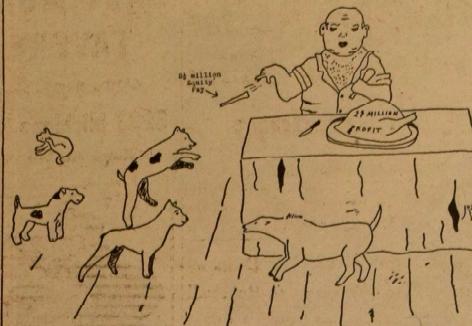
NEW YORK—(FP)—A demand for a congressional accounting of the \$4 million of secret U. S. funds reportedly spent by a "so-called Operation X" to influence the Italian election was voiced here by C. B. Baldwin, campaign manager for Henry A. Wallace.

"With \$46 billion scheduled for military expenditures in the next three years and \$4 million as revealed by Sen. Bridges (H. Styles Bridges, R. N. H.) spent in intervening in one foreign election, we are apparently faced with the prospect of bankrupting the American people to preserve the status quo throughout the world," Baldwin wired congressional leaders.

"American political parties are required to report their political expenditures. By what moral and legal right do we, as Sen. Bridges discloses, to spend

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UNCLE INLAND THROWS LOCAL 1010
SOME TABLE SCRAPS.



INQUEST WHITEWASHES ARMOUR'S PICKET KILLER

The ironic words "accidental death" closed the legal case of Santo Cicardo, Armour and Co. striker and victim of the packing trust.

A 2-day circus-like coroner's inquest ended April 22 with this verdict over the bitter objections of Cicardo's fellow pickets, who saw him die two days before under the wheels of a giant trailer truck at the stockyards gates.

Coroner Leon Edelman led his hand-picked jury through the paces—a jury, incidentally, recruited from the West Madison St. flophouse at \$2 a day. The coroner wound up the hearing and later "remembered" to call the driver of the death truck, Stephen Bruns of Versailles, O. Bruns told the jury: "I have nothing to say."

However, Robert Ray, a packhouse worker who was only five feet from Cicardo when the wheels of the big truck rolled over his mid-section, had plenty to say. He told how Police Capt. George Barnes, head of the lab detail, escorted Bruns' truck through the picketlines, waving him on and telling him: "Speed up!"

Political Affairs

- Right of political belief action by the membership without endangering positions of leadership; 2. Outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act; 3. Establishment of a Labor Party controlled by the unions; 4. Aircraft and other war potential industries to be nationalized.
- International Affairs**
- Troops to be removed by United Nations from countries not their own, troops to be deployed only by proper agencies of the UN; 2. Oppose American support to Greece, Turkey, Spain, or any country which follows similar principles; 3. Nationalization of basic German industry with controls to insure its usage for peaceful purposes; 4. Deplored acquittal of Alfred Krupp and eleven other German munitions magnates and calling upon the Justice Department of the UN for retrial of these international criminals.

Protection of Minorities

- That more Negro members be appointed to International Union Staffs; 2. That USA-CIO policy against discrimination be made more emphatic; 3. That a recommendation for a fair trial before an uncoerced jury for Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two sons be forwarded to the Department of Justice; 4. For abolition of segregation in all branches of the armed forces.

Conduct of Union Business

- No increase in dues or levy of special assessments without a referendum vote of the membership; 2. No-strike clauses in contracts now under negotiation or to be negotiated in the future; 3. Election of Local, District, and International officers no less than every two years; 4. Present life insurance carried by retired employees to be carried in full force by the company without cost to the employee; 5. Contracts to contain provisions for automatic wage increases or cost-of-living bonuses; 6. Establishment of a national fund to finance strike benefits; 7. For a thirty-hour week with forty-hour pay; 8. For an intensified educational program; 9. That all union affairs to be conducted in a stric-

secret election funds to influence a foreign election?

"What 'contingent funds' as reported by the press, are being used to finance our adventures? What governmental departments . . . are secretly contributing to this so-called Operation X?"

LOCAL UNION 1010 MEETING EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

May 6
'Subversive' Bill Opened by Fighting Congress
NEW YORK—(FP)—New York city congressmen announced April 28 that the House will be here denouncing legislation proposed by the House on un-American activities.

The congressmen, Emanuel Celler (D.), Leo J. (ALP), Arthur Klein (D.), Joseph Marcantonio (ALP) and C. Powell (D.).

The leaflet describes a

posed subversive activities act of 1948 as itself and warns that legislation aimed at sing all differences in the U. S. through ion and jailings.

The act "would make it illegal to jail Americans on strike for higher for supporting Palestine, for protesting discrimination in the armed forces supporting the thing charged the Provisional Committee for Democratic which has opened a fund campaign for \$50,000 in the bill.

"The most vicious in the proposed bill is the 'registration' which requires organizations to measure up to the standards of a J. Edgar Hoover kin, to turn over its membership lists to the FBI, no foreign agents, and to itself in its publications correspondence as 'Communist front.'

HERO

(Cont. from Page 1)
Severely burned but living are Grady Smith, Charles Bay, Bricklayer Costa, Bricklayer, and Lax, Bricklayer. All ex-members of the IWW in Indiana Harbor.

A gas pocket, forming a crust of previously heated beneath the ground which catches fire from still larger had been established as the Friday's blast. Shortly tapping of No. 12 furnace slag pot tipped either defect in the stand up it rested or from over and exploded the gas accumulated in the pit beneath it. Within a few after the accident, both and stand were removed.

Overcrowded condition speeded up operations responsible by pit workers the explosion which had or more tons of liquid in an area in which seven miners (chute) repairmen engaged in their routine.

Safety in the pits has point upon which union representatives have been in the company for months. Although these first fatalities to occur recent times, frequency of accidents is above average months ago, another employee was seriously from an explosion during the one of last Friday.

Chief means of increasing safety margin for pit workers in a hazardous occupation would be slowing the production.

Furnaces on Number Inland's two open hearths constructed a generator for a capacity of six each heat. With practice reconstruction, heats of these furnaces have stepped up to their loads of one hundred tons. Neither working sizes of crews have increased to accommodate most two-fold increase in production.

"He was a great fighter," said, "but a man who in the union's fight for wages was just and in place on the picketline after course."

1010 SPORT AND RECREATION Wrestlers Rival Boxers for Acclaim of TWCH Fans - Show Dates Changed to Fridays

Despite the dampener of poor attendance at the Twin City Health Club's show last Wednesday night, combatants retained for the evening fought their hearts out to entertain the sprinkling of customers who turned out.

Willis Boyd, Joyce, stabbed out a fairly close decision over Luther Richards, a sawed off AC with plenty of flash, in the feature. Neither boy was off his feet at anytime during the full five rounds. Willowy Willis Boyd, however, who looks anything but a knockout specialist, caught Richards with a short right to the head that had the right to the head that had the right to the head that had the right to the head from 47th St. in bad trouble in the closing round.

Everett Cooper rang up enough raps on **Ray Zale**, Gary CYO, to take the honors for the evening's engagement. Zale came up fast in the stretch—what is this, the Daily Racing Form?—but failed to overcome the long lead accumulated by Cooper in the two earlier rounds.

As usual with the hardest fought bouts, the Cooper-Zale event was also the cleanest.

WRESTLERS ACT MAD

Unlike boxers, who shake hands in perfect amity at conclusion of the toughest bouts, wrestlers don't seem to like each other. This we can understand. We don't believe that we would feel kindly either toward the individual who, a moment before, had been trying running bowlines in our legs and perpetrating sundry other painful indignities against our sensitive person. Business or no business.

The animosity that developed between **Bill Lenhardt**, South Chicago, and **Mario Maskaliviz**, Chicago, last Wednesday seemed to be the McCoy. If it was part of the act, Cecil B. DeMille is overlooking best bets in both of these boys.

Lenhardt, whom nobody's likely to nominate as Sportsman of the Year, was alternately spun and bounced on the deck by the Chicago Fire Dept. champ until he submitted to pinning after 11 minutes and 45 seconds of these carryings on.

Herman Funk, Hammond, upheld his winning streak on TWCH shows by defeating Ken Rogers in 10:09 of the first wrestling bout.

John L. Sullivan, CYO and **Jimmy Roshan**, Joyce, both of whom are essentially counter-punchers, displayed plenty of aggression despite that circumstance. Roshan exhibited some clever combinations and also led in the sharpshooting match which both boys engaged in throughout. Sullivan was, however, judged winner by one judge and the referee.

Jack Darnell, CYO, who took a considerable pasting from **Charley Bozeman**, Joyce, the first two rounds, came back strongly enough to finish top man.

The curtain raiser was copped by **Don Perez**, CYO, from **John Poole**, Joyce. Neither Perez nor Poole showed any great lust for each other's blood.

Because the regular night for the next TWCH show would conflict with a benefit card being arranged for the Boy Scouts, Promoter Red McGregor has postponed his bouts for that night.

Beginning Friday, May 28th, the Twin City Health Club will resume their shows at two week intervals. The same abundant fare, boxing, wrestling, music, and shrieks from feminine fans, will be provided for the TWCH's lucky customers.

C. S. Trans. Top Dogs as Bowling Bows to Baseball

The bowling season is all but over and it looks very much as if the Cold Strip Trans. will take home the top banners with last year's winners, the Blast Fcc. Hot Shots, giving them plenty of trouble all season.

Bowling men are a lot like baseball players. When the end of the season rolls around, they all swear "This is the last season for me." They are also unanimous in the belief that the people who make the rules should be hanged.

But, come fall, they're all ready to hit the alleys again.

So, good luck this summer, boys, and we'll be looking for you next November.

GET 'EM IN

Entries for Local 1010's Soft Ball league are still being accepted by the Financial Secretary's office. It's a good idea to get 'em in my pronto so we can get lined up with the Park Board for playing fields. Last year, we got fouled up more than somewhat because the boys were a trifle slow on making up their minds to play union softball. Let's don't this happen again.

1010 SOFTIES HARDENING UP

Local Union 1010's contribution to the Two-I League will toss for bats with the Club Doctor Thursday evening at Noll Field. It's a practice game, however, and doesn't count in the final tally for the season.

Series games will begin on or about June first.

1010's softies are shaping up in great style although the weather man has been throwing the hooks into baseball in most shameful fashion the past couple of weeks. It's too early for comment on individual playing class; at this point all the boys look good.

Mike Greslo, that old man from Plant No. 2 blast furnaces, is still looking for Hoosier horse shoe pitchers. Anybody interested in the game can get right in by contacting Mike.

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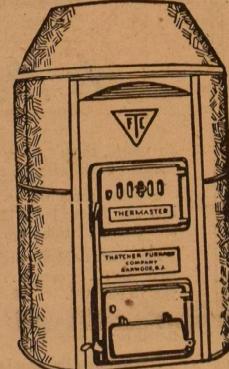
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**Reuther Shooting
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Detroit — (FP) — As Pres. Walter P. Reuther of the United Auto Workers (CIO) slowly improved in New Grace hospital after the shotgun attempt on his life in his home April 21, a widening protest against police attempts to turn the case into a witch hunt made itself heard. Union men of unquestioned reputation prepared to file suit for libel against vicious misrepresentations in the Detroit News.

A group of ministers and others protested the indiscriminate police smears on union men, none of whom was involved, as alibis showed, in the crime. Ambition of Detroit Police Commissioner Harry S. Toy, a former Ford Motor Co. attorney, to vault into the U. S. Senate by capitalizing on the abortive murder, were resented.

Ford Local 600, largest unit in Reuther's UAW, declared through its executive board April 23 that the character assassination of law-abiding union members by the police and the press should come to an end, and that the police should ask the local to produce members who are at work in the shop instead of sensationalizing entering the plant and taking them off the job. Toy was also told to investigate the employers.

Past Pres. Percy Llewellyn of the local and Past Pres. W. G. Grant, through Atty. Ernest Goodman, former UWA associate general counsel, began libel suits against the Detroit News for false and malicious and defamatory statements about them. The News had screamed April 22 in its headlines about "Communist links laid to suspects." It had falsely reported that Llewellyn had been "seized" by the police and that Grant was "taken into custody." In actual fact both men had appeared voluntarily for questioning and were not detained. A Negro leftist local member, Nelson Davis, was treated less courteously by the police but he was at work when the shooting occurred.

That some management might have been responsible for the gunman's work, as first suggested by Reuther, is not ruled out in union circles, where the bloody assaults on union members of all factions in Briggs Local 212—still unsolved—had not been forgotten. It was unofficially said that Reuther, who recently denounced mob attacks on communists in Ohio and Ontario, was preparing to expose the truth about the Briggs situation just before the attempted killing.

"We discount the implications that this assault grew out of internal union disputes," says the UAW executive board in regard to the attack on Reuther. The Wayne County CIO Council termed the police antics "an obvious attempt to influence the union election soon to be held at the Ford Motor Co." and protested "this dastardly attempt to harass and discredit honest union people."

Two Episcopal ministers and five of other denominations published a protest against the police "wholesale attack and intimidation of labor leaders" and its conversion into a witch hunt against alleged communists.

Dr. Barnes Woodhall, outstanding specialist on the neurology of peripheral gunshot wounds, flew to Detroit from Duke University, Durham, N. C. to assist attending physicians at Reuther's bedside. It is hoped that full use of his arm may be restored.

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Boycott of TH Key to Good Contracts IWA-CIO Proves

SEATTLE—(FP) — Agreement on substantial wage increases "without strings" has been obtained in negotiations between Int'l. Woodworkers Northern Washington Dist. 2 (CIO) and employers, William Wallace, district president, announced here.

He said the union's policy of boycotting all Taft-Hartley procedures was the key factor in the victory.

Referendum vote on the recommended contract is being conducted. Upon membership and employer acceptance, Dist. 2 will have its agreement signed and settled until the expiration date of April 1, 1949, Wallace said.

In addition to 12½c wage boosts across the board, a special union negotiating committee worked out a stabilization program with employers in Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish counties which for the first time sets minimum rates for 43 classifications of work.

The stabilization formula, long sought by IWA, not only sets minimum hiring-in rates, but will bring pay scales in a number of classifications up as much as 22½c an hour.

The agreement includes accord on a union security clause bypassing Taft-Hartley strictures. Under it, checkoff of dues is irrevocable when once authorized for a period of one year or until expiration of the contract, whichever is earlier. Collection of accumulated back dues up to six months is also mandatory if requested by an employee.

This form of checkoff, Wallace pointed out, "provides far more security to the union than the former union maintenance agreement, which under the Taft-Hartley act could only have been renewed through an NLRB union security election."

Boycott of TH act procedures also enabled the district to maintain its full bargaining unit, Wallace added. Complying districts of IWA, he said, are running into trouble with employers who insist on elimination of large numbers of workers from the unit.

Boycott Scab Meat Murray Tells CIO

WASHINGTON—(FP) — CIO Pres. Philip Murray called on all CIO members and the public April 28 to stop buying products of six struck meat packing companies.

Murray issued a statement from the nine CIO vice presidents who met with him in Pittsburgh April 22. The statement, sent to all CIO organizations, asked for an appeal to "friends, community organizations, women's groups, and others to join us in a nationwide insistence that we will eat no scab meat."

The statement pointed out that the striking members of the United Packinghouse Workers "are participating in the fight of all labor for a living wage. A victory in the packing strike will be a victory for the entire labor movement."

The CIO leaders accused the companies of taking the "arrogant position of refusing to pay any attention to the living needs of the workers."

Previously Murray sent letters to Pres. Truman, Atty. Gen. Tom Clark and Kansas Gov. Frank Carlson protesting police brutality against packinghouse strikers in Kansas City. Murray asked for a federal investigation of the police assault on pickets. He said actions by police in Kansas City, Kan., "mark a new low in police activities."

As the strike entered its 7th week, the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service announced no progress in negotiations being conducted here.

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Just to remind you that Saturday night, May 22nd's the date of the dance being given by 1010's Rec. Committee for benefit of Hoosier Boys' Town. You can get tickets from any member of the Committee or at the Financial Secretary's office, Union Headquarters, 3436 Michigan.

Co. Weasles On Aid To Worker Crippled By 20 Years' Labor

a result of an occupational injury. Records of the Safety department fail to reveal the occupational injury which you allege.

We also note that you applied for and received lost time benefits from Inland group health and accident insurance. This

Johnny Collins rides to and from his home, 3709 Block Ave., and his work at Plant No. 1 gate in taxi cabs.

It isn't because Brother Collins has expensive tastes in these things. He has to ride taxis because he stayed too long in Inland's tonnage gang.

Everybody knows that five years of handling brick and manganese and like materials for Inland's ravenous furnaces are about all that a normal man's heart and lungs and muscles can safely endure. After that, if silicosis don't get him, arthritis or one of the other forms of rheumatism which attack exhausted and over strained tissue will. It was arthritis that got Johnny.

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Twenty full years in the tonnage gang has made walking and all other movement for Brother Collins a torture to be endured only because of the grimness necessity.

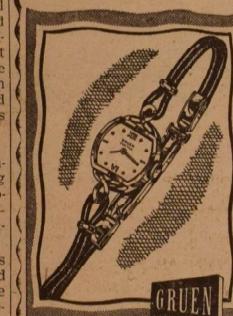
The necessity which drives him to hobble, broom in hand about the warehouse at gate No. 1, is a family of seven dependents. Five children, ranging from eight to fifteen years, his wife, and his aged mother, get along as best they can on what remains of \$176 a month after a third or more is deducted for lost time. On an average of two days a week, Johnny is not able to get out of bed at all, especially in rainy weather.

Unable to hold up his end in the tonnage gang any longer, Brother Collins reported off early in 1946 and consulted Doctor Richard Calahan. Doctor Calahan diagnosed his condition as one due to chronic over strain and prepared a statement of verification which Collins ill advisedly turned over to Inland's compensation officials.

Efforts made by Brother Collins to obtain help from the company in whose service he wrecked his health were met with a response which is best expressed in the company's own terms. Following is a copy of the letter he received March 25, 1948, from the Industrial Relations Department:

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M. M. McClure
Supt. of Industrial Relations

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Straight time which, at best, would give the Collins family a very meager subsistence income was flatly denied. Brother Collins either punches the clock the same as well and whole employees or he doesn't get paid.

One of Johnny Collins' several duties at Christmas time last year was loading bountiful Christmas baskets for Inland's foremen and other employees from whose work the company

can reasonably expect to continue exacting a tithe of its \$2 million yearly profits.

For the Collins family, who really needed these things, there was no basket.

* * *
Brother Collins is a charter member of Local Union 1010 and as good and faithful a union man as most of the rest of us. He deserves better than to be abandoned at the age of forty-five upon the wreckage

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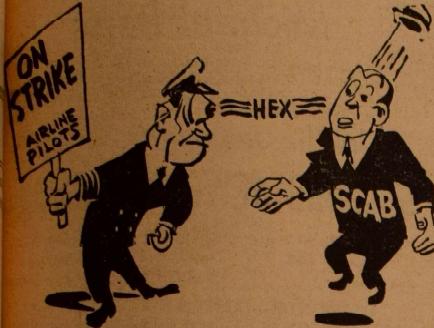
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NEWS ITEM NATIONAL AIRLINES WANTS STRIKING PILOTS TO PICKET WITH EYES CLOSED...

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By Federated Press

CINCINNATI—(FP) — A joint appeal by the NLRB general urging the board to hold union liable for profanity on pickelette inspired a United Brewery Workers (CIO) member to submit this poem to union paper:

..... must avoid profanity,

..... is just as bad, fitness must be mastered.

accidentally and by chance I nudge a scab, or shove him, say "Pardon me" and "Sorry, Sir," and tell him how you love him, speak kindly to the little seab, over a gruff word utter; member "Sir" and "if you please"! you lift him from the gutter, and never call a seab a skunk, if you stop to think, will know a skunk would close his nose avoid that kind of stink. speak softly, gently, with respect, and never loud or tarty, you'd protect your union under the law of Taft and Hartley.

Raffle Of Mercury at Wicker Park

Saturday, June 5th

If you're holding one or several tickets on the 1948 Mer-
cury being raffled by the "72" Saturday afternoon, June 6th you don't have to be at Wicker Park to claim it in case you

But it's a good idea to attend the "72" Club's picnic on that day anyway. Besides the draw-
ings for the car, there's all the attractions of picnicking in a pleasant spot. Most of our loyal union people will be there to show the Tin Mill boys that the rank and file is fully with them.

Tickets on the Mercury, by the way, are still available at the Recreation Club bar and continue to be sold on the swing up to the time of the

'No Soap' For '72' Club Men Seeking Jobs

The Black List, as every one who reads the papers knows, is illegal. It went out when the Wagner Act came in at the stem end of the bloody thirties.

But—

This is what's happening to some of the shear men who had the guts to stand up and be counted in the fight against Inland's inroads upon union security.

Bennie Koslak found work at Sinclair Oil Co. He was employed a few days under a month when he was suddenly fired May 22nd. No explanation.

Don Valade was luckier, but not much. They told him at Sinclair's personnel office that they had the glass on him. As soon as he told them that he was an Inland Tin Mill man, the interviewer said "No soap," and clammed up.

Czalak, Dudek, Lugesan, Ray Mamula, and Zubrenik are among several others of the shear crew men who went to work shortly after the stoppage began on March 16. They were all fired after a couple of weeks; just about time enough to check with Inland and a few days over to make it look less like black listing.

What work the boys have been able to find has been the lowest paid jobs in the area. So far as has been learned, none of the Tin Mill strikers has been given a chance to earn more than \$1.20 an hour.

Ten other good union men paid a heavier price than blacklisting eleven years ago this week for fighting the working class's battle with trustsified industry. All we can do is honor their memories. But the "72" Club needs some support from 1010 right now.

It's owing to them.

1010 Elections Begin Thurs., June 10

Nomination of candidates for all Local Union offices of 1010 will be conducted Thursday night, June 10th. Nominees are required to notify the Financial Secretary's office of their acceptance no later than 5 P.M., June 17th.

Second point of business at the meeting of Thursday, June 10, will be selection of a 12 man committee to supervise the Local Union elections which will be conducted 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. in the Union Hall on Thursday, June 24.

All Group Chairmen are instructed to assemble their respective Groups in order to nominate candidates for Grievance Committee members. Names of all candidates for the Grievance Committee must be also registered at Union Headquarters on or before June 17.

The meeting of Thursday, June 17, will be entirely given over to candidates for presenting their platforms to the membership.

Red' Definition Still Unclear

As Election Nears

No answer has yet been received from the International Office to a telegram, authorized by the Local Union membership Thursday, May 20, requesting clarification upon which members are eligible for Local Union Office.

Because the anti-Communist amendment to the Constitution passed at Boston, is so sweeping, Local Union heads are uncertain about whom the International will permit to assume office in the event of their elections.

Harry Powell, Grievance Committeeman and former President of the local, queried President Murray directly upon that point at the end of the convention. He was, Brother Powell asserted, a consistent opponent of District Director Joe Germano and wanted President Murray to state whether or not that circumstance deprived him of the right to run and hold office.

President Murray declined an answer at that time.

Indications around headquarters, meanwhile, are that all members so inclined will accept nomination for union posts and await International interpretation as to whether or not they follow "the Communist Line."

Gillies' Absence Stalls Pay Demand Voted By Local

Because Fred Gillies, Inland's Works Manager, has been out of town, or, at least, not available for a meeting with 1010's Inequity Committee, the new demand for immediate payment of one year's retroactive pay has not yet been made upon the company.

The membership voted Thursday night, May 20, to renew the demand for one year's retroactivity which was tentatively promised for April of this year. There was, however, considerable opposition to the motion from members of the Local whose rates have not yet been adjusted satisfactorily.

Gillies is expected to be available for a meeting with the Committee this week.

Co. 'No' Not Final To 1010; Demand Wage Reopener

Following reports given by returned Convention delegates May 20, a telegram to President Philip Murray including the following points was voted by the membership:

1. Condemning the treatment of Nick Migas at the Convention.

2. Calling upon the Wage Policy Committee to immediately re-convene and reopen negotiations with the companies for a 25c hourly general wage increase.

3. Appointment of Negro members to the International Staff commensurate with their numbers in the USA-CIO's ranks.

4. Conducting a referendum vote on the dues increase and levying of assessments.

No response has so far been received from the Local from this telegram.

TEST T-H LAW WITH INLAND PENSION CASE

WASHINGTON—(FP) — The United Steelworkers (CIO) faced a long court test of the constitutionality of the Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavit clause May 18. The day before the NLRB turned down the union's request that it order Inland Steel Corp. to bargain on a pension program.

On April 12 the NLRB ordered the company to bargain on pensions, provided the union qualified for NLRB certification under the Taft-Hartley law. Up to that time the union had not filed non-Communist affidavits and other data, which Pres. Philip Murray made a matter of principle.

The steel union convention in Boston, however, decided to register with the Labor Dept., filing financial reports and other material, but to refuse to file the non-Communist affidavits. It was decided, on Murray's recommendation, to make a court fight on the question.

The union made the gesture of asking the NLRB to give in on the Inland Steel case, arguing that the disputed affidavit section violates Article I of the U. S. Constitution, and also the first, fifth, ninth and tenth amendments. The NLRB, not willing to make a judicial ruling that the act is unconstitutional, turned the union down.

The matter goes to the U. S. circuit court of appeals in Chicago, and will probably have to be settled finally by the U. S. Supreme Court. A similar case challenging the affidavit provision of the Taft-Hartley law, has been brought into court by the Nat'l. Maritime Union (CIO). Turned down by a 3-judge court here last month in a split decision, it will be appealed to the high bench.

petitions to secure a place on the Indiana ballot.

Representation to the founding Convention is based upon one delegate, carrying one vote, for each member of Wallace organization which elects him.

A Lake County Convention of Wallace supporters will be held in Gary on Sunday, June 27th.

The founding Convention at the Coliseum will be a one day affair beginning at ten A.M. Visitors as well as delegates are invited to attend. Speakers of national prominence will address the Convention.

Local Union

Meets

TONIGHT

**County CIO Urges
Members to Fight
Higher Gas Rates**

The Lake County Industrial Union Council meeting of May 25, 1948 meeting in the new Steelworkers Building in East Chicago heard the report of the special committee, consisting of James S. Hunter and Theodore Kamenske, on their appearance before the Public Service Commission of Indiana May 18, regarding the petition of the Northern Indiana Public Service Company to increase gas rates in northern section of Indiana.

It was called to the attention of the delegates that due to the fact that very little if any publicity was given prior to the meeting was the reason for so few individuals appearing at the hearing, and now that the hearings are concluded it will be necessary for individuals and organizations to write to the Public Service Commission of Indiana, State House, Indianapolis 4, Indiana, protesting any increase in rates.

The committee pointed out that the request for an 8½% increase was made to appear outwardly that it would cover only those who use gas to heat their homes, but that actually the petition called for "other relief as necessary," which can be interpreted to mean—increases on all gas consumption if it is deemed necessary."

The committee's opinion that the revenue from the increase would go for additional equipment was more or less denied by the company at the hearing. However, the committee still holds to its opinion and believes additional equipment should be purchased from the profits of the company instead of being milked from the consumers.

Other business of the meeting included a report of the Entertainment Committee regarding the Annual Labor Day Picnic which will be held again this year at Wicker Memorial Park in Highland. Arrangements for the affair are proceeding nicely according to the report.

Nominations for the filling of unexpired terms of office for Recording Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms were opened at this meeting, to remain open until the meeting of June 8th at which time an election will be held. Those nominated at the meeting were Harry Heath and Emerald Ray for Recording Secretary, Eugene Jacque and Cecil Harrell for Sgt-at-Arms. Acting officers in the interim will be Lois Cravens and Cecil Harrell.

In answer to the Indiana State CIO appeal for funds to aid the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to pursue the appeal case of the Ingram family in Georgia, the Council voted a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) donation, feeling that had Mrs. Ingram and her two sons been white instead of colored that the case would have been dismissed long ago.

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**Steel Pattern Used
By Phone Company;
No Wage Increase**

WASHINGTON—(FP)—A nationwide pattern of 3-year contracts with no immediate blanket wage raise was seen here May 20 as the Communications Workers of America (unaffiliated) settled its sixth 1948 contract with the Bell System monopoly.

The agreements, following a long period of preliminary sparring between the union and company, include two opportunities to reopen wage clauses, one within the first year and one within the second. If no agreement is reached at either reopening, the contract may be canceled—but this would leave the workers with neither raises nor recognition.

The settlements announced by CWA cover 3,000 workers in all departments at the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. of Virginia, members of CWA Division 33; 3,000 Washington, D. C. operators, members of CWA Traffic Division 50, also employed by the C&P Telephone Co.; 11,000 members of Illinois Traffic Division 14; and 7,000 traffic and plant workers in Wisconsin Division 23, covered by two contracts.

New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. and CWA settled a week earlier on a different basis, leaving all major issues to arbitration.

CWA Pres. Joseph A. Beirne said the 3-year agreements "can serve as a basis for settlement of other CWA contracts and prevent the possibility of a strike in the industry." They cover, with the 12,000 N. J. Bell workers, some 36,000 of the 230,000 phone industry employees under CWA contracts.

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Safety Conference

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The President's national conference on industrial safety will be held here Sept. 21-23, the Labor Dept. announced May 20. Arrangements are in the hands of the bureau of labor standards.

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Danger Ahead! House Passes the Mundt Bill

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Following several days of debate marked by smears against unions and Jew-baiting, the House of Representatives May 19 passed the Mundt bill.

The so-called subversive activities control bill went through by a vote of 319 to 8. The result was expected with by supporters and opponents of the measure.

The Mundt bill now goes to the Senate where it will first be considered by the auxiliary committee. Defenders of civil liberties, who have fought the bill bitterly, are more optimistic about the results in the Senate.

The bill was rushed onto the House floor, on recommendation from the un-American activities committee, without benefit of public hearings. The author of the bill, Rep. Karl Mundt (R. S. Dak.), claimed it would merely force subversive organizations to register with the Justice Dept.

Opponents of the bill include major labor organizations, church groups, and constitutional experts. They are unanimous in asserting that the bill would be the most serious threat to the Bill of Rights ever faced.

As if to prove the point, one of the loudest supporters of the bill was Rep. John Rankin (D. Miss.), who could not resist the opportunity for Jew-baiting as joined in the debate.

Rep. Arthur G. Klein arguing against the bill, introduced a letter from Mayor William O'wyer that said "as a Catholic, a war veteran and as a citizen residing in the world's largest city" he was "impelled to oppose the provisions and principles of the Mundt bill."

Rankin jumped in with a personal attack on Klein. Although one had mentioned Jews before, he said, "Every time the word 'Jew' is mentioned some you get up here and whine." Rankin later made the same anti-Semitic attack on another opponent of the bill, Rep. Abraham Mutter (D. N.Y.).

The un-American committee claimed that their bill would not affect unions. However, the gullibility of the opponents that might well be crippled if the bill was backed up even before the bill passed.

Rep. E. A. Mitchell (R. Ind.) used his time in arguing for the bill to launch a vicious attack on the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO), which is negotiating here for wage increases for GM electrical division workers.

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Powerful points for civil liberties were scored by Rep. Emanuel Celler (D. N.Y.) and Rep. Hollifield (D. Calif.). They conducted a dialogue to show that the bill sets up fascist standards of loyalty, bars unorthodoxy and makes the attorney general a judge, jury and

Rep. John Fogarty (D. R.I.) gave applause when he said he opposed the bill because it would harm not to Communists but millions of innocent people.

Strike Wins Raise For GM Workers

DETROIT—(FP)—The auto industry's solid front against third round wage increases was broken by General Motors May 25 when it agreed to give its 225,000 workers a unique 11c hourly pay boost linked to the cost of living.

Averting a walkout which had been set for May 28 by the United Auto Workers (CIO), the agreement was reached after 18 hours of negotiations between GM representatives and UAW officials, headed by Vice Pres. John W. Livingston. The agreement, included in a 2-year contract expiring May 28, 1950, is subject to ratification by the membership.

The settlement provides for an immediate 11c increase and another 3c increase next May. Of the 11c boost, 3c is a flat increase and 8c is a cost-of-living adjustment. The 8c figure is adjustable either up or down, depending on fluctuations in the Bureau of Labor Statistics cost-of-living index. No ceiling was placed on the amount of increase possible, but it was agreed that the increase could not be cut back more than 5c.

GM Vice Pres. Harry W. Anderson said the first cost-of-living adjustment would be in September, based on the July index, and further adjustments would take place every three months.

Anderson described the settlement as an "entirely new approach to the living cost problem" and said it was based on an idea advanced by the corporation. A joint statement issued by Livingston and T. A. Johnson, assistant director of the union's GM department, said:

"It is not only a victory for the GM workers themselves, it is a victory as well for the rest of the UAW's one million members and for all American workers because it will assist them in a period of hysterical reaction in getting a small measure of economic justice."

"It is a staggering defeat for the 'no wage increase' policy launched by U. S. Steel and General Electric and copied by Chrysler Corp. It is a staggering defeat for the wage-cutting policy proposed by John S. Bugas of the Ford Motor Co."

The GM contract was expected to ease the way for settlement of the 14-day UAW strike against the Chrysler Corp. Negotiations were scheduled to be resumed May 26 for the first time since the walkout began. Highest Chrysler offer to date has been 6c.

The GM settlement was also offered to the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO), which is negotiating here for wage increases for GM electrical division workers.

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The Packers' Shame: The chances are that most of the heavy stockholders in the meat packing industry—the Armour's, the Swifts, the Cudahys, the Wilsons and the rest — are church-going people. But whether their church attendance is motivated by a real belief in the things of the spirit or whether it is merely perfunctory, they must have crimsoned with shame when they read the sweeping, unemotional condemnation of their conduct in the UPW strike by the Congregational Conference of Minnesota. —Minnesota Labor, CIO.

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The Strange Case of Mr. Abs

A few weeks ago there was brief mention in a few newspapers of a man named Herman Abs. Abs had been offered the job of head of the central bank for "Trizonia," the combined U.S., British and French zones in western Germany.

To 999 out of 1,000 Americans the name of Herman Abs could mean nothing. The couple of paragraphs about him which the papers carried were the kind you skip over on your way to something else.

By chance, the name meant a great deal to me. In the summer of 1945 in Germany I was one of several GI's who burned up considerable gas and rubber in jeeps and C & R's trying to lay hands on Abs.

We wanted Abs because we had some questions to ask him. We were pretty sure that if we found and interrogated him he would wind up in jail. We had documents which proved that Abs was a ring leader in the looting of countries overrun by the Nazis.

It turned out that we were wrong—not about the facts but about what would happen to our Mr. Abs.

Abs had been a leading official in the Deutsche Bank. The Deutsche Bank was one of a group known as the "big six" banks.

The "big six" came close to being the most powerful group in Germany. Through interlocking directorships they had strong influence in every industry in Germany. Their officials sat in the highest councils of the Nazi state.

When the war came, Abs and the other leaders of the "big six" cashed in. They took a cut every time a concern was grabbed from Jewish owners. They acted as brokers in loot, cutting the pie with Goering and the SS as the Nazis seized the industries of each conquered country.

The ordinary soldier in the Wehrmacht could say "I didn't know what I was doing" or "I had to follow orders." This was hardly the case with Abs and his friends. They knew exactly what they were doing. They gave the orders. They took the profits.

By capturing Abs we couldn't bring dead Jews back to life or rebuild shattered factories. But we thought we could exact a measure of justice. And we hoped we could discourage the kind of greed which leads to aggression.

Eventually we located Abs. He had moved to the British zone of Germany. We asked that he be handed over to us. The answer came back that he couldn't be spared. He was being used as a financial adviser in the British zone.

The Naxi-hunters were sent home from Germany. The climate in Germany became healthier for Abs and his friends. The Nazi business leaders who had expected short trials and long ropes at Nuremberg found that they still had

influence in international cartel circles.

More important, it began to appear that the old international cartel circles had the main voice in the allied military governments. Charges against the I. G. Farben directors were dismissed by the Nuremberg tribunal. Abs was offered the job of heading the main bank for western Germany.

As it worked out, Abs is not holding that job today. He turned it down.

The offer of the job was made in good faith, but Abs wasn't satisfied with the terms. He wanted dictatorial power to override any decision of the bank's board of directors. The German bank directors themselves were unwilling to grant him quite as much power as he might have had under Hitler. And so Abs is still available for any job of sufficient importance that can be found for him.

CHARGE GREEK REACTIONARIES KILLED AMERICAN

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The State Dept. must immediately get to the bottom of the murder of George Polk in Greece or Congress should investigate the matter, Rep. George Sadowski (D. Mich.) said May 24.

Sadowski protested that the recent killing of the Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent had brought "not a peep out of any member of Congress or demand a full investigation."

"If this brutal and cowardly killing had occurred in Russia or in any of the so-called satellite nations," he told the House, "I am sure that there would be a hundred congressmen and senators screaming to high heaven for an investigation."

Sadowski said that from all available information "it appears he was killed by the old reactionaries who have been killing their own Greek brothers without mercy, now that they have the arms and U. S. support. Did we give them these arms to kill Americans? Have we nothing to say in Greece after we have dumped hundreds of millions of dollars to support this reactionary gang?"

ATHENS—(ALN)—Greek guerrillas under Gen. Markos Vafiades have proof that Greek royalists killed U. S. newsman George Polk, Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent, with Athens government connivance, the guerrilla Free Greek Radio announced May 20.

The official spokesman for guerrilla Greek Democratic Government, who broadcast the announcement, said Athens authorities organized Polk's murder because he had exposed Greek royalist atrocities. The individuals responsible, the spokesman said, "were the same men who last year in Salomika killed Janis Sevgos, who exposed royalist crimes to the United Nations Balkan Commission."

Nick Migas, This Side of Boston Maihoffer Speaks on Memorial Day Recounts Some Union History

Letter to the Editor:

Back in 1937, during Local Union 1010's earliest days, those of us were active in its affairs at that time used to notice a certain young fellow who never missed a day on the picket line, rain or shine. None of us knew his name, but we had him spotted for a man who might possibly grow with the union in the days and years following our first big battle with Inland Steel.

Pointed out to Johnny Sargent, President then as now of 1010, the young fellow whose name turned out to be Nick Migas was appointed to serve on one committee after another. He did hard and faithful work for the union's membership on all of these committee appointments and, for a time, his rise to union leadership was rapid.

Serving as Grievance Committee from that time until the present, except for a term which he served as a Staff Representative, Nick also served as Vice President and President of the Local.

Fired From Staff

Nick was fired off the Staff by District Director Germano who refused to give any explanation of his act. Confidence of 1010's rank and file members in Nick's capabilities and honesty was demonstrated by his election to the Local's Presidency immediately after he was purged from the Staff.

A great deal of political capital has been made by opponents of the fighting policies championed by Nick Migas of the circumstances of the August, 1945, strike. As Vice President of the Local Union and one of those directly involved in the dispute which caused the walk out, I was in a position to know actually what occurred. Although it's water over the dam, Germano and the Calumet News, together with the rest of the rat press are choosing to keep it alive, so I think it should be dealt with here.

Three Men Fired

The five day stoppage, as all but the very newest members of 1010 are aware, occurred because Inland chose the end of World War II to begin a union busting war of its own. The attack on 1010 centered on an arbitrary discipline placed against me, and the firing of Harry Powell and E. C. Johnson, outstandingly aggressive Grievemen, for resisting company finagling with departmental stoppages.

Although Nick knew that trouble was brewing, he did make the serious mistake of keeping a long delayed appointment for a family get together in Michigan.

I say a serious mistake because, in spite of the fact that ours has never been a one man union and the conduct of the stoppage proved that able and militant union leaders other than the Local President were quite capable of handling the situation, his absence provided an excuse for a smear campaign that Local 1010's factionalists had been looking for, for a long time.

Strove for Unity

The smear campaign loosed against Nick followed conclusion of the 1945 stoppage was so severe that he resigned the Presidency in order to preserve what unity remained in the Local.

Were Stepping Back

Today, we're not only falling to go ahead; we're going backward at an alarming rate. Good union men like Migas, Walter Frisbie, and dozens of others are kept from fighting the companies because they are compelled to fight leadership for

the simple right to retain membership and to hold meetings to their abilities.

Similarly, Truman is losing every gain established under the New Deal. Incite, meanwhile, which are witch hunts in government, but the opening round of the opening round as well. It is these which have, step by step, created the atmosphere and made necessary for one of the steps to American Fascism.

As for Nick being a Red, the Steelworkers Constitution, upon which this biggest and strongest of all unions was organized specified organization and equal participation of all people who work in the steel industry.

GERMANO ALWAYS AGAIN

That Joe Germano never agreed with this principle nor abided by it is evidenced by his actions dating much further back than the Boston Convention.

There are, for example, the repeated times he has gone to the labor hating press with frantic disavowals of any Red leanings himself. It will be remembered that he backed up these disavowals with some thorough going red-baiting, also in the columns of the steel owners' papers, and thereby opened the door for intensified red-baiting and factional campaigning throughout the entire District which he heads.

These tactics are, of course, nothing new to Germano. His early experience was gained in the AFL in which factional dealing and like disruption reduced that once great, company fighting organization of Tom Mooney and Eugene V. Debs, to a handful of affiliates squabbling over the right to collect dues.

Company Gains

Although the companies, their papers, and their stooges had little success in busting our organization with a phoney red scare in those days, they have made considerable progress since. The mark of their success is the anti-Communist provision in the Steelworkers' Constitution.

Allegedly aimed at the reds, there is little doubt in any steelworker's mind that the anti-red amendment is leveled against any leader, rank and file and full time alike, who comes out against the existing trend of the International for collaboration with the steel bosses.

There is, it seems to me, a very clear and very dangerous parallel between the course our union is taking today and the one which the Truman government is following.

In recent times, our union did not hesitate to rally the membership for strike action or whatever other action was necessary to force wage increases, settlement of grievances, and, in a word, true collective bargaining from the steel bosses. In those days, there was no witch hunting against the members of our union. All that was asked of a man that he be loyal to the fight which his union brothers were making against the companies.

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Certainly, we demand our duly elected representatives be treated as union men—the right to be treated.

We went a hell of a long way to Germany and Italy and Japan to fight the kind of that went on in Boston in that time, and we don't want it here.

Fraternally Yours

William Mahr

Dockers' Hiring Threatened by T

PORTLAND, ORE.—At a specially-called meeting at the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehouses Union (CIO) hiring hall here May 25, more than 700 longshoremen heard Henry A. Wallace that the "most glaring example of the damage done by the Hartley law is the danger confronting your system of hiring."

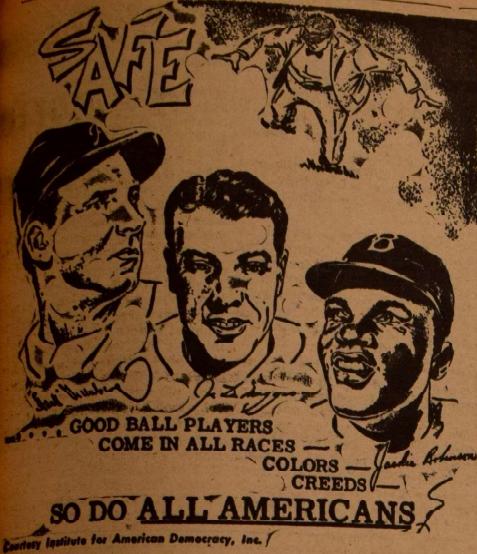
Touching on other current issues, Wallace commented that the only one Harlan Stassen, Thomas F. Dewey could when they were in Oregon "the so-called red issue" they debated all over you I am told, at a total cost of \$250,000."

"Did they talk about housing problem?" Wallace demanded. "No, the red issue is a safer topic. Did they talk about labor legislation? The high cost of living? Because if they did, they have had to admit the corner of store. So they just talked which one hated the Communists most."

In the 1946 campaign, Wallace pointed out, "every democrat who ran for Congress labeled a Communist and was how the republicans into power on Capitol Hill, they're using the same old red scare, everyone who wants lower prices and jobs, lions a red. It's as simple as that."

Closing, Wallace said: "Hiring board is a symbol you have fought for—democracy in hiring—and my prayers will be with you on June 15." The contract with shipping companies expires June 15.

LABOR SENTINEL

**Wilson Still Out; Rest of Packers Settle With CIO**

CHICAGO—(FP) — The 67-day nationwide strike against the Big Four packers drew to a close May 21 as a poll of strikers approved a union plan for the bulk of them to return to work.

Expected to remain on strike, however, was the entire Wilson & Co. chain, including 8,000 members of the United Packinghouse Workers (CIO) in six cities. Wilson was the only one of the Big Four packers which refused to renew the union's contract.

Returns on a vote in locals across the country were pouring into international union headquarters May 21, indicating approval of the strike strategy committee's recommendation that the walkout be ended at all Swift, Armour and Cudahy plants. Terms of settlement at the three packing chains include:

(1) A 9¢ hourly increase, (2) renewal of the union contract, (3) no discrimination against strikers, with cases against pickets charged with "lawlessness" to be decided by arbitration.

At one of the many district meetings across the country the night before the returns came in, Dist. 1 Director Herb March termed the pending strike conclusion "a temporary retreat which will protect our union and give us a chance to gather strength for the next battle." He urged the strikers to "bring the picketlines into the plant and go back with a stronger union than we came out with."

The meeting of some 8,000 strikers here was sober in spirit but with no evidence of demoralization over the failure of the union to win a clear-cut victory. Union leaders cited the record of company violence in which three strikers were killed and the attempt to "starve them into submission" during the strike, which began March 16.

It was pointed out that the union was forced on strike without an adequate "war chest" with which to sustain a long fight in a low wage industry where the workers "walked out of the plants dead broke."

March also cited the failure of the steelworkers to win a wage increase and a "sellout" by the AFL meat workers, who settled for a 9¢ increase before the CIO walkout, as factors leading toward the setback.

The Chicago meeting was marked by vigorous cheering of the strategy committee's handling of the strike settlement. All locals here joined in pledging full support to the Wilson workers. "With the rest of the union acting as a financial arsenal for the Wilson workers, we are confident we can whip Wilson & Co. into line," declared Sam Parks, president of the Wilson local.

THEY'RE OFF —**Two-I League****Opener Played**

Owing to circumstances that 1010's Soft Ball Team plays the opening game of the Two-I League Season Wednesday nite, that the Sentinel goes to press Wednesday afternoon, and that this scribe has misplaced his crystal ball, final score of the opener cannot be published herein until the next issue.

If the Ten-Tenners maintain the hot clip they've set in practice games, however, it's better than even that the East Chicago Legion Post, with whom they're slated, will finish well on the debit side.

On Friday evening, 1010 plays its first League game with the Osaga Boosters. The Osaga aggregation bowed to the Inland

Local 12 to 1 last Sunday in a pre-season practice game.

Game time is 8 P.M. at North Gleason Field, 30th and Broadway, Gary. Spectators who have already seen night games there report that the lighting equipment at North Gleason is a better than reasonable facsimile of Old Sol, himself.

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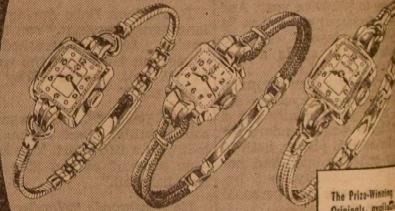
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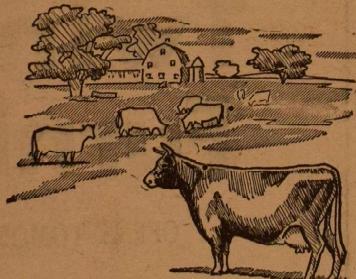
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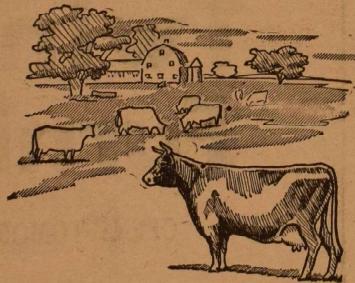
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Howard Graduate Seeks School Post

Candidacy of Mrs. Binnie R. Doneghy, 3715 Butternut St., for appointment by the Common Council to the Board of Education, offers East Chicago's Common Council both an opportunity and a challenge.

Graduating with an A. B. degree from Howard University, Washington D. C. Mrs. Doneghy took extensive post graduate work in social service administration in the University of Chicago. Following a two-year period as a teacher, she turned to social service professionally, and currently holds the post of Supervisor 3, top bracket in Lake County Public Welfare.

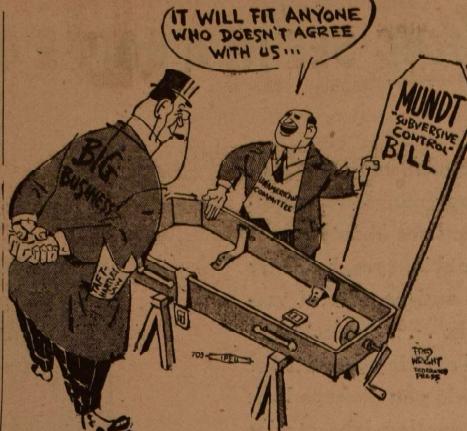
Standing of Mrs. Doneghy among her associates is evidenced



by her election as President of the Northwest Conference (Indiana), of social workers, two weeks ago.

In addition to her outstanding educational qualifications, therefore, Mrs. Doneghy possesses abundant and thorough understanding of the needs of East Chicago's people. Particularly of those of lower income and minority groups who form the largest proportion of this community.

Since Mrs. Doneghy is herself, a Negro, her appointment



to the Board of Education would be a guarantee by the Common Council against further unfair treatment of colored children in East Chicago's public schools.

Two of Mrs. Doneghy's daughters are enrolled in the eighth and ninth grade at Washington High School.

Unanimously chosen by the Citizen's Action Committee, Mrs. Doneghy also has considerable support from the League of Women voters.

Other candidates for the trusteeship appointment are: Stanley Kwiat, incumbent and chief ball carrier for East Chicago's white supremacists; Tom Kochis; Dr. Frank Waters; Attorney Sam Ruff; Chile Moss; and John Dreesen, Publisher of the Calumet News.

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One hundred copies of full proceeding of the Fourth Constitutional Convention at Boston have been ordered by Local Union 1010 and will be available to all members desiring to see them.

These copies include word-for-word reporting of all business transacted and all speeches made upon the Convention floor. Not only entertaining, but highly educational as well, no active rank and filer should lose an opportunity to read, at least in part, the proceedings of the Fourth Constitutional Convention of the USA-CIO.

FOR ALL YOUNG WORKERS

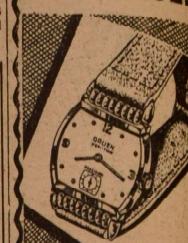
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Back Pay Date
Still Uncertain;
"Adjustment First"
Rules Gillies

No definite date for final payment of back wages due under the Inequity program was obtained from Inland's management by 1010's Inquest committee at their latest meeting, Tues., June 16.

Standing upon the same position that management has maintained for the past two months, Oil Works Manager Fred Gillies refused to make any further payment of claims until agreement had been reached upon a "substantial number" of rates, so as unadjusted. Management also refused to say further what it means by a "substantial number" a figure which may mean anything from 50 to 99%.

Examining management's nine page proposal for an agreement on electrical and maintenance employees' classifications, members of the Negotiating Committee agreed that it was the worst thing they had ever smelled. Settlement of classification of this large section of Inland's hourly paid employees is the chief obstacle standing up to the Inequity program.

Two industrial engineers from the company's staff will, according to an arrangement made at Tuesday's meeting, be assigned to work with each Grievance Committee in order to speed up rate adjustment and conclusion of the Inequity Program. Asked by the Committee for a written agreement to arbitrate disputed rates, Gillies promised to take the matter up with his superiors in the company.

Members of the Negotiating Committee were unwilling to state whether or not they believed the checks for final back pay would be distributed in July.

In accordance with a resolution passed on the Local Union floor Thursday, May 20, the negotiators presented management with a request for immediate settlement of back pay rates as they now stand, with payment of later claims to be made retroactive at the company's cost.

(Editor's note)—It was erroneously stated in the previous issue of this paper that the above resolution was for one year's back pay immediately. The resolution, instead, called for final payment of back pay.

Dear Mr. G.:

At this late day it might be foolish to suggest that you still interfering with Unions business, but the result of your latest letter might be of interest to you:

We had the smallest turnout for a nominating meeting we've had in years. It would seem that the membership is about as anxious in having F. M. Gillies as it is to have J. Stalin run the union.

Sincerely,
J. Sargent.

E. C. Solons Uphold White Supremacy — Return Kwiat To Brd.

East Chicago's Common Council placed its seal of approval Monday night, June 14 on anti-Negro prejudice in this community by returning Stanley Kwiat, leading spokesman for white supremacy, to the Board of Education by vote of six to two.

George C. Lamb, Democratic Councilman-At-Large, nominated Kwiat on a basis of his "qualifications" and "good record" on the Board of Education.

Four other Democrats, Fred Saviano; Charles J. Kotzan; Albert George Gurorek; and William W. Bielski; and one Republican, Herbert J. Hill; stood to cast their vote for Kwiat.

Dr. Frank Wadas, nominated by Councilman Thad Bogusz, received two votes; those of Bogusz and Walter R. Forstz, Councilman Dan LaFella, was not present for the vote on the School Board members but showed up in the City Hall shortly thereafter.

A resolution submitted by Francis Kelly calling upon the Common Council to elect a School Board Trustee with all due regard for the candidates' respective qualifications was read at the opening of the meeting.

Two other resolutions submitted by the Citizens' Action Committee and the National Association For The Advancement of Colored people were mentioned briefly but not read.

Council President Bogusz, leading member of the CAC which has been spearheading the fight against discrimination in East Chicago's Schools, who asked for the floor at the conclusion of Monday night's Common Council meeting. Unceremoniously telling Mrs. Brown to sit down, Councilman asked for the floor at the conclusion of Monday night's Common Council meeting. Unceremoniously telling Mrs. Brown to sit down, Councilman asked for the floor at the conclusion of Monday night's Common Council meeting. Unceremoniously telling Mrs. Brown to sit down, Councilman asked for the floor at the conclusion of Monday night's Common Council meeting. Unceremoniously telling Mrs. Brown to sit down, Councilman asked for the floor at the conclusion of Monday night's Common Council meeting.

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Hastily Piled Ingots Kill Switchman In 46 in. Sun., June 6

Hot ingots are laid length ways across two ingot cars in the 40 inch blooming mill instead of vertically because Inland's sped up production schedule requires this means of expediting operations.

So Frank Jakobowski, senior, veteran switchman, died last Sunday morning; the eighth in the toll of workingmen's lives extracted as one item in the production costs of Inland's Indiana Harbor plant.

Shielding his face from the murderous heat, Brother Jakobowski dashed in between two ingot cars, cut one loose, and signaled the engineer ahead. He failed to notice that the heavy ends of two red hot ingots were resting on the racks directly over his head. As the supposedly empty car moved forward, the ingots crashed to the ground, overturning their rack on the way down.

Brother Jakobowski was pinned by the falling rack between the near molten masses of steel. A few minutes before going on shift Sunday morning, Brother Jakobowski, a fully responsible workman, contacted the Trans. Dept. Griever, Ed Dil-

get a clear-cut test of the Communist affidavit provisions."

The 41-man board appointed

Germano Machine, YS&T Company Unite to Bar Progressives From Local 1010 Elections

A campaign engineered and carried out chiefly by Sub-District Director Lester Thornton and Staff Representative Cecil Clifton to restrain Charles Fizer, Ralph Hyndman, and Joe Norrick from running for Local Union office was upheld Tuesday night, June 15, by a vote of 167 to 141.

Chief factor in ruling the three highly popular rank and file leaders of the YS&T Local ineligible for office, was a last minute blitz arranged by Thornton's supporters in the local with the co-operation of Youngstown Sheet and Tube management.

Foremen in Chuck Fizer's own department, shear line and skin patch, tin mill, ordered employees to go over on company paid time, to vote against the company fighting former President of Local Union 1011.

Julie Greenwell and Jim Combs, both adherents of the Germano machine which is fighting desperately to keep the membership of Sub District No. 1011 from overturning the International iron clad control, obtained permission from their departmental superintendents to shut the tin and pipe mills down, and order the men to "Go over to the hall and vote against them commies."

Ruled off the ballot by the election committee, on affidavits alleging that Fizer, Hyndman, and Norrick, are Communists, supplied by Thornton, Clifford, Elroy Campbell and Jim Combs, supporters of the purged trio circulated a petition last week calling for a special meeting to consider the Election committee's authority to rule on eligibility. Three hundred signatures were readily obtained and the meeting set for Tuesday night.

A leaflet, nearly identical in content to the statement issued by Works Manager Fred Gillies last week, urging the membership to vote the "Communists" out of 1011 was, thereupon issued by a "Committee For Better Unionism", composed of Thornton, Clifton, Campbell, and Combs.

1011's membership was greeted Tuesday afternoon with another leaflet posing the following questions to "The Committee For Better Unionism":

The Oil Workers, the Construction Workers, got substantial pay increases; the Packing-

mars, and the 46 inch mill foreman to protest the dangerous over-piling of ingots in the rail door of that mill. Because that condition, switchmen cannot see clearly from inside the mill in order to signal a string of cars safely either in or out of the building.

Up to this point, management has resisted repeated demands made by Brother Ditmars and others to assign one more switchman to this point in order to guarantee safety.

"Somebody," Brother Jakobowski warned, "is going to get hurt or killed around here, if something isn't done about these conditions."

John Jakobowski Junior, son of accident victim is also employed in the plant.

In addition to John Junior, and Mr. Jakobowski's wife, Bertha, one other son, Jerome, of Hammond; one daughter, Edna; a sister, Mrs. Julia Foran, of Chicago, and five grandchildren survive.

TEST OF T-H ON INLAND PENSION CASE BEGUN IN CHICAGO COURT JUNE 9th

PITTSBURGH—(FP) — The United Steelworkers (CIO) began a court test June 9 of the constitutionality of the Taft-Hartley act's non-Communist affidavit requirement.

The action was filed in the U. S. circuit court of appeals in Chicago, Pres. Philip Murray told a press conference here following an all-day meeting of the union's 41-man executive board. The union is appealing an NLRB order which called on the Inland Steel Co. to bargain with the union on pensions, provided the union filed the affidavit.

When the Taft-Hartley act was adopted last June, Murray said he would not sign an affidavit as a matter of principle and charged that the section abridged civil rights. The law says union officers must sign affidavits pledging they are not Communists before they can use the facilities of the NLRB.

Murray revealed that the union had asked the Chicago court to provide a hearing at an early date in order to speed the case to the U. S. Supreme Court for a possible fall decision.

Arthur J. Goldberg, new union counsel, said the steelworkers had complied with Taft-Hartley requirements on financial information "in order to

get a clear-cut test of the Communist affidavit provisions."

The 41-man board appointed a safety committee, headed by Frank Burke of Pittsburgh, to draw up a safety code for the steel industry. Another special committee on civil rights was appointed to explore the whole question of fair labor practices.

The affidavit suit is the second test of the Taft-Hartley act in which the CIO has engaged. The first related to a ban on union political action. A federal court declared the ban unconstitutional and the case is now before the U. S. Supreme Court.

TAFT-HARTLEY

Congress and the NAM promised a new era of "labor peace" when they pushed through their Taft-Hartley law last June 23. But one year of unionbusting—by injunctions, damage suits, NLRB traps, police brutality and use of troops—has already stamped the Taft-Hartley era as a period of violence and labor strife.

ONE YEAR of LABOR PEACE



TEAMWORK by Congress, the executive and judiciary keeps the Taft-Hartley wheels turning to the tune called by employers. Above, some members of the team: Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough (left), injunction specialist, obligingly serves 'em up to NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Becham (center), government hatchet man for big business, which has been getting its way in court. Pleased with the operation of the Taft-Hartley machinery is U. S. Steel Pres. Benjamin F. Fairless (right), who mapped a no-wage-increase policy for 1948.



UNIONBUSTING under the Taft-Hartley act is not to slick legal means. The management-government alliance resorted to force in its attempt to crush labor's struggle for increases. Above, a scene from the recent strike of N.W. Exchange workers, marked by vicious police brutality. Left: Guard troops in flying wedge formation open a path through packinghouse picketlines in St. Paul, Minn. Last funeral procession for Santo Cieardo, packinghouse worker, was killed by a truck outside the Armour plant in Chicago. Product of the atmosphere of violence inspired by Taft-Hartley is the scene at extreme upper left: Nine bullets were pointblank into James Price, leader of a strike of National Labor Union (AFL) workers against the DiGiorgio fruit packers in California.

In the face of Taft-Hartley terrorism, labor's strength has succeeded in breaking through management's maul of no wage increases, some unions winning substantial boosts. The sections of the Taft-Hartley act outlawing action by unions and requiring non-Communist affidavits of officials have been challenged in court tests. And, one year after its enactment, workers and union leaders are demanding a renewed vigor: REPEAL THE TAFT-HARTLEY LAW.

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Management Interference In Local Union Activity Okay Under Taft-Hartley

The tender concern, expressed in "Brother" Fred Gillies latest letter to 1010's members that none but "strong, capable, loyal American leaders" among us achieve office is not a new tactic of management.

Gillies, emboldened by provisions of the Taft-Hartley act, the union's spineless acceptance of the "No-raise" ultimatum by the Steel Trust and other such backward steps as 1010's failure to back the Tin Mill shearman's strike against uncontrolled speed up, is merely doing in the open the same thing that employers have been doing in secret conspiracy ever since the advent of the CIO.

The type of labor leadership which management regards as "strong, capable, and loyal American," is best pictured in management's own directives.

Compiled about one year ago, a pamphlet, Communists in The Labor Movement, was provided to virtually every employer in basic industry by the United States' Chamber of Commerce.

Allegedly zeroed in on Communists, the pamphlet was a detailed directive of means to insure that "satisfactory (to management) labor leaders gained and held office.

A few excerpts:

"Communists set up standards which at times their opponents must imitate through sheer necessity of self preservation within the union's political structure. Often the employer himself is at fault through the failure to grant face-saving concessions to opponents of the Communist faction. It is not unheard of that employers will win small battles at the conference table, costing American-minded officers their union jobs, and then lose major wars when their radical successors give employers a taste of real demands."

How companies like Inland Steel were enabled to fling "safe" union leaders into positions of authority even in the pre-T&H days is outlined thus.

"Even under the Wagner Act, if the employer often has real, if thoroughly unconscious, influence in naming of union officers. Small but gracious concessions, frequent consultations, and recognition can often build the stature of a union official.

"The NLRB does not allow direct intervention in union affairs. But, if the employer is not free to pick the officers he likes, the least he can do is abstain from actions which hurt them.

"A word might be said about direct dealings with union officials in an informal manner.

It is occasionally possible to sit down to dinner with an international officer, the local president, or business agent. Such informal meetings can be productive of real candor. Both sides can talk freely without worrying about a reaction from those to whom they must report."

The pamphlet goes on for several pages to blue print means of utilizing every group within the union to further disruption of the local or international.

"If some of the stewards are Communist and do send POOR grievances to the higher steps, such grievances should in general be weeded out ruthlessly."

"Some members at least will be non-Communist. Their word and judgement can be trusted. If a case, on the surface, looks good to the industrial relations director, he can direct the conversation to decent union man official, asking for his comment or opinion. When the latter favors the granting of a grievance, the executive can answer 'yes,' thus disposing of the case. On the other hand, then Communist-inspired and unreasonable grievances come up, they should be given the burden of defending them. When the answer from management is 'No,' they bear the curse of defeat."

This is very short recountal of the thousands of devices by which management has succeeded in giving the USA-CIO a little shading of a company union complexion.

And what is management's definition of a Communist?

It's best summed in a line from Steinbeck's immortal "Grape of Wrath."

"Anybody," roared a meaty, Associated Farmer, "is a god-damn red that wants 30¢ an hour when the Association is payin' two-bits."

The Sentinel is gratified to see the Company line out in the open. Those in our ranks who follow it will be, thereby, easier to identify.

TOKYO—(ALN)—Left-wing workers have won a majority on the executive committee of the Government Railway Workers' Union, Japan's largest single labor organization. Union Pres. Etsuo Kato, a right-winger, retains his seat but has lost his previous control of the executive committee, where he had 30 delegates to the leftists' 10 before the election. The upset occurred despite a whirlwind "anti-Communist" campaign by Kato, with James S. Killen, chief of Gen. MacArthur's Labor Division, intervening directly on his behalf in a speech at the union convention. Killen was booted when he urged workers to abandon strikes and political action.



WASHINGTON — (FP) — Opposition to the Mundt bill reached a climax June 2 as nearly 7,000 people from all parts of the country converged on the Capital to urge defeat of the so-called subversive activities control measure.



WORLD WAR III will be closer if the division of Germany sticks. The new U.S.-west European agreement for a separate administration in western Germany cancels the main aim of World War II. German reconstruction now comes before reconstruction of Hitler's victims. Nazi roots will not be torn up. Instead, the big monopolies that nourished Hitler are assured of recuperation in Germany's and Europe's key industrial area—the iron and coal Ruhr valley.

Two wars have proved the German problem basic to European and world peace. After World War I, defeated Germany was rebuilt against "bolshevism." Instead she turned on her western backer. It was only by cooperating with Russia that they were able to knock that kind of Germany down. Now the same game is resumed.

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Though Russia is again the supposed target, it is France who is shaking in her shoes.

The French government, pressed by the U. S. to join the west German project, risks internal overthrow if it complies. Too many Frenchmen remember history to surrender their national security, even for Marshall dollars.

Germany's own workers ask the same question. Some of them actually believed what was told them around V-E Day—that the Nazis and their backers had lost for good and German democracy would have a chance. Now they spend their time striking to get ex-Nazis like big steelman Hermann Reusch removed from top U. S. appointed jobs, and are threatened by occupation authorities for doing so. They have seen 193 German employers' associations licensed while unions have an increasingly harder time. Most German industrialists were Nazis, yet they are back in the saddle. Here is why, and how.

After World War I, U. S. policy and investments helped German monopolies crush labor and democracy. Henry Ford built plants in Germany and contributed to Nazi funds. The Morgan and Kuhn, Loeb banks, Standard Oil, General Electric, the Aluminum Co. of America, Anaconda Copper, Westinghouse, Bausch & Lomb, Intl. Tel. & Tel. and Allis Chalmers all invested in Germany or had arrangements with giant Nazi trusts like I. G. Farben, GM subsidiaries built mechanized transport for Hitler's armies, etc.

Police State Bill Denounced by 7,000 in D.C.

WASHINGTON—(FP) — Opposition to the Mundt bill reached a climax here June 2 as nearly 7,000 people from all parts of the country converged on the Capital to urge defeat of the so-called subversive activities control measure.

It had been predicted groups sponsoring the bill headed by former Congress Jerry J. O'Connell, that people would leave their and travel to Washington, estimate proved nearly 40% conservative.

Nearly 4,000 delegates med Turner's Arena here noon before starting on a of seeing Senators and government officials. Simultaneously more than 2,000 filled a nearby church and overflowed into street. The main speaker at church was singer Paul Robeson. On May 31 Robeson appeared before the Senate Judiciary committee to denounce the Mundt bill in a dramatic speech.

By mid-afternoon the army of Mundt bill opponents had visited all important government centers in the city. Local press announced that police details had been led up, but the riot squad no work to do.

Rep. Adolph Sabath, D., joined in the demonstration laying a wreath at the of John Marshall which out over Washington from low the Capitol steps. He said that as a Democrat he proud to pay tribute to shall, the great federalist because of Marshall's opposition to the Alien and Sedition of the century and a half.

Sabath pointed out that Mundt bill cannot succeed more than the Alien and Sedition laws did more than years ago." He closed his speech with a quotation from a congressman who fought repressive laws in the 1790s quoted Rep. Livingston as saying that if the people are the Alien and Sedition "they would deserve the we are forcing them."

In welcoming the delegation Washington, former Rep. Connell said, "In coming Washington to seek redress grievances you are acting the traditional American manner. Your dignity and desire is matched only by your

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Open Letter to President Murray

Philip Murray, Int'l President,
United Steelworkers of America, CIO
1500 Commonwealth Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Brother Murray:

I address this letter to you because I consider the present moment a golden opportunity for our union to press forward its wage demands under new conditions in a new way.

The magnificent struggles of certain CIO unions recently, and especially that of the Packinghouse workers—which, unfortunately, did not receive sufficient support from other unions—has resulted in wage increases up to 13¢ an hour. Significantly, these strikes succeeded in breaking the wage frozen which Big Steel tried to enforce, and for which there had been a common employer front for a period of months.

The break-through now makes it possible for our union to once again raise and win, without a strike, a moderate wage raise, if not the 25¢ that steelworkers really need.

For this purpose, it seems to me that the following measures would be conducive to getting the maximum beneficial results:

1.—A public announcement that the Wage Policy Committee is being called into session immediately to put forth new wage demands in view of the facts:

a)—that prices have not come down as Mr. Fairless had hoped and indicated; and to the contrary, prices have gone up;
b)—the victorious actions of Packinghouse and Auto workers (although the escalator clause is a serious mistake), as well as of Fur and Oil workers, have reopened the question of a wage raise in Steel.

2.—Notification to all Local Unions to the above effect and calling for expressions of support, as well as participation in a nation-wide day of demonstration in all steel centers to support the new wage demands.

3.—Notification to other International Unions, urging their full support and co-operation with our efforts.

You will note that each of these points calls for public, widespread, activity; for all experience has proven that the utmost of success attends labor's efforts when it relies upon its own strength and conducts its affairs in the open and above board, rather than when matters are conducted in secret conferences in smoke filled rooms by a handful away from the rank and file eye.

It was in this spirit that I submitted my Boston statement, and irrespective of what else may be said about it, it must be acknowledged that the Boston statement had the effect of letting the Steel Trust know that our rank-and-file was dissatisfied and rebellious at the no-raise edict of the Trust.

Despite the abuse heaped upon me for issuing that statement, I derive satisfaction from the response that working steelworkers have given it; from the fact that my Local has rejected International Treasurer MacDonald's appeal that I be disciplined; and that, in a modest way, the statement strengthened our wage fight by shedding light on the true, militant spirit that pervades our membership.

Such an 'opposition' doesn't hurt our union, it helps it. And statesmanlike labor leadership will always know how to turn such 'opposition' to good account for the advantage and advancement of the interests of the rank-and-file; provided, of course, that leadership is really thinking about advancing the interests of the rank and file.

Yours for a strong, united, progressive union.

Fraternally

NICK MIGAS
Local Union 1010, USA CIO.

Mexican Gov't Gives US Oil Hogs 'Go' Sign

MEXICO CITY — (ALN) — Mexico's rich nationalized oil resources, which past progressive governments fought hard to get out of the hands of U.S. corporations and keep for the Mexican people, are once more being opened to U.S. operators.

The process started when Pres. Miguel Aleman put a "sound businessman," Sen. Antonio Bermudez, in charge of Pemex—the government administration of the Mexican oil industry. Bermudez took strong steps against oilfield labor and the administration back on a big profit basis. The U. S. companies were permitted to explore new oil lands, being guaranteed a major share of the oil produced in return. This oil will be exported instead of serving domestic needs.

The real facts are that big U. S. oil and equipment companies have long combined in denying such machinery to Mexico unless she re-opened her doors to top U. S. monopolies on terms that would allow them to keep 80% of all oil produced in territory. The big oil trusts have also squeezed out independent U. S. drillers like the W. Edward Jones concern, with

Can Can, Can't We?

Basic steel, which has been known to look down its nose at steel fabricators, got its come-uppance from one of the "small fry" last week. While the men who make the stuff were grumbling about union's failure to win a wage increase, workers at Continental Can in Chicago's Clearing District were grinning happily over a new contract they just signed, complete with a 10 cent across-the-board increase.

George Osier, president of USA-CIO Local 2374 at the Can plant, announced that the local's contract, which expired June 1, was renewed, not only with the raise but with three months' back pay.

Other features of the agreement are six paid holidays (you know: they pay you even if you don't work and you get double time if you do); vacations up to four weeks, and a special feature whereby if any worker is downgraded due to changes in production he carries his old, higher rate for the first six months after downgrading.

Stop drooling, boys. It could happen here.

which Mexico sought to make more advantageous arrangements.

'SUCKERS' AND CLASSIC RING UPSETS

The other day Joe Louis made a silly remark, provided he meant it. Asserted he didn't think Jersey Joe Walcott was a game fighter. I don't believe he means it. In December's scrap, the most painful jolt Joe collected wasn't wrapped in leather and padding. It was when Joe discovered that Walcott didn't scare Louis' "killer rep" didn't dazzle him at any time. It had a lot to do with Joe's shabby show that night.

There is a sinister hypnotism in a tremendous fighting name. It has power equal to knockout clouts. Every "killer" type operates it—until he meets a guy who won't go for the stuff.

There are three classic surprise defeats of ring "killers." Those of John L. Sullivan, "Terrible Terry" McGovern and Jack Dempsey. All the winners—Jim Corbett, Young Corbett (no relation) and Gene Tunney were branded "setups." They had no chance.

Sullivan remarked: "All I need is a shave and a haircut to lick this dude!" McGovern had never heard of a featherweight called Young Corbett. So, Terry trained but 10 days for the kid who thrashed him. Dempsey had been loafing three years when Tunney was lined up for him. Tunney? He didn't think Gene a smart gate attraction. No color and not in his class. Good for a warmup, though.

All upsets spawn from the world-beater's scorn of the "sucker." Before their first brawl, Louis classified Walcott as "a second rater." The contrasting "sucker" viewpoints and movements in such situations furnish psychological gems.

Jim Corbett once told me: "First thing I said to John L. in the ring was 'If I don't win, the best you can get is a draw.' Then I gave him some more business. I carefully tested the ropes, walking from one side of the ring to the others. Didn't notice him at all. Then I skipped around the ring shadowboxing, passing right in front of him. Sullivan was so pop-eyed he forgot his old trick of glaring."

Police State Bill! Denounced By 7,000

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determination that democracy will not die in our land."

Final event scheduled for the day was an open air meeting at the base of the Washington Monument. Speakers included Sen. William Langer (R. N. Dak.), Sen. Glen Taylor (D. Ida.), Rep. Vito Marcantonio (AL. N.Y.) and Paul Robeson.

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U.S. Connivance In Greek Executions Hit By N.Y. Writer

NEW YORK—(ALN)—The blood of Greek resistance fighters shot by the royalist Athens government in mass executions that shocked the world last month lies on the hands of U. S. aid administrator Dwight P. Griswold, New York Herald Tribune Athens correspondent Homer Bigart charged in a bitter four-column letter to his paper May 30.

Bigart said Griswold is "a very close friend" of Greek Public Order Minister David Renitis, who ordered the executions. The American Aid Mission "literally runs Greece" and "word of caution from Griswold would have prevented the orgy." Instead of saying this word, Bigart wrote, Griswold found time to "chide me for what he believed was an exaggerated concern over the activity of rifle squads." Bigart replied to Griswold: "I would much rather be accused of being a little shrill about such matters than of not saying anything at all."

"Mr. Griswold," says Bigart, "wrote further, 'that he knows no other American correspondent who charges Greece with being a police state, but long before I came to Athens the late George Polk, who was murdered a few weeks ago, was writing eloquently of the nature of the regime we have created there.' * * *

Recalling that the resistance fighters were shot after having been in jail for years, Bigart accused U. S. policy of being responsible. When the men were first arrested "the British commission which was running the country at the time was a little fed up with judicial revenge and perhaps worried by the reaction back home." This year, Bigart said, "the Greeks government evidently detected that Americans were less constrained. At any event the speed-up in executions coincided with a lot of rough talk voiced by the U. S. mission and the embassy."

Bigart further accused Griswold and the American embassy in Greece of pressuring correspondents "to avert our eyes from the suppression of basic liberties, from mass arrests and mass executions." Griswold's publicity chief had once called him (Bigart) in for a talk. "Congress was about to vote on Greek aid and the boys were worried. Greece was getting too much publicity. He asked me to write something nice, and I said sure I would if I could find something nice to write about."

A few days later, Bigart said, "the press chief in conjunction with the cultural and press attachés of the American embassy, put out a remarkable statement to the effect that Greece had complete freedom of the press—every whit as free as in the U. S. That very day two editors of the Socialist newspaper Machi were arrested—for having dared to publish criticism of the executions."

The greatest test of a gentleman is to be courteous to those who can be of no possible service to him.—William Phelps.

"I said then, I say now, that while there is a lower class, I am in it; while there is a criminal element, I am of it; while there is a soul in prison, I am not free."—Eugene V. Debs.

"If we put the man together, the world will take care of itself." — Dr. Du Bois.

LABOR SENTINEL

Nazi Steel Magnate Refuses To Quit In West Germany

BERLIN—(ALN)—Herman Reusch, former Nazi steel cartel chief appointed to a high post by U. S. and British occupation authorities who later promised to remove him under threat of

a strike by 150,000 metal workers, now refuses to quit his job. Reusch said May 3 that he would "naturally remain" on the Anglo-American zone. Steel Production Committee until definitely fired. This is interpreted to mean that he still has strong occupation backing despite the pledge made to German unions.

Willy Messerschmitt, Luftwaffe Builder, Punished: \$600 Fine

BERLIN—(ALN)—Willy Messerschmitt, designer and builder of Germany's World War II Messerschmitt planes which played such a potent part in Nazi aggression, was fined 2,000 marks (\$600) by an Augsburg court as a penalty for his service to Hitler.

Although the court had complete evidence that Messerschmitt joined the Nazi party in 1933 and was among the top leaders of Nazi war economy, it gave him the light sentence legally reserved for Nazi "followers." Nazi "followers" were supposed to have dumbly allowed themselves to be led by Hitler and are not considered fully responsible for their actions.

Messerschmitt became a very rich man during the war. The fine he now has to pay averages a small fraction of a penny for every Allied plane shot down by fighters he produced for Hitler.

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Pressman Enters Race For Congress In Brooklyn

NEW YORK—(FP)—Former CIO Counsel Lee Pressman announced here that he will run for Congress on the American Labor party ticket against Rep. Abraham Multer, Democratic incumbent, in the 4th congressional district in Brooklyn.

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**Mine Owners Stall
Pension Payment;
Chisel On Terms.**

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) ran up against mine owners here June 9 as the bituminous operators unveiled their 1948 contract proposals at Statler hotel conferences here.

John L. Lewis and other U. M. W. conferees had asked simply that the owners put the 1947 welfare fund into operation, a start which is now 11 months overdue. Otherwise, they say, the 1946 fund will run out on June 30 leaving 146,000 injured miners and widows and orphans without its aid.

The UMW even offered to "recommend" to union men that they stay on the job after their annual vacation in July, whether a contract is signed or not, if the operators permit "forth-with administrative activation" of the 1947 fund. The UMW asked only that 1948 terms, when agreed on, be retroactive to July 1 and that either party be allowed to cancel the agreement on 5-day notice.

The cynical reply of the operators began: "The entire 1947 welfare fund is available to miners if Mr. Lewis will agree to spend it legally." It then called for a 1948 plan giving pensions to miners at 65, whereas the 1947 fund provided retirement at 62. It offered \$100 monthly benefits including federal social security, whereas the old fund provided \$100 entirely from the coal industry fund.

The owners also proposed that the union give up its traditional "able and willing to work" clause as an aid to preventing strikes. On wages, the operators said flatly that "no change is justified," claiming that "the miner is the highest paid industrial worker in the country."

**CORPORATIONS
HIDE PROFITS,
CIO CHARGES**

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The May issue of the CIO Economic Outlook charges U. S. corporations with cooking up new tricks to hide unprecedented profits from public view.

The corporations reported a staggering total of \$17½ billion in clear profits for 1947. The figures for 1948 are running even higher. However, the CIO analysts point out that actual figures are higher still.

Special accounting systems have been devised to fool the public. Part of the profit is hidden under the names of "depreciation reserves" and "inventory profit." The Economic Outlook says these hidden surpluses make it "almost impossible for new firms to gain a foothold in basic industry."

**Spanish Guerrillas
Shoot Franco Agents**

MADRID—(ALN)—Two Franco police agents were publicly tried and executed by Republican guerrillas in Cesare village, Galicia, in the heart of Franco Spain, according to the underground Spanish radio Pyrénées. The two links, Jose Tejero and Vincent Luste, had denounced many peasants for

**UNITY ESSENTIAL
SAYS COAST CIO**

SAN FRANCISCO—(FP)—Raising of special area "war chests" to aid striking unions and creation of area wage strike action committees were recommended by the California CIO Council executive board here.

The policy statement, approved by the northern and southern California board members at an emergency meeting, declared: "The most crucial job confronting CIO members at this time is to break up the conspiracy of the American monopolies against the living standards of the American people."

Calling unity at every level a prime essential, the board said: "In this wage struggle, differences of opinion which may exist on such issues as the Marshall plan, the third party, the candidacy of Wallace, Truman or what have you, must not become obstacles to a united fight against the monopolists. There is no difference of opinion among our members that their living standards have deteriorated and must be improved."

The board met as a coastwide waterfront strike was shaping up for June 15 and as other unions were pressing their wage increase demands.

aiding the Republicans. When the guerrillas entered Cesare, many peasants testified against them at a people's court. The agents were sentenced to death and shot.

"When I rise it will be with the ranks and not from the ranks . . . — Gene Debs.

LABOR SENTINEL

**QUOTES FROM
THE LABOR PRESS**

UAW's Victory May Open Way: In agreeing to raise the pay of its 225,000 workers, General Motors accepted two important arguments advanced by the union: that wage earners need pay hikes to compensate for the increase in the cost of living and that workers should benefit financially from the increased productivity of the company which employs them. A number of CIO unions have been chipping holes in the "no wage hike" front of industry—and there's a good chance that the UAW-GM settlement will break it wide open.—CIO News.

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Definite Backward Move: If the wage settlement is to set a pattern for industry generally, then we might as well call the slide rule boys back to Washington and reestablish the bureaucracy of the Natl. War Labor Board. Under the compromise between UAW and GM, wage fixing by government formula is here again.—United Mine Workers Journal.

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Shame: Action by the government in "seizing control" of the railroads is merely a sham. The U. S. Army, which is supposed to be "operating" the railroads, has merely placed its chief of transportation in technical charge and has detailed some 100 officers to various railroad centers. Management continues business as usual in full control of the financial strings and making as much money as before. Only labor is penalized.—Flint Labor News, AFL.

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Had Enough?: Just about two years ago when the OPA lay on its deathbed, the chant was heard over the air and read in

every daily paper that its demise would bring prices down. Just recently the Bureau of Labor Statistics shocked the industrial world with its announcement that the cost of living showed another step in the direction of higher costs. Where's the guy who in 1946 so glibly asked: "Had enough?"—(Rockford, N. Y.) Labor News, AFL.

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The Meat Strike: The "solu-

tion" of the strike in the meat packing industry offers a classic example of how employers can use the courts and injunctions to force their arbitrary position on the workers in their plants. It shows that the Taft-Hartley act has ended negotiating at the bargaining table. The sly and slick artifices of the Taft-Hartley act have disarmed the union and negated its bargaining strength.—Minnesota Labor, CIO.

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I AM A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT BY DON LUTES

I do not want to heap too much praise upon myself or my ability, but, in running for office, I must submit my qualifications to you:

Union Experience:

Ten (10) years as Griever; two (2) years as Financial Secretary; presently Chairman of the Grievance Committee; active and working member of two contract negotiating committees; four times delegate to the convention; member, Lake County Industrial Union Council.

Accomplishments:

The department I represent is the best organized in the mill. Some of the highest rates at Inland are paid to my people. It was I who filed the grievance that started the "ball rolling" and resulted in \$2,000,000 back pay to all of you. This was done as a result of a contractual agreement (contract of 1942) which called for a comparison of jobs between Inland and fifteen (15) other companies. In spite of the fact that "wages were frozen" by the War Labor Board, the International Union and myself forced this issue to a successful conclusion.

If Elected:

I promise to carry out the "LABOR BOOSTERS" program which not only calls for the stream-lining of our Local but which will benefit you and your family and your community as well.

ROBERT (BOB) ELLIOT, FOR PRESIDENT, 76 INCH MILL

I believe that my record and experience in the Local Union qualifies me as a fit candidate for the Presidency.

Before the advent of the CIO in steel, I was a member of the only existing organization at that time, the old Amalgamated Iron, Sheet, and Tin Workers, AFL.

At the very beginning of the campaign to organize Inland Steel's workers into the Steelworkers' Organizing Committee, CIO, I became a Volunteer Organizer. I served my full share of time on the picket line in 1937 and did everything else that was in my power to build our union when the going was tough.

At present I am Chief Steward for the 76 inch mill. I have also been Chairman of Group No. 5, composed of the 76 inch, the 46 inch, and 44 inch mills.

I have also served as Assistant Grievance Committeeman in the 76 inch Mill.

Because I believe that the Action Slate is our best guarantee of a Union free from bias and fully democratic, I sincerely urge all my friends to support all candidates on the Action ticket.

Fraternally yours,

Bob Elliot.

GLENN CRAMER UP FOR RE-ELECTION

As former grievanceman of Plant III, and presently a candidate for Griever of the Blast Furnaces, I am also asking for your support as a candidate for Re-election to the Executive Board. I have settled many difficult problems in my work as Compensation Committeeman. The experience I have acquired and my best and most sincere efforts will again be at your disposal.

HARRY POWELL NO. 1 OPEN HEARTH GRIEVE

Our Union has done everything in the past two years except put into practice the sole reason for its existence: Improve the wage and working conditions in the mill.

If I am elected, together with an honest, aggressive Executive Board, and Grievance Committee, we will do all in our power to put the Union back into the business of which it should never have lost sight.

Bringing to the men and women in the mill bigger wages and better working conditions.

Fraternally Yours
Harry Powell

O. H. MCKINSEY, PRESIDENT, NEW CONSTRUCTION

Fellow members of Local Union 1010, Brothers—

I am running for the highest office in our Local Union with one central purpose in mind.

Returning our Local Union to the democracy and union building policies and practices to which we pledged ourselves in the early days.

Any member of Local 1010 who keeps even remotely abreast of its concerns knows me and the record of 11 years service to the Local upon which I am asking for your support.

There are, however, a great many younger members who are not familiar with our history for more than a year or two back. For them, I will recount a little of the experience I have had which, I believe, equips me to carry out the duties of Local Union president.

Beginning with 1937, I was the first chairman of the Grievance Committee; a post at which I served for four years.

In 1942 and 43, I was Vice President of the State Industrial Union Council and, later, was the first State Organizer of the CIO's Political Action Committee in Indiana.

Except for 18 months, in which time I was occupied with other Union activities, I have served steadily on the Grievance Committee.

In addition to the general platform which I touched upon in the first paragraphs. I have two special projects in mind:

1—Restoration of the surplus profit tax with the proceeds to go to subsidize all government pensions, military, old age, etc. By this means, the shrunken pension dollar of 1948 could be made to equal the full dollar value of 1939.

2—Anyone paying premiums upon our group insurance for ten or more years to be permitted to remain a part of the insurance pool.

Further than this, there is no one in Local Union 1010 who is more determined to obtain higher wages and less hours; a fight which must be waged against the company at all times.

If the members select me to head our Local Union, I will carry out the duties of office with the most strict adherence to honesty and justice for all.

Fraternally yours
O. H. MCKINSEY

"ARSHIE BREEN FOR VICE PRESIDENT"

I run for Vice President on the "LABOR BOOSTERS" slate because I believe that our program is sound, reasonable, progressive and constructive. I believe that as Vice President I will be instrumental in carrying out our program by drawing upon my experience in active Union service as griever and member of the Negotiating Committee. When working on the Local's Budget Committee I have always "pushed" for keeping expenses down which has resulted in the fact that our Local is one of the richest in the steel industry.

WILLIAM YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT 40 INCH MILL

The most important reason I have for again running for office in our Union is that I am definitely opposed to having Fred Gillies as Chief Shop Steward and adviser to Local Union 1010.

The company line some of our leading members are following in leading to a company union as weak, as boot licking, as the one we kicked out in 1937 to make way for a fighting union, the SWOC-CIO.

With the International Union backing down without a fight on wages;

With our District Director, Joe Germano, conspiring with Inland's Industrial Relations men to fire sixty-two of our best union brothers who had the guts to stand up against speed up in the Tin Mill;

With the International Representative going over our heads to make deals with the Company on the check-off;

With the International officers and their supporters in Local Union ranks adopting management's anti-Communist hysteria as their own line;

With not a single, solitary gain made against the company by the Local Union in the past two years;

With a man being killed every two weeks, and the jobs of every one of us threatened by management's speed up system and destruction of Union security;

I believe it's up to some of us old timers to forget about the carpet slippers and rocking chair for a while and steer Local Union 1010 back toward the road we were traveling in 1937.

I was one of the twelve original members of Local Union 1010 who met in a coal house on Block Avenue back in 1936 to lay plans for bringing the union into Inland Steel. Some of the other oldtimers are still with us. A couple are dead; and some, the company succeeded in getting rid of and have drifted away.

Those of the group who I recall off hand are Manuel Abernathy; Dewey Moore; Bill Maihoffer; Juan Davilla; Bill Danielson; and Stanley Sherman.

Within a few months we were able to elect a Grievance Committee and settle some long standing grievances with Inland Steel, long before the SWOC-CIO was anything but a

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"YOUNG"

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vague set of lans in any other plant in this area.

We didn't have a contract; we had less than three thousand members; we had damn little treasury; and didn't have a battery of legal advisers.

But we had guts and muscle, and the single purposed support of every union-minded man in Inland Steel. Nobody asked or gave a damn whether you were a Communist, a Catholic, a Negro or anything else in those days.

We fought the company; not each other. Now we've grown to a membership of 10,000 and a treasury of \$117,000. And we can't get a straight answer on such simple grievance as vacation pay.

Luellen laughed in our faces when we demanded a wage increase two months ago.

It's time we forgot the purges and the high-powered political manouvering against each-other, and went back to the old system of everybody in the union against the company.

Those brothers who are at all active in Local Union 1010 know my record and those who aren't probably don't much give a damn; but here it is:

Longest continuous service on the Grievance Committee any place in the entire CIO.

Four years as a Wage and Policy Committeeman; 1937-1939, and 1944-1946.

Firts Vice-President of the State Industrial Union Council.

I am, at present, one of the Board of Trustees o fthe Local Union.

**THOMAS SUROVEK,
VICE PRESIDENT,
COLD STRIP**

For the past two years, I have served on the Executive Board of our Local Union, and I sincerely believe that I have used that position to fight for the rights of our rank and file members.

For the past several years, I have been an active Steward in the Cold Strip Mill.

Standing upon the above named qualifications, I request the support of Local Union 1010's membership of my campaign for Vice President of the Local Union.

"FOR FIN'L SEC'Y"

**FRED MATASAN, FINANCIAL SEC'Y,
MECH. DEPT., 76 INCH MILL**

I am running for the office of Financial Secretary because I believe in doing a job entrusted to me by the membership in a business-like way.

Since I joined the Local Union, I have been one its most active members as those who have taken their turns on dues, picket lines and the other rank and file jobs necessary to building the union and keeping it strong, will easily recall.

My knowledge of Local Union affairs and capabilities to take care of the duties of Financial Secretary are the result of experience gained in the following offices and assignments:

I am at present an Assistant Griever in the 76", Mech. and Electrical Maint., a post which I also held previously.

I served one term as Treasurer of the Local Union.

I have taken an active part in the Lake County Industrial Union Council and in the Lake County Political Action Committee. In both organizations, I served as Recording Secretory.

The Lake County Political Action Committee saw fit to remove me from office this spring for reasons of which I am not ashamed and which, I believe, should be touched upon here.

My own personal convictions are that the members of the CIO have an inalienable right to think for themselves, politically, and, because I would not go back on that prin-

ciple to rubber stamp policies laid down by the International Union, I was removed from office.

I have never avoided taking my full part in any action which came up to build or defend the union, as the active and leading part I took in the short strike of 1945 bears out.

In addition to other union obligations I have been an active Steward in my department and taken the lead in protecting the interest of the men on the jobs in my department.

For these reasons, I have no hesitation in asking for your vote for me as Financial Secretary of Local Union 1010.

FINANCIAL SEC'Y, 44 INCH MILL

TOM CONWAY

The Local Union's books are audited every three months by our own Board of Trustees. Further, the books are audited once every six months by the International Auditor.

If this is not enough evidence to satisfy any individual or group in the Local Union that there has been no mishandling of funds during my term of office, such individuals or groups are entitled to examine the books themselves at any time. They can, if they so wish, employ a professional auditor to make the check for them. Local 1010's books are open to inspection by the membership at all times.

Next to the office of President, the office of Financial Secretary is the most important in your Local Union. For a Local as large as ours, actively participating in many phases of activities it takes months for a new man to become acquainted with this work. It is to the interest of the local and its membership that an experienced, qualified man is elected to this office.

The Financial Secretary is entirely responsible for running the local union office which is the heart of your local. He is responsible for periodic reports to the International Union such as: Terminated and Exonerated Employees, financial reports for such funds as: Local Union Fund, Building Fund, Emergency Fund, Recreational Fund, Steward Fund, Club Bar and our Paper "The Labor Sentinel." He is responsible for maintenance of the building, see that it is kept clean, buying all supplies, instructing the janitor, etc. Scheduling of meetings, dances and other affairs are also the responsibilities of this office.

During the past two years your local has built up a recreational room for the leisure hours of its membership. Here we have a club bar, television, pool tables, ping pong tables, etc. Our intake from dances and the recreation room more than cover our expenses such as rent, telephones, etc.

To interest the young sportsminded membership, we have organized and developed bowling leagues, baseball teams, basketball teams, and a soft-ball league.

Financially, our Local Union is in the best condition it has ever been in its existence. The Building Fund is such that at anytime you may desire we are in a position to purchase a home of our own.

It is on this record, that I am requesting your support, I am a candidate for Financial Secretary on the PROGRESSIVE slate and urge you to support this slate in its entirety. With your continued support, we can make this union what you want it to be.

Tom Conway

**ALEC RUTTLE, TRUSTEE
NO. 1 OPEN HEARTH**

Brother Steelworkers:

In the coming Union elections I am a candidate for the office of trustee.

I have worked at Inland Steel for the past nineteen years, and I have been active in our Union since 1937.

Since 1938, I have been a member of the Recreational Committee and have taken part in all its activities.

During that time, I have worked especially to establish such sport activities as bowling and soft ball for our Union's members.

At present I am one of the two members of the Union who are in charge of the Recreational Rooms of your union. I have always worked in the interest of our Union and will continue to do so.

In closing, I say that the demand of the rank and file will be the orders by which I will conduct the business of my office if I am elected.

**WHY I RUN FOR FINANCIAL SEC'Y.
by PETE CALACCI**

My Union Record:

A member since 1937, when this was not yet a Union but only an Organizing Committee. I have been, and still am, active as grievor, Vice-President of our Local, chairman of our Veterans Committee, member of the International Wage and Policy Committee, and the Lake County Industrial Union Council.

My Main Opponent:

Is Brother Conway who has deserted those who have consistently supported him, and has joined our "Opposition". Check and see on whose slate he is running, and draw your own conclusions. He got our support by claiming to be against those whom he has now joined. A man who thus wavers back and forth, should not be permitted to handle our Union's money.

If elected:

I promise to carry out the policies laid down by the "LABOR BOOSTERS". These policies will show you and everybody else that this Union — and its finances — can be a powerful factor, if properly and honestly guided.

"FOR RECORDING SEC'Y"

**S. M. FALUSI, OF THE "LABOR
BOOSTERS", FOR REC. SECRETARY
— OFFERS IMPROVED SERVICE**

I Steven M. Falusi (Power Department) do hereby solicit your vote for the office of Recording Secretary of Local Union No. 1010, on the "Labor-Boosters" platform that our Union can be modernized to render a greater and speedier service to our members, the kind of service you have long been paying for, but have not been getting. Alone I will not be able to do this. I will need not only your support, but the election of other sincere officers. Many of the improvements and equipment in service of our Union were obtained through my efforts, while many other of my plans for your service were sabotaged by subversive elements who have long had a stranglehold on our Union; let's keep them out hereafter. Do you know who these subversive elements are? They are your enemies as well as mine, they holler about democracy (but don't really believe in the American form of government). They try to be popular, they seize on any gripe and agitate, they smear and sabotage all those who honestly try to run a Union, by and for the American working man. We need to elect men of vision, men of ability, men who believe in the American form of government. What we all want is a more successful Union, more unity, and consider the welfare of our fellow workmen. You will receive many promises from Stalin's Fifth Columnists, they have many plans and tricks to use our freedom to bore in and take over first our Union, then the International, then the government, and with the end of our democracy all those in their way will be bumped off. They have nothing but trouble to offer us. Let's save our Union, let's save our American way of life, no foreign country has anything better to offer us. Get everyone out to vote. Elect the right people, beware of false rumors. I need your support, but vote for good men even if you don't vote for me.

KREITZ FOR JOURNAL AGENT

I have joined the Union because of my honest belief in the labor movement. I have organized the Metallurgical Department which was considered "safe" by the Company. Since becoming Grievance Committee man last January, I have settled seven wage — and seniority cases without filing a single grievance. — As Journal Agent, on the "LABOR BOOSTERS" slate, I guarantee you effective service in countering the Company's propaganda, efficiency in producing our own publicity, and a new and vastly improved "Labor Sentinel". I believe that my educational background will enable me to serve you well.

"RECORDING SEC'Y"

**GEORGE SOPKO,
PRESENT RECORDING SEC'Y.**

Along with keeping minutes of Local Union Executive Board meetings, reading communications, writing letters, etc., the Recording Secretary is also a member of the Executive Board—all of the officers you elect on June 24 will make up the Executive Board, which is the most important committee in your Local Union.

As a member of the Executive Board for the past two years, I am not proud of what we have accomplished. In my opinion the work we have accomplished is nullified by the attitude taken toward the Union by many of you people.

Let's face the cold facts. Some of you are thinking of dropping your membership. Don't do it yourself; you need a Union—ask the old-timers. Then, too, according to the contract, you cannot drop out until next spring, the expiration date. So sign your check-off cards and send them in.

You have the right to choose your local union officers. You also have the right to remove them from office. You can appoint or approve the appointment of any committee to represent you. You elect delegates to conventions and give them instructions on how to vote. I was a delegate to the last Steelworkers Constitutional Convention and received quite an education there which I hope to be able to use to good advantage in the future.

The Inequity Program is not settled. The Company is holding up the remainder of your back pay as a means of pressurizing your committee to approve questionable rates for some of your jobs. The Mechanical, Electrical and Maintenance agreements and classifications still must be negotiated. Being a Mechanical man, I am interested in seeing that a special program for Mechanical-Electrical-Maintenance employees is set up as you want it.

Two years ago Tom Conway and I were elected on the 'Labor Boosters' ticket.

Tom and I don't like the way things have been going, any more than you do, so we have 'deserted' the ranks of the 'Labor Boosters' and have aligned ourselves with other leaders on the 'Progressive' ticket, who, I assure you, will not take orders from Joe Stalin, and will not always say 'yes sir' to the Inland Steel Company and Joe Germino, but will fight for the demands of the Union Members.

For these reasons some of us are being called 'subversive' and 'fifth columnists'. I can say that of **only three known** communists, not one of them is a candidate for local union office on the 'Progressive' ticket, so you can disregard all propaganda stating otherwise. The candidates on the 'Progressive' ticket are interested only in the progress of American Labor, the betterment of our wages and all other working conditions.

In earlier days our Local Union established precedents and patterns that were adopted nationally by the Steelworkers Organization. We must admit we have stagnated. The company, meanwhile, has developed a topnotch labor relations staff that is hard to beat.

One of three things will happen in this election:

1. We get our noses beat down into the gutter, which will teach us all a lesson.
2. We remain in stagnation.

3. We progress to greater achievements by electing good pioneering leaders.

What will you have, boys? You have my opinions. With your full support—and I mean full—we can get things done. Vote for the 'Progressive' ticket candidates. Thank you.

George Sopko

**NICK OLENIK, JOURNAL AGENT,
BLAST FURNACE**

I have been an active Union man in the Blast Furnace Department for several years. I believe that my knowledge of Local Union 1010's concerns fits me for the office of Journal Agent and I, therefore, ask your support.

"LABOR SENTINEL"**"RECORDING SEC'Y"**

**FRANK GORDEN, REC. SEC'Y.,
76 INCH MILL**

I am running for the office of Recording Secretary first, because my activities in behalf of the Local Union since the earliest days of 1937 prove that I consider the interests of the membership above all other things; and secondly, because I have specialized experience that will enable me to carry out the duties of Recording Secretary.

In 1927 I was voluntary organizer.

At present, I am a Assistant Griever in the 76" mill, Finishing End. In addition to serving in that capacity, I am also the Recording Secretary of Group No. 5.

Because I believe that the welfare of organized labor must be defended, and new gains must be gained by political action as well as direct management-union negotiations, I have devoted some of my time to that phase of Union activity.

I am a member of the Lake County Industrial Union Council and Chairman of its Joint Defense Committee, a body set up to anti-labor actions under the Taft-Hartley law.

I am also Recording Secretary of the East Chicago Political Action Committee.

Considering these qualifications, I solicit your vote for my bid to the Office of Recording Secretary of Local Union 1010.

"TREASURER"**I "RUN" FOR TREASURER**

I, Joseph Gulik, employed at the 44 inch hot strip mill slab yard, and a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer in Local 1010 on the LABOR BOOSTERS SLATE, take this opportunity to make known my personal views, and my platform, in this coming election, on June 24th.

I sincerely believe, that we, who depend upon the steel industry for a livelihood, must form a compact unit to preserve and to strengthen our union, in order to maintain an aggressive organization for the betterment of labor as a whole. If we fail in this, brothers, all that we have built up and all that we have accomplished by hard work in the last decade, will have gone for naught. You and I know, that the present congress and management, regardless of what they may tell us, would like nothing better than to disintegrate our union, and stamp out, by law if possible, our rights as union members, and our rights as American citizens, to stand up together and fight for a decent and high standard of living for our families and ourselves. This must not, and shall not happen if we unite in a solid front, with but one idea as our ultimate goal; that being the elevation of labor to the highest possible American level and to fight those that jeopardize our right to do so. Below I have outlined my platform:

1. If elected, I will endeavor to justify the faith you people had in me by discharging my duties of office, promptly, and conscientiously.

2. I will be fair and broadminded in any position I may take, on any and all issues in which I may become involved.

3. My voice at the executive board meetings shall be heard loudly and often with one thought in mind; the will and good of the rank and file of our union.

4. I am whole heartedly opposed to discrimination in any shape or form. Certainly against discrimination toward race, creed, or color. I will go all out to bring about the upgrading of the Negro and Mexican peoples, especially those of you, whom, in the past have been held down by race and color discrimination.

With this in mind, I urge you, and by you I mean every member of our Local 1010, to get out and vote, so as to set a record at the union hall, the likes of which has never been seen before, to show the people of our nation, that we are interested, and that we are active in our local union affairs, to be assured of collective bargaining by our union. I trust that you will give me and my slate your consideration and support. I thank you.

Fraternally yours, Joseph Gulik.

"TREASURER"

**SYLVESTER (BUSTER) LOGAN,
TREASURER, COKE PLANT**

I started to work at Inland in 1929. That was in the open shop days, when no working man, and particularly no Negro, had any of the protection or guaranteed rights that we gained in 1937 with the coming of the Union. So I know and value the United Steelworkers of America, and Local Union 1010, and, in spite of differences both with other members and with top leadership, I will do everything possible to keep the union strong in Inland Steel.

I am convinced that we are going to need a large fund in our Treasury, before the coming two-year terms of office are finished, and I will, therefore, use the position of Treasurer to build and conserve union money.

At present, I am serving as Grievance Committeeman for the Coke Plant.

As to my stand on Local and International Union affairs in general, it is summed up by the Program of the Progressive Slate upon which I am running.

Since I am a graduate of Washington High School, East Chicago, I believe my educational qualifications are sufficient for the duties falling to Treasurer of the Local Union.

**RUSSEL (RUSTY) WILLIAMS,
TREASURER,
BLAST FURNACE PIPE GANG**

I have been active in our Union since 1941. During that time, I have been an Assistant Griever, an office which I now hold; Blast Furnace Safety Committee Chairman; and an active Steward at all times.

I have been appointed Picket Captain of my shift in each of the strikes which have occurred at Inland Steel since 1941, and have never missed a dues picket line or any other activity in which the best interests of Local Union 1010 needed to be defended or advanced.

I want to emphasize here that I am particularly against prejudice towards any union man or woman because of their race, color, or religious beliefs.

I am asking the Local's members to support the Action Slate so that you will have men to represent you who are not afraid to talk up to management or any place else where it counts.

**JERRY FORD, INNER GUARD
YARDS DEPARTMENT**

I am seeking re-election to the office of Inner Guard.

I am grateful to the members of Local 1010, for having elected me to this post before, and, if they choose to return me to that office, I will continue to serve them to the best of my ability.

Fraternally Yours

JERRY FORD

**JOHN JAWORSKI
GALVANIZER SHEET MILL**

In running for the office of Inner Guard on the "LABOR BOOSTERS" slate, I am advocating the program and principles expounded by the "LABOR BOOSTERS" — I am presently the Assistant Griever in the Galvanizer and Sheet Mill. — I am also running for Griever in these departments. My qualifications are that I am a good Union man, conscientious in my work and will do the best I can to see to it that the Union people at the Inland Steel Company get the best breaks possible.

**FRED KREMER,
COMPENSATION COMMITTEEMAN,
BLAST FURNACE**

I have been in the labor movement for a good many years and have, consequently, a wide understanding of what steelworkers require and are entitled to in the way of compensation benefits.

I was formerly an Assistant Grievance Committeeman in the 75 inch mill.

OUTER GUARD**SAM JONES COKE PLANT**

I am running for Outer Guard and Grievance Committeeman of the Coke Plant. This is my first attempt at any position in the Local Union. I am employed in the Coke Plant and been a member of this Union for a long time. I am willing to do all I can to help this organization grow and make progressive gains for our Union members. I am advocating the program of the "LABOR BOOSTERS" and am whole heartedly in accord with their principles. I ask all my friends and fellow workers to get out and vote for me and the rest of the "LABOR BOOSTERS" on Election Day.

MERCED VELASQUEZ.**OUTER GUARD,****NO. 1 OPEN HEARTH**

I have been employed by Inland Steel since 1922 and a member of Local Union 1010 since 1937.

Except for being a Steward in my department, which I have been for ten years, I have never before sought Union office. I have, never-the-less, attended meetings regularly and done my full share of picketing in all strikes in our Local's history.

I fully support the Program of the Progressive Ticket upon which I am running.

GUIDE**DON BLACK, GUIDE,****PLANT NO. 1 PIPE SHOP**

I have been an employee of Inland Steel since 1940 and a member of Local Union 1010 for the same length of time. Although I have never taken leadership in the Local's activities until the past year, I have always kept informed of what is going on and did my share of picketing and what ever other duties fall to rank and file members.

For the past year, I have been Chairman of the Recreational Committee, and have during that time gotten a very good idea of how Local Union affairs are administered and of what remains to be done.

I have used my position on the Recreation Committee to give the membership as good a program as we are capable of doing. If I am elected to the post of Guide, I will use my vote on the Executive Board in the same spirit; to further policies that are in the immediate interest of the local's membership.

STEVE ZARAGOZA 10 in. and 14 in. Mill

I am running for the position of Guide in our Local Union. I feel that it is a responsible job and will give it my fullest attention. I will cooperate fully with the other Local Union Officers on the Executive Board to see to it that we have a clean Union administration based upon true trade Union principles. I am running on the "LABOR BOOSTERS" slate because I feel their program is one that will give the Local Union the utmost in service and reliable leadership.

I sincerely urge all of my friends and fellow workers to vote for me and the other candidates running on the "LABOR BOOSTERS" program.

MAX LUNA, GUIDE, 44 INCH MILL

I have been an active Union man since 1937. I was formerly a Grievance Committeeman for the Plate Mill, and have taken a leading part in all strikes that have occurred at Inland Steel since the first days of organization under the CIO.

ROBERT MILLERS SAYS —

Due to my occupation in the Plant (Chemist in No. 2 Open Hearth) I am in a position to know and meet many people and learn what kind of Union they want. With this knowledge, the help of you, and the ideas in the "LABOR BOOSTERS" program, I honestly intend to give you the service you deserve, if elected as Trustee.

DEWEY MOORE SAYS —

As a Union member of long standing, of active experience as Staff Representative and Grievance Committeeman, I believe I can be of real service to you. The job of Trustee is a responsible one, and with your help and the principles of the "LABOR BOOSTERS" program, I know I can do it.

LABOR SENTINEL**E. L. DITMARS FOR TRUSTEE**

In accepting to run as a Trustee on the "LABOR BOOSTERS" slate, I feel I have made a choice that every Union member should follow. The issues that prevail within our Local Union today and have been so badly misconstrued to you at the plant gates and on our Local Union floor can all be corrected by your backing the "LABOR BOOSTERS" candidates. I have been a Grievance Committeeman in the Transportation Department for three (3) years, and am a candidate for this office again this election. I have devoted a lot of my time as an active Union member by keeping in regular attendance at all meetings and so be able to have a clear picture of our Local Union's activities.

The platform of the "LABOR BOOSTERS" can be accomplished once you have elected the people and by so doing remove the internal fighting within your Union that has made it impossible to make these gains. When I became active in your Union I expected to devote 100% of union time to fight the Company to obtain better working conditions and rates of pay, not in fighting internal situations that have no bearing on obtaining these conditions. Get out and vote yourself a strong Union.

AUGUST SLADCIK,**TRUSTEE,****PLANT NO. 1 MILLS**

I joined the Union in 1939 and have been active in it since 1940.

From 1940 to 1944, I was Recording Secretary of Group No. 9, Chief Shop Steward in 1945, and Grievance Committeeman from 1946 to the present date.

In addition to the above duties, I have been a Shop Steward, approved by the Group, since 1939.

I support the rest of the Candidates on the Progressive Slate because I believe they sincerely mean to carry out the Program upon which we are campaigning.

I also wish to say, however, that if elected to the office of Trustee, or to another term as Grievance Committeeman in my department, I will not permit factional politics to stand in the way of serving the interests of the entire membership to the best of my capabilities.

**JAMES (JIM) STONE, TRUSTEE,
COLD STRIP**

I am running for Trustee of our Local Union because, if I am elected, my vote on the Executive Board will be cast for action to stop the backward trend of our Local and International Union in the face of attack by Inland and all other steel companies.

One Local Union does not decide policies for the whole United Steelworkers of America, but one united and progressive Local can be of considerable influence in demanding a bargaining not a begging attitude on the part of our leaders in their dealings with the corporations.

As to where I stand on local problems and the solution of them, it is outlined in the Program of the Progressive Ticket. I endorse that Program and the other candidates 100% and will work faithfully to see that it is carried out.

I have been an active member of Local Union 1010 since 1937 and am at present Chief Shop Steward of the Cold Strip.

**PAUL BRAUER, JOURNAL AGENT
76 INCH MILL**

Your Journal Agent sets the music for your paper and your Union's publicity. I, Paul Brauer, feel that my background and experiences make me especially qualified for this office. I have been an active member from the very early days of the organization of Inland Steel Co., the Strike in '37 . . . the dues Inspection lines of '38 and '39 and the only gap in my activity was my service in the Army. My experiences in the Army both in the States and in France, Germany and Austria make me able to see the Vets problems more clearly and also try to do something about it. I believe the Sentinel should have its feet rooted in East Chicago . . . cause that's where we work. I was born on Main Street in the Harbor about 31 years ago and went to Lincoln & Riley Elementary Schools and graduated Washington High School with the class of '35. Work on the Art and Literary Staffs of the Senior Anvil . . . writing for union bulletins have given me ample opportunity to use the written word as forcefully and

WILLIAM MOWELL,**TRUSTEE,****BLAST FURNACE**

I have been an active Steward in the Blast Furnace ever since I first went to work there in 1939. I have also attended closely to the affairs of the whole Local Union and I believe that I am fully capable of serving the membership to their best advantage on the Board of Trustees.

**MIKE NOCH, TRUSTEE,
PLANT NO. 1 WELD SHOP**

I am, at present, an active Steward in my department. Formerly, I served as Grievance Committeeman for the Machine Shop, and have taken part in all the activities of Local Union 1010 since its beginning.

I believe my record justifies a vote for me for the post of Trustee.

EARL KING, TRUSTEE, COKE PLANT

I have been a Trustee of Local Union 1010 for the past two years.

Besides that position, I have also been Assistant Griever in the Coke Plant, an active Steward, and a member of the Local Union's Anti-Discrimination Committee.

I request your support for my candidacy for another term as Trustee and pledge to continue using that post to further the best interests of the whole Union.

**CARL STANLEY,
COMPENSATION COMMITTEEMAN,
TRANSPORTATION DEPT.**

As Chairman of the Sick Committee, I have made exactly one thousand, one hundred and three calls upon sick and injured members of Local Union 1010, both in their homes and in the several hospitals of East Chicago, Gary, Hammond, and Chicago in which these unfortunate Brothers and Sisters of the Local have been confined.

The majority of these calls have been mostly a matter of letting the people know that Local Union 1010 is concerned about their welfare and to make certain that none of them are being gyped out of insurance or compensation benefits that they are coming.

In several cases, however, particularly among the Spanish speaking and foreign born Brothers, I have been able to obtain compensation benefits of which these Brothers did not even know.

In eight cases, payment of insurance was obtained from outside insurance companies, and in several other instances, we were able to get higher settlements for injuries from the Inland Company because I, as part of my duties, investigated every case of injury cases.

Outstanding cases in this connection are those of Carl Shearer, Anthony Rodriguez, Sylvester Ferdinand, Jesu Villapando, Andrew Noxon, Ignace Steglich, Jim Palo and James O'Neil.

Because of the experience I have gained in visiting those stricken by accident or illness, and in my efforts to get the best possible settlement of their claims, I believe I am well qualified for the office of Compensation Committeeman for our Local Union.

Another circumstance which is of great value to the work of Compensation Committee is that I speak five European languages and have enough Spanish to understand and make myself understood to those Brothers whose English is not good.

I was a member of the first organizing Committee for our union in 1936 and have been active in its concerns ever since. Present, I have the highest score in our Local Union for signing up new members.

Because of the above qualifications, I request your vote for the office of Compensation Committee.

as clearly as you are accustomed to my speech words. Housing-Veteran-School-Union-City actions have to be handled by people who are part of them . . . no book is going to give one quick and ready answers to the day to day answers to these problems. I, Paul Brauer, feel that I am more than qualified to meet any or new angles to your problems. As Grievance Committeeman before going into the Army . . . I first hand participation in the struggle your Union. Paul Brauer

LABOR SENTINEL

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For the People of the Calumet Region

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Special Mechanical and Electrical Meeting

ED., JULY 7, 7:30 P.M.
All plant electrical and mechanical maintenance men are invited to attend this meeting unless you are working 4-12.

Delegates from all departments are also urged to attend.

The Inland Steel Co. has given your Negotiating Committee the company's proposals for a mechanical and electrical agreement.

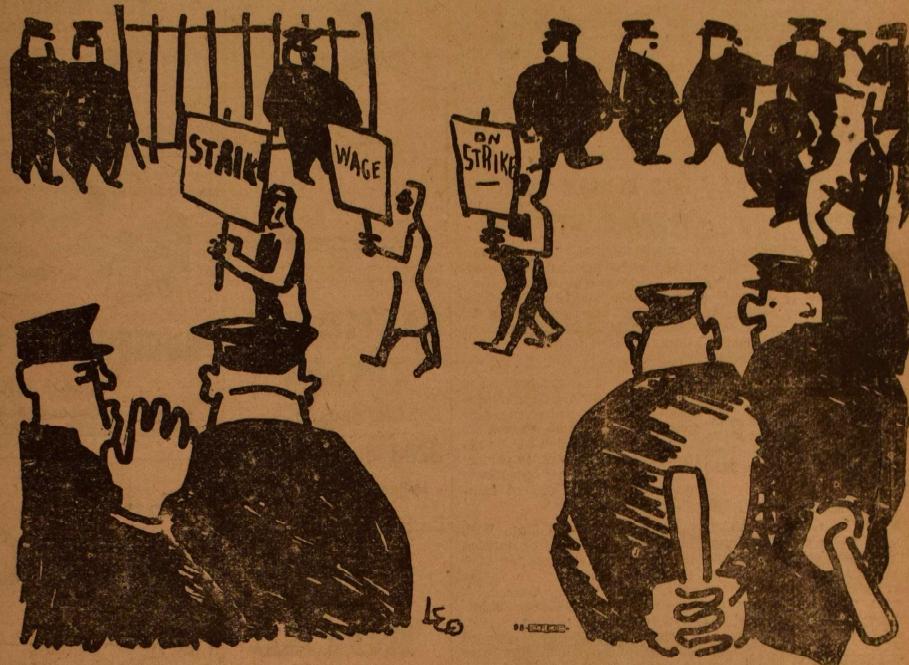
This proposal cannot be accepted by your Committee in its present form.

It must be rewritten. Your recommendations will be considered.

Mr. Luehlen has stated that adjustments will be made in this agreement is signed.

Your seniority, promotions, rates of pay, and working conditions are at stake.

Be there promptly at 7:30.
Inequity Negotiating Committee.



'Damned... trying to start a police state here.'

Reprint from THE UNION

Progressive Slate Wins out of 13 LU 1010 Offices

More than four thousand members of Local Union 1010 trooped in and out of headquarters Thursday, June 26, to select leadership and set Local Union policy for the coming two years.

Final count of the ballots at 6 P.M. Friday established but two candidates on the Progressive slate, headed Harry Powell, elected to Local Union office. Although majorities were decisive enough to warrant consideration, the Progressive platform a mandate from the membership, the winning ticket did not sweep the field.

came somewhat fevered in the 24 hours preceding the polls' opening, election day itself was comparatively calm. A few arguments generated considerable heat, but no licks were passed.

Induction of the incoming Executive Board will be made at the regular membership meeting Thursday, July 1st.

Jerry Ford, Yards Dept., re-elected as Inner Guard, received the highest vote, 1572, cast for any candidate on the ballot. Sam Jones, Coke Plant, and Merced Velasquez, No. 1 Open Hearth, who contested for Outer Guard, received votes of 1340 and 1341 respectively. After seven painstaking recounts, Brother Jones was declared high man by the Election Committee.

Official Count disclosed the following tallies:



FOR PRESIDENT		JOURNAL AGENT	36" MILL
Robert Elliot	384	Paul Brauer	1602*
Don Lutes	1093	Frank Kretz	1098
O. H. McKinsey	264		
Harry Powell	1311*		
FOR VICE PRESIDENT		COMPENSATION COMM.	BLAST FURNACE
Archie Breen	1081	Glenn Cramer	988
Thomas Surovek	481	Fred Kremer	445
William Young	1460*	Carl Stanley	1424*
FOR RECORDING SEC'Y.		GRIEVANCE COMMITTEEMEN:	COKE PLANT
George Sopko	1475*	Dewey Moore	Buster Logan
Steve Falusi	814	Gene Waslevich	Sam Jones
Frank Gordon	358	F. V. Jones	
FINANCIAL SEC'Y.		PLATE MILL	PLANCO
Tom Conway	1510*	F. Gardner	31
Henry Brokskar	231	J. Jaworski	19
Pete Calacci	841		
Fred Matasar	58		
TREASURER		SHEET & GALVANIZE	NO. 1 O. M.
Joe Bucec	270	F. Gardner	34
Joe Gulik	996	J. Jaworski	19
Buster Logan	1138*	Don Lutes	114
Rusty Williams	488	Robert Elliot	96
GUIDE		76" HOT STRIP & FINISHING	NO. 2 O. M.
Don Black	1435*	4" & 76" SLAB YARDS	H. Powell
Max Luna	493	46" BLOOMER	
Steve Zaragoza	964	Peter Calacci	105
INNER GUARD		4" HOT STRIP & FINISHING	NEW CONSTRUCTION
Jerry Ford	1572*	MILL	O. H. McKinsey
John Jaworski	1078	Frank Bednar	164
OUTER GUARD		COLD STRIP	
Sam Jones	1341*	Harold Kraft	196
Merced Velasquez	1340	Joe Knight	55
TWO YEAR TRUSTEES		TRANS. & YARDS	MACHINE SHOP
Ed Ditmars	1078*	Emil Strimbu	George Sopko
E. Dolatowski	359	J. Bekizo	102
Fred Hill	339		
Alex Huttle	1147*	Ed Ditmars	
Earl King	471	H. Harper	
Robert Miller	737		
Dewey Moore	780		
William Mowell	384		
Mike Noch	324		
August Sladek	906		
Jim Stone	1017*	28" MILL	LABORATORY MET. INSP. COMB.
		Bill Young	Frank Kretz
		10" & 14" MILL	32
		Steve Zaragoza	

All members of Local Union 1010 are urged to fill out the check off cards they received from the company and turn them in immediately. In cases where members have lost or destroyed their cards, duplicates will be provided in the Financial Secretary's office. Filled out cards may be turned in either to Inland's offices or to the Union Office, 3436 Michigan Ave.

Signed

Thomas Conway
Financial Sec'y.
LU 1010, USA-CIO

June 30, 1946

LABOR 'Round the World

FRANCE

PARIS — (ALN) — A great strike wave, spreading through south central and northeastern France, promises repetition of last winter's nationwide general stoppage. The French government has been called into special session to deal with the walkouts, which began June 16 in protest against forcible police eviction of sitdown strikers at Clermont-Ferrand, in which 150 from a big rubber factory at were injured. Wide-spread strike action has been expected in France for some weeks, in view of persistent government rejection of a French General Confederation of Labor (CGT) demand for a 20% wage hike to cope with rising costs of living.

BELGIUM

BRUSSELS — (ALN) — The Belgian Metal Workers Federation pulled its 250,000 members off the job June 15, paralyzing Belgian industry in a protest against government failure to grant a 5% wage increase and raise low taxes on corporation profits as demanded by major unions. U.S.-owned Ford, General Motors, Chrysler and Bell Telephone Co. plants in Antwerp were among those completely shut down by the walkout. Present wages in those plants run from \$2.50 to \$4.50 a day.

BRITAIN

LONDON — (ALN) — About 7,000 of London's 25,000 longshoremen have halted unloading of over 100 ships in protest against penalties imposed on men who asked extra pay for unloading a "dirty cargo" of zinc oxide.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE — (ALN) — Another labor leader became head of his country's government when Pres. Antonin Zapotocky of the Czech trade unions was named Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia June 13. Zapotocky, 64, began his working life as an office boy. He has been union member or official for 40 years, and suffered imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp for his activity.

IRE (IRELAND)

DUBLIN — (ALN) — Striking workers at Dublin's biggest department store, Clery & Co., have offered to buy the store from its present owners who put it up for sale shortly after the walkout began. The workers are negotiating the deal through a committee specially set up for the purpose. They want priority over other would-be buyers.

GERMANY

BERLIN — (ALN) — German workers were shocked by release of Hugo Stinnes Jr., top steel industrialist, by a denazification court subject to Anglo-American occupation authorities. Stinnes dodged responsibility for helping lead Hitler's war effort by claiming he was a "follower" of the Nazis, not an active party member. The Stinnes family became the most important in German industry in the 1920s, when Hugo Sr., father of the present bearer of the name, smashed strikes and profited from post-World War I inflation, consolidating his position afterwards with the aid of Wall Street loans.

MEXICO

MEXICO CITY — (ALN) — Oil workers' unions in Mexico and Venezuela have decided to call a conference of oil unions throughout Latin America to set up a Latin American Oil Workers' Federation. The meeting will take place before the end of July at a Latin American capital to be chosen during June. The idea first came up at the recent convention of the Latin American Federation of Labor (CTAL).

PUERTO RICO

SAN JUAN — (ALN) — Ignoring widespread popular protests, Gov. Jesus T. Pinero has signed the three "Puerto Rican Mundt bills" which were rushed through the legislature early in June. "Conspiracy" clauses in these bills can mean heavy jail sentences for strikers, unionists and members of organizations advocating Puerto Rican independence. Both authors and publishers of articles demanding an end to U.S. colonial rule may face 10 years' imprisonment, with or without a fine of \$10,000.

IT'S PHILLY FOR THIRD PARTY TOO

NEW YORK — (FP) — A formal call to the national founding convention of the third party to be held in Philadelphia July 23-25 was issued here by the Natl. Wallace for President Committee.

The Wallace organization said about 2,500 delegates and alternates will attend the convention "to organize the new party nationally, to choose its name, to adopt rules for its democratic government, to perfect its platform and to consolidate its ranks for the crucial campaign of 1948."

State parties and state Wallace committees will be entitled to send four delegates for each Presidential elector in their state. Headquarters have been opened in the Bellevue Stratford hotel, Philadelphia.

The convention call charged that the old party leaders "owe their allegiance to profit, not to people; to private power, not to the national interest. They will present the electorate with two sets of candidates, but a single program. They will offer the people no real choice."

Bust Only Delayed By ERP Says CIO Research Department

WASHINGTON — (FP) — The big corporations are now engaged in a concerted effort to prevent American workers from bargaining for wage raises to offset the drop in real wages since the war's end, the CIO says in its June Economic Outlook. Stating that the workers since 1944 have taken a 15.7% cut in real wages, the Outlook asks: "Should the men, women and children who have been eating fresh fruit and vegetables, milk and meat go back to a diet of cornbread and peas?" The NAM, the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations in the big business propaganda drive say "Yes." The CIO says "No."

The Outlook notes that the drop in real income has not been accompanied by a great collapse in employment, as in previous periods of special post-war factors. "At present," it warns, "we are kept going by the European Recovery Program (Marshall plan) and a preparedness program."

"But the removal of these artificial props would mean the falling off of real earnings and result as before in depression. What is needed in America to sustain full employment and full production under normal conditions is the maintenance of a high consumption level economy not bolstered by such temporary props as ERP and the preparedness program."

The Outlook contrasted the 10.6% rise in cash wages for workers between 1939 and 1946 with the 34.2% boost in profits

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of the corporations. In those years, it showed, the wage share of the national income went from 65.3% down to 61.5%, while the profit share rose from 8.9% to 13.8%.

But big business, it said, does not talk about that.

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Pension Suit Filed by 1010 Resting T-H-

WASHINGTON—(FP)—

A frontal attack on the political affidavit clause of the Taft-Hartley act was launched June 26 by the United Steelworkers (CIO) in the circuit court of appeals.

A brief filed for the union by attorneys Arthur Goldberg and Frank Donner asks the court to order the NLRB to disregard the affidavit clause, Section 9h of Taft-Hartley, in connection with the steelworkers case against the Inland Steel Co.

Along with almost all parts of Taft-Hartley, section 9h has been under attack before, but the steelworkers action marks the first time 9h has been singled out for concentrated legal fire.

The case arose when the N.R.B. ordered Inland Steel to bargain with the steel union on pensions on condition that the union filed both financial and non-communist affidavits. The union filed the financial but refused to file the political affidavits on the ground that by complying it would violate the U.S. Constitution.

The NLRB refused to act further in the Inland Steel case. The United Steelworkers have now asked the court to order the NLRB to continue with the case. If the request is granted, section 9h would be invalidated.

The steelworkers' brief said that "section 9h is the most severe provision of a severe statute, the labor-management relations act of 1947." The brief charges that 9h "goes farther than any previous statutory attempt to suppress the freedoms guaranteed by the first amendment (to the Constitution). Section 9h is an attempt to restrict freedom of belief."

CIO Pres. Philip Murray is on record against communism. However, the brief cited the 1944 report of the House un-American activities committee as charging communist leanings by the CIO Political Action Committee. Thus, the brief said, there is no defense against smear attacks and attempts to prove guilt by association. By filing a T-H noncommunist affidavit, Murray could be subject to legal penalties even though he is in truth anti-communist himself.

The brief closes with a ringing defense of civil liberties. It said: "Section 9h violates those standards of fair dealing which are the basis of our constitutional guarantees. It requires the rapid and decisive condemnation of this court."

CIO STRIKES HARVESTER

More than 40,000 workers walked off their jobs this week in a strike at the 12 plants of the International Harvester chain in Chicago and the Middle West. The strike was called by the United Farm Equipment & Metal Workers Union, CIO, whose union negotiators failed to reach settlement on terms of a new contract. The strike was effective at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, June 29.

Agreement had been reached on wages, with the boys who make the tractors set for a substantial hike, but the talks stalled on other issues. Spokesmen for the union said management wanted to go back to the days before the union in seniority provisions particularly.

At press time negotiations were still continuing.

Demotion of Davis, Tin Mill Scab Antiscab Craneman making good money Nipped by Steward but not much of it

A couple of days before the final stab in the back which broke the shearman's strike in the Tin Mill Black Plate, Brother Gilbert Davis refused to run his crane, 24-a, in order to keep the scab manned shears operating.

Owing to the solid organization of the Cold Strip cranemen, with which management did not care to trifl at that delicate point, Davis was not fired. But Chas. McLeod, Asst. Supt. of the Cold Strip, apparently has Davis singled out for special attention.

On Wednesday, June 23, while Local Union 1010 was convulsed in the final hours of the election campaigns, Davis was summoned into McLeod's office and curtly informed that he was being demoted on vague grounds of "unsatisfactory performance."

McLeod arrogantly brushed aside Davis's request that his Union Representative be called in on the interview.

"Stone's not here," the Asst. Sup't. evaded, and, indicating that the matter was closed, scheduled Davis out on a lower paid job.

Stone (Griever Steward for the cranemen) was there, however, fairly bright and quite early Monday morning.

Together with Davis, Stone demanded of McLeod why the craneman had, contrary to contract provisions, been denied advice of his Union Representative when he had been called in for a disciplinary interview.

McLeod first denied refusing to call in a Representative and then resorted to abusive language to cover up his by-passing of contract obligations.

Convinced that there was no chance of reaching an understanding on a basis of reason with the Asst. Superintendent, Stone walked out of the office and contacted McLeod's superior, Supt. Barnes.

With all the circumstances laid before him, Barnes agreed that Davis had been demoted without due consideration.

Davis will continue operating crane No. 24-a.

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MINERS' PAY UP A BUCK BY PEACEFUL PACT

WASHINGTON—(FP)—A complete victory for the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) loomed June 25 as all soft coal operators except those in the steel industry agreed to sign a new one-year contract here with the miners.

Terms of the contract won by UMW Pres. John L. Lewis and other mineworkers' negotiators were reported to include a \$1 per day pay raise and increases in tonnage royalties going into the miners' pension fund. It was estimated the fund would now receive about \$100 million a year, while the average daily pay for miners would be about \$14.

Harry M. Moses, representing the captive mines owned directly by the steel corporations, balked at signing. Moses admitted he had previously been

Two Years' Back Pay Won By UE-CIO Men

CHICAGO—(FP)—Back pay checks for two years wages have finally been paid to six workers who were fired by the General Electric X-Ray Corp. in May 1946 for joining the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO). The checks range from \$462 to \$3,591.

The NLRB's order for restitution was based on the Wagner act as it was before passage of the Taft-Hartley law. The six joined the UE organizing drive after withdrawing from the Int'l. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) under the escape period of its maintenance of membership clause.

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Time to Get Down to Work

Unless the International Union kicks up a few post-balloting dodos about Nick Migan and a few other electees who do not bear Joe Germano's Seal of Approval, local elections in 1010 are over for another two years.

Campaigning this year was carried out, as usual, Dogpatch style. Names were called and personalities dragged in by all three factions. But in the main elections were based on a sharp difference in union outlook and practice.

The Progressive faction was put into office, leave us face it, less because of overwhelming confidence vested in them by the membership than out of a revolt against delayed final payment of inequities, no wage raise, and mounting bureaucracy in the International Union.

Regardless of how and why the new Executive Board and Grievance Committee were chosen, they have an unprecedented chance to prove genuine leadership.

They cannot, however, wrest wage increases from the company, settle the Inequity Program, check the speed up and man-killing in the plant, or do anything else that's in the actual interests of the members who elected them merely by fighting opponents in Union ranks. These things are not accomplished by sharp deals or top bracket maneuvering either.

If Inland Steel's rough riding over the Local Union is to be stopped; if the company is to be forced into reopening wage negotiations, there's only one way to do it:

Use the full weight of the membership without any footsie-footsie about it.

We suggest, as a beginning operation, organization of a demonstration in the streets surrounding the Main office to convince Gillies that kicking in with a few cents' raise might be better tactics than butting into Local Union 1010's politics.

The membership, despite the sound and fury of the campaign, is willing to back Powell or anybody else who sincerely serves their interests.



WIN BACK PAY

Members of the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) fired for union organizing activities by General Electric X-Ray Corp. in Chicago in May, 1946, wave checks of \$462 to \$5,591 which the union won after a two-year fight. The case was possible under the Wagner act, then in operation.

(Federated Pictures)

THE Washington SCENE

By Richard Sasuly

The Republican Leopard Changes a Couple of Spots

For the first time in 20 years the Republicans seem to be convinced that they can win a national election. The last time they thought they had it in the bag was 1928 when they no minuted Herbert Hoover.

Since the Republicans thought they could win with both, it is worthwhile to compare the GOP 1928 and 1948 platforms.

Looking backward, the Hoover platform of '28 seems quite simple. The main theme was simple. Leave us alone, the big business operatives behind the Republicans said, and we will put a chicken in every pot.

That poor chicken turned out to be a scrawny bird. It almost died of starvation when the depression hit a year later.

Hoover's platform also talked about high tariffs and prohibition. Concerning social security, collective bargaining, public power and the like, the platform was silent. The Republicans didn't admit their existence.

The Dewey platform of 1948 sounds different.

It says that "government should take all needed steps to strengthen and develop public health". The government should also "provide security for the aged" and "promote a stable economy".

Now, in 1948, the Republicans admit that there is such a thing as organized labor. The platform says:

"The rights and obligations of workers are commensurate with the rights and obligations of employers and they are interdependent." That is a ham-fisted kind of sentence which can go on forever: up is the opposite of down and down is the opposite of up and add them together and you are right in the middle.

In one daring burst of liberalism the Republicans of 1948 cut a little ivy off the grave of Lincoln and quote from the Great Emancipator: "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the story present."

Of course it is all a mess of nonsense, lies and fairy tales for grownup people. The Republican party of today is the same organization it was in 1928. To make sure no one missed the point, the 1948 GOP convention saved its biggest demonstration for Hoover, the depression king himself.

In 1948 as in 1928 the corporations called the turns. If all the millions back of Dewey were laid end to end they would make any honest bookkeeper rub his eyes and jump on the waterwagon.

What changed in those twenty years was not the Republican party but the American people. The Republicans are still obliged to win votes. They cannot do so unless their campaign promises bear some resemblance to what the people want.

In the course of the twenty years the country has seen and learned from a depression, a New Deal and a war. The labor movement has swelled in strength, past the 15 million mark. The ideas of social progress have soaked into the language of every day life.

The corporations still hate such ideas. But the politicians who from them must pay lip service to the ideas. The attacks against the interests of the people are now covered in pleasant words.

WALLSTREET and You

By the Economist

THE STEEL TRUST AND POSTWAR PROSPERITY

A recent U. S. Supreme Court decision highlighted growth of monopoly power in this country. The court proved by a 5 to 4 decision the acquisition by U. S. Steel an independent steel producer on the Pacific coast.

The minority opinion strongly condemned the majority in which "little, independent units are gobbled up by ones." It went on to state that "size in steel is the measure of the power of a handful of men over our economy."

That power is being exercised by the steel trust against the welfare of the country. The postwar inflation which has undermined the living standards of the people has been stoked by the giant steel corporations.

The steel corporations blackmailed the government into permitting a rise of \$5 a ton early in 1946. As a year ago they raised prices again by \$5 to \$10 a ton behind the false pretext that they were compelled to make the increases because of higher coal prices. Last fall they again raised prices for the third time.

To alibi their failure to grant the steel workers a justified wage increase, the steel corporations reduced prices by \$75 million a year a couple of months ago. As against this reduction, they had increased prices by over \$750 million in the past two years. Now the trade press reports that the steel corporations are preparing to put through a fourth round of inflationary price increases.

The steel trust can put through these increases because of its tight monopoly controls. The four largest steel corporations—U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Republic and Jones & Laughlin—between them control some 65% of the nation's steel ingot capacity. U. S. Steel alone controls more than 35%.

The steel trust has used this power to raise prices and, in turn, its action set off thousands of other inflationary price increases throughout the economy. It has also used its power to perpetuate and accentuate existing steel shortages so as to continue a sellers' market in which the corporations can go whole hog for profits.

BALKS AT EXPANSION

Before the war the steel trust refused to expand capacity. The government had to carry through the job at its own expense. The government paid directly for steel plants which it built, and it paid indirectly for the steel plants the corporations built through tax refunds.

Now that the economy needs more steel for maintaining high level employment, the steel trust again refuses to expand capacity. Current output is running about 85 million tons a year. About 95 million tons are needed to sustain the present level of employment.

But U. S. Steel and the other giant corporations insist that current capacity is excessive and that only two-thirds of capacity will be needed by 1950. With the steel industry running at this level, unemployment would amount to about 14 million.

The government and the courts have contributed to this monopoly blackmail by the steel trust. When the war ended, the government turned over the major plants built during wartime to the steel corporations for a fraction of their cost. And now the Supreme Court has approved the further extension of monopoly power in the industry, although the minority justices in their decision emphasized that the steel monopoly "creates gross inequalities against existing or putative competitors" and is "a social menace—because of its control of prices."

Many other industries ever, have granted wage increases since 1940 in excess of the rise in cost of living. In

the wage increase was 6%

in metals other than iron

in rubber 82.8%, in soft

90.2% in northern field

lumber 103.1% and in m

127.4%.

The GM formula in all industries would entitle only to the 3c improvement and the question is even raised whether it could not be pressed by employers, as the Ford Motor

has already suggested to workers.

In Detroit tool and die under contract with the negotiations on the 20c hourly increase have been stalled and the union is threatening a strike. The Automotive Tool Die Mfrs. Assn., comprising shops with 4,000 employees, said in negotiations the union was not entitled to raise under the GM cost of living formula since tool and die rates had gone up faster than the 69% since 1940, though rest of auto had not.

The employers offered an improvement raise, which the union turned down as insufficient. State mediation is aiding the picture.

"But you see," replied an experienced negotiator who exceeded the union ace negotiator John Anderson on the committee, "we tool and die makers very well." The employer representative barely raised an eyebrow.

It was expected that P. Mfg. Co. would grant the 13c straight raise given by Chrysler Corp. whom Briggs is the supplier. The UAW was offered a 2-year contract.

STARVATION IN PARADISE

To judge from the travel posters, Puerto Rico is a nice place to visit. The weather is mild, the sky is always blue and there are more than 300 miles of beaches.

But if you go there, don't wander too far from the beach. Some Puerto Rican may fall flat on his face in front of you, if he does, the reason will be simple hunger.

There are more than 2 million people in Puerto Rico and most of them are starving to death. That is a sweeping statement. It was made by a committee of eminent and respectable doctors. *

It happens that Puerto Rico is our responsibility. The governor of the island is appointed by the President of the U.S. He reports to the White House by way of the Interior Dept. Laws of the U.S. apply to Puerto Rico. Unfortunately, there is no law against starvation.

Last May Interior Sec. J. A. Krug decided it was time to find out why so many people were sick in the island paradise of Puerto Rico. He made his survey in the most respectable way. He went to the highly conservative American Medical Assn. for guidance.

In January a group of AMA doctors, headed by Dr. Ernest E. Irons, went to the island. Recently they came back with a report on what they saw.

There is a note of bewilderment in the doctors' report. They found plenty of sickness. But it was the kind of sickness you can not heal by building more hospitals. The heart of the report is in two sentences:

"The greatest single factor in the health of the people of Puerto Rico is that of nutrition. The entire population of the middle and lower income groups is undernourished."

In less polite language that means a whole population is starving. It means children have swollen bellies. It means in the dark streets back of the docks one man will knife another for a dime to buy bread.

Starvation in Puerto Rico also means the island is a magnet for runaway plants from the States. At this point the doctors got somewhat mixed up.

Dr. Irons says it would be a good idea if more industry were established in Puerto Rico. Anyone who doesn't like starvation would agree. But then he says Puerto Rican industry has been held back "by reason of strikes fomented by labor leaders from the continent."

The doctor also thinks the wage-hour act has "interfered greatly with the needle work industry in Puerto Rico."

All this could be excused if Dr. Irons were just a private physician who can recognize starvation when he sees it but wouldn't know a living wage rate if it hit him in the face. It happens Dr. Irons was working for the U.S. government. His report was issued by the Secretary of Interior.

The simple facts might as well be faced. People are hungry in Puerto Rico because they don't have enough money to buy food.

As the doctors' report itself makes clear, Puerto Rico must import all kinds of food except sugar. If Puerto Ricans made more money, they would buy more food. More would be imported. If more were imported, the island wouldn't be starving.

Hunger in Puerto Rico is not just a humanitarian problem. Sweat shop operators on the continent have run away from unions here to profit by starvation wage rates. The labor leaders who Dr. Irons says "fomented strikes" were protecting American workers by organizing the island. At the same time they were solving the problem Dr. Irons and his committee couldn't solve: how to stop sickness and hunger in Puerto Rico.

Equal Opportunity' Myth Exposed By Red Cap Convention

CHICAGO — (FP) — Here's a tip: when you speak to the red-cap who lug your bags at the railroad station, chances are you're talking to a college graduate.

Of the 105 delegates who attended the redcaps' convention, which just concluded here, 8 are college graduates or college trained. Their 14,000 member union—the United Transport Service Employees (CIO)—consists mostly of redcaps but includes some porters, dining car employees and Pullman laundry workers.

Although the union has probably one of the highest percentages of educated members in the U.S., anti-Negro discrimination has blocked them from working at their chosen careers.

Union Pres. Willard S. Townsend Sr. is among the nation's most highly educated union leaders. He took pre-medical work at the University of Toronto and then received a degree in chemistry at the Canadian Royal Academy of Science. He taught science in U.S. and Canadian high schools and recently received an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Convention delegate Clyde McKethan of New York has been a redcap in Grand Central

Negro Engineer Designs Machinery for Plant in USSR

MOSCOW — (ALN) — The Kaganovich ball-bearing plant, one of the largest in the Soviet Union, is retooling with machines designed by Robert Robinson, Negro engineer who once worked at the Ford plant in Detroit.

Robinson came to Russia 18 years ago with a group of engineers and workers sent over by the Ford Motor Co. under contract to help set up the Stalingrad Tractor Plant. He decided to remain in the country when the Soviet public opinion took his side after a Jim-crow-minded white Ford engineer slapped his face. The white engineer was sent home.

A worker at the time, Robinson was educated as an engineer in the Soviet Union. He became a naturalized Soviet citizen and joined the Kaganovich ball-bearing plant some years ago.

station for 14 years. In private life he is an ordained Baptist minister, a graduate of Shaw University. Delegate Emerson C. Watts of Chicago, a redcap for 12 years, is a graduate of Fisk, where he was a star fullback. He was an athletic director and teacher in Nashville before coming to Chicago for graduate study.

GE Ups Prices 12% -- Wage Boost Cost 2%

NEW YORK—(FP) — Using the wage boost recently granted to the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) as an excuse, the General Electric Co. June 16 upped prices on a number of consumer items 5% to 12%.

This action more than wiped out price cuts of 3% to 10% announced by the company with a great hoopla last December on the eve of wage talks with the union. At the time GE Pres. Charles E. Wilson said: "It is our conviction and belief that voluntary action and self-restraint by individual citizens and companies can do most to reverse the tide of inflation."

Wilson warned of price boosts in other GE products not on the June 16 list, remarking: "I wouldn't want to say that there won't be price increases in other items in various lines."

Current GE profits are running at the rate of \$100 million a year. The 8% wage boost increases costs by less than 2%, the Federated Press consulting economist declared, disputing Wilson's claim that the price rises were necessary for GE "to operate on a sound basis."

In announcing the higher prices, Wilson said he could not estimate how much they would

UE-CIO GAINS 9-16c

PITTSBURGH — (FP) — An 8% wage increase for 70,000 Westinghouse Electric Corp. employees was agreed on here June 20 by the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO).

The agreement, subject to approval of the UE-Westinghouse conference board and the locals by July 1, provides hourly workers with pay boosts ranging from 9¢ to 16¢ plus an additional paid holiday, making a total of seven paid holidays.

Salaried employees, earning up to \$625 a month, will also receive the 8% increase plus an additional 1/2¢ an hour to compensate them for the added paid holiday granted hourly workers. The pay increases are retroactive to June 11.

The agreement lasts until April 1, 1950, but may be opened by the union once in 1949 for a wage review. UE obtained a similar 8% wage agreement recently from General Electric.

cost consumers on an annual basis. When he announced the price cuts last December, however, Wilson predicted consumers would save \$50 million. The present boosts wipe out this "saving" in one fell swoop and add it to the family expense account.

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Wallace Party States Aims for Lake County at Gary Meet

The same Senators, who have frequently adjourned sessions on such vital questions as housing and public health after two hours, showed no hesitation in going into an extra session to defeat Senator Taylor's heroic effort to filibuster the draft act.

Walter Frisbie, Candidate for Governor on the Progressive Party ticket, thus pointed up the character and aims of the 80th Congress, which adjourned June 19th, in his address to the Lake County Convention of the Progressive Party.

Only a small part of the day's program was devoted to National affairs, however.

Main business of the County Convention, held in the Lake Hotel, Gary, Sunday, June 27, was drafting of a County Platform and naming of candidates for County Office. The County organization is, of course, a part of the political machinery of the New Party which is rapidly gaining momentum for the election of Henry Wallace and Glen Taylor.

Gaveled by Arthur Daronatsky, Chairman of the Lake County Citizens for Wallace, 165 delegates came to agreement on a Progressive Party Platform, calculated to cope with conditions and issues long neglected or deliberately evaded by professional politicians of the two major parties. Although there was some cigar smoke lingering about, decisions were reached by the full body of delegates without benefit of corporation proxies or back room deals.

Of the 165 accredited delegates, 65 were rank and file members of trade union organizations, both CIO and AFL, of Lake County.

Expressed in simple, forthright terms, the Progressive Party's Platform makes no attempt to weasle on issues which are considered political suicide by old line vote snatchers:

High points of the Platform are:

Taxation—The basis of taxation is antiquated and inequitable. Our large properties, industries, utilities, and railroads must be reassessed at their true worth.

By such a readjustment we will be placing the burden of taxation where it belongs and providing sources of revenue for many necessary public improvements.

Labor—We endorse the State Labor Platform which, among other things, includes:

(a) Repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law; (b) Adoption of an effective FEPC, State, County, and City; (c) A minimum wage of \$1 an hour.

Adequate salaries and pensions for teachers and all other

public employees. We propose that a minimum salary for teachers be increased \$600 a year.

Housing—We advocate an enabling act by the State Legislature to permit municipalities, aided by the State, to finance slum clearance and low cost rental housing projects. We pledge enforcement and strengthening of existing health and safety regulations. All standard dwellings must be improved to meet regulations.

Medical Care—The Progressive Party demands the erection of a publicly owned County Hospital open to all Lake County Citizens without discrimination but based only on the need for medical care. Furthermore, we decry the lack of facilities for the mentally and chronically ill, the aged, the crippled, and the absolute lack of facilities for those having contagious diseases.

In meeting these we advocate the passage of the Wagner-Murray Dingell Public Health Bill.

Public Recreation

The Progressive Party believes that all parks, golf links, beaches, and other recreational facilities must be expanded and made available to all our citizens.

Public Ownership of Utilities and Transportation.—The Progressive Party advocates the public ownership of our utilities as well as our local transportation systems, as a means of providing better service and decreasing costs.

Public Schools—The Progressive Party advocates completely integrated public school systems. We are opposed to the practices of discrimination which obtain in Gary and the types of Jim Crow practices that have been upheld in East Chicago's public schools. We believe that all qualified teachers, regardless of color, creed, or national origin, should be able to teach in public schools.

In order to raise the standards of township schools, we recommend direct assistance from state and county sources, or, if necessary, their incorporation in contiguous school cities.

These things, in brief, are what the followers of Henry Wallace propose to bring the Century of Common Man a step closer in Lake County.

Pledged to carry out this platform are the following candidates of the Progressive Party:

For State Senator: Doctor G. Duncan Hinkson, Director of Patients Hospital, Gary, and a practicing physician and surgeon.

One more candidate for State Senator is to be selected by the candidates Committee.

State Representative — Mrs. Nick Bucee, Secretary of the Creation Fraternal Union.

John Baran—Disabled veteran of WW No. 2, former Captain of Tolleston Football team.

John Rush—Steward, Lever Bros., Hammond, Gas Coke, and Chemical Workers, CIO.
Jake Blake, Executive Board member, Local Union 1014, Gary Works, United Steelworkers of America.

County Commissioners: 1st Dist.—Arnold Wiley, former City Editor of the Gary American; 2nd Dist.—Charles Hopkins, member of OWWU, CIO, Local Union 210, Hammond; Recorder, Mrs. Sylvira Warren, East Chicago.

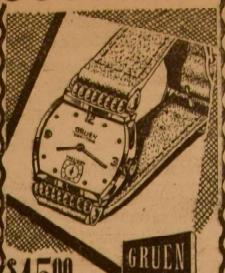
The Lake County Conference empowered the Candidates Committee to fill the slate with nominees according to their availability and at the Committee's discretion.

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Labor Offensive Urged by Wallace in N.Y. Speech

Excerpts from address to New York Labor Committee, June 30, 1948
by Henry A. Wallace, New Party Presidential Candidate:

I have had a chance—and I am grateful to Harry Truman for the chance—I have had a chance in the past year and a half to do some extensive traveling. During the past year—since the Republican and Democratic coalition pushed through the Taft-Hartley Act—I have been alarmed to see our great trade unions pushed from the offensive to the defensive. I have been startled to see the difficulties encountered by some of our oldest and most powerful trade unions. It is frightening to any informed progressive, and I know of no single factor which played a more important part in leading to my decision to announce an independent candidacy and help build a new political party. I have seen the effects of the cold war on American labor. I know that the cold war is directed essentially against our own people, not the Russians. I was tired of seeing progressives on the defensive, and I think that in launching our New Party we have regained some offensive power.

The need for the new party—The offensive power was driven off action which would give us time to me during the course of 1947 as I met and talked with workers from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the far north to the deep south. I have had my impressions of last summer, fall, and winter dramatically confirmed in my recent travels. I have talked with Chrysler pickets in Detroit, with miners, cooks, and stewards in San Francisco, with aircraft workers in Seattle, miners in the Rocky Mountain States, packinghouse workers in Chicago, and seamen here in New York. This year of Taft-Hartley has been a tough year for American labor, but it is only a prelude to what will come, if we fail to fight back.

TH PART OF BIG DRIVE

Taft-Hartley has not been an isolated act. It is part of a whole drive against the living standards and civil liberties of the American people. In the past year we have seen the philosophy of the Mundt-Nixon Bill—and thanks to united action we've stopped that particular legislation for the present—in the past year we have seen this philosophy in action in the wrecking of a union hall in Kansas City, in the cold-blooded murder of packinghouse pickets in the sporadic outbursts of violence at meetings of the New Party, in the efforts to deny our party its rightful place on the ballot, in the refusal of the Justice Department to bring Southern lynchers to justice; in the Truman loyalty purge, in the deportation cases against trade unionists, the firing of liberal teachers, and in the further militarization of our country with the passage of a totally unwarranted draft act and huge appropriations for arms and planes.

But I don't have to tell this audience what happened under Taft-Hartley. You know what it means in much more immediate personal terms than I do, though each week I receive letters from workers telling me about the increased speed-up, about the foremen who have turned tough, and about barbs thrown under with grievances.

All of these stories have been corroborated by my personal contacts with larger groups of workers in personal meetings all over the country.

DEPT OF JUSTICE VS. MINERS

In the past year we have been shocked at the spectacle of the President of the United States—a lot of the boys have nicknamed him—"Injunction Harry"—we have been shocked to see him step in to prevent coal miners from getting a pension—when they have endured the crippling miners' life to the age of sixty years. The New Deal established

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someone who could sound convincing.

BEST DEFENSE—ATTACK

The offensive power which our New Party is showing everywhere in the country is the best insurance that you and I, that progressives and organized labor, have against a native American fascism which will destroy us all by leading us to a war no nation can win.

If we want to end the devastating inflation—we are going to have to end the cold war. We are going to have to get a peace treaty.

If we are to end the devastating inflation, we are going to have to fight for wage increases out of the swollen, bloated, fantastic profits of the giant corporations.

If we are going to protect American living standards we are going to have to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and fight every civil liberties issue that comes along. We must stand firm against the attempts to divide us with war scares and red menaces which high-paid propagandists and politicians whip up whenever support for the bi-partisans seems to diminish.

I confess I find it hard to understand how some labor leaders can still tie themselves to the war chariot of the old parties, whose domestic record is one of trampling on all labor's rights and interests. Certainly the rank-and-file of working people with whom I have come in contact in my travels around the country are increasingly aware that they have been sold out again and again by the old parties.

STEELWORKERS LEFT OUT

I don't want to single out any group or union, because I know that all of American labor, organized and unorganized, is facing difficult problems, but I will tell you another group of boys for whom I am pulling very hard—and those are the steel workers. I met a lot of them out in Gary, down at the New Party convention in York, Pennsylvania, over in Cleveland, and just a couple of weeks ago out in Pueblo, Colorado. They are getting the meaning of Taft-Hartley and the drive of Giant Business to split labor driven home to them in no uncertain terms. They have watched auto workers and some electrical workers get increases, and they know that unless steel gets an increase the acuteness of their day-to-day problems will necessitate actions they don't want to take.

The case of the Railroad workers dramatizes the way that government is being used against workers' interests. In this case it is the government itself which is refusing to bargain collectively. The workers on Truman's seizure of the railroads find that the owners have full protection of their property and profits, while the workers get none. The workers are still seeking rules changes they sought when Truman first moved against them back in 1946.

TWEEDLEEE —TWEEDLDUM

The big boys won't worry about their profits no matter who wins out in the old party conventions. Their only worry is the strength of the New Party.

There must be moments—moments when they watch Truman, Forrestal, Harriman and Company in action—moments when the monopolists are sorry that they have to go to the expense of running two parties to keep up appearances.

I imagine too that they wish they could do a little recasting of roles. They'd probably like to move Truman into the Republican nomination and break in a new Democrat who could read the liberal lines with a better sense of theatrical values—

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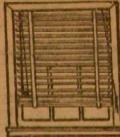
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After Tony Zale knocked out Rocky Graziano the other night, he remarked that prize-fighting was easier than working in that Gary, Ind., steel mill. On the other hand, Benjamin Fairless would much rather be in the steel business than in the prize ring. There's no accounting for tastes.

Purge Three From Ballot at Local 65

It was the Youngstown story all over again last week in South Chicago when Local 65 of the steelworkers held election of officers for the big Carnegie-Illinois South Works local union. New names, slight differences in technique were all that distinguished the situation in 65 from that a few days earlier in Local 1011.

Three men, all leaders in the local, were thrown off the ballot three days before the general election, and a fourth was defeated in most peculiar circumstances. The four thus eliminated were, as any student of recent union affairs in District 31 might guess, time-honored opponents of various policies and personalities in the international union.

One Vet, two Negroes

The three men whose names were taken off the local ballot were Alex Ray, former vice-president of the local, currently Shop Stewards' chairman and assistant griever, and one of the leading Negro members of the union. He was candidate for chief griever and for trustee.

Also disqualified was Lucius Armstrong, general griever for the Blast Furnace, who was running unopposed for a fifth term and who with Ray had been one of the charter members of the local and former general officer in 63. He too is a Negro worker. His disqualification left men in his division no candidate at all to vote for.

Third man out was Tom Kelley, presently a trustee of the local, World War II veteran, and candidate both for the post of trustee and grievanceman in his division. The man counted out was Hugh Patterson, chairman of the grievance committee candidate for re-election as division griever, one of the founders of the local in the plant, and—most important to his opponents—brother of Geo. Patterson who opposed Germano for district director in the first referendum election in the International union.

In and then out

The first three men had all been declared eligible to run for office by the election committee six days before the balloting took place. Three days later the committee was summoned to a rump meeting by Norman Harris, international representative and known in the Harbor for his slippery manner of ducking trial on charges filed against him while he was a member of Local 1010.

Harris reportedly told the committee, "They gotta go. They're reds and besides Joe doesn't want 'em on the ballot."

Not even a hearing

The accused were not even summoned to appear before the election committee but the following morning received telegrams from the committee chairman and secretary announcing that they had been removed from the ballot due to the filing of charges against them. To date they have not been told the nature of the charges against them other than that they were disqualified under the new section of the constitution about Communists and consistent supporters of the policies thereof.

Leaks from the election committee's star chamber proceedings had it that Harris presented the committee with FBI and/or police records on the three men. One of the men disqualified, Kelley, was somewhat startled to be told that according to these records he had access

Smallest Election Since 1937 as 1011 Casts 'Ja' Ballots

With Charles Fizer, Dan Kokot, Ralph Hyndman, Joe Norrick, and Eddie Henry barred from running for office, a small number of members of YS&T Local Union 1011, apathetically voted Thur. June 17, for such candidates as the International Union and Youngstown's deemed fit for Local Union leadership. The elections were the smallest in 1937.

The membership was forbidden to vote for Fizer, Hyndman, and Norrick because of their alleged membership in the Communist Party.

Dan Kokot and Eddie Henry, however, were knocked off the ballot by a technicality concerning meeting attendance. Insisting that he had attended enough meetings to permit his candidacy, Kokot insisted on an examination of the company books to verify his working dates which constitute legitimate absence. By the time the committee obtained access to the company records, they did not coincide with Kokot's own account of his working shifts.

"Big Dan" Kokot, Fizer, Hyndman, Norrick and Henry are all pioneer organizers of the CIO Steelworkers in Youngstown Sheet and Tube. A sizeable proportion of those permitted to run for office in the Local Union this year were active in the affairs and leadership of the company dominated, Independent Union which expired with the aid of SWOC-CIO dues picked lines in 1939 and '40.

With the official count in, the following members attained office:

FOR PRESIDENT

James Combs (unopposed)

FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Ronald Cochrell 776*
Wm. McClendan 531

REC. SECRETARY

John Mulcahy 933*
Chat. Wailes 347

FIN. SECRETARY

Myron Dokes (unopposed)

TREASURER

Robert Blair 789*
Carl Simpkins 546

Four automobiles and owned a six-flat apartment building.

His comment on hearing this was "Jee-sus Christ."

A more delicate elimination was that of Patterson. His only eligible-for-office opponent, one Ed Chyz, had declined nomination for griever in the department, had his declination accepted by the committee. Lo and behold, on election day there was Chyz's name on the ballot, and, more wonderful yet, he beat Patterson out by two to one!

Trouble at Republic

About the time all this happened, and to indicate the way the wind blows in South Chicago, one of the active members of Republic Steel Local 1033, was summarily dismissed from the company payroll, subject only to a review of the case by the company and union representatives.

No one was giving odds on his chances as he had several bad marks against him: he was an active member of the Steelworkers for Wallace committee, and worst of all he had just been attempting to file charges against Norman Harris in Harris' current local union for constitutional violations. No one had told him, apparently, the facts of union life.

GUIDE

Sam Tolbert (unopposed)

INNER GUIDE

Emil Dian (unopposed)

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DELEGATES TO THE LCICU:

Harry Heath	819
George Cushman	567*
Perry Coleman	709
Frank Link	702
Ronald Cochrell	685
Vernon Delaney	683
Ralph Tremel	683
Edward Westfall	599

(all eight elected)

FOR GRIEVANCE COMMITTEEMAN

Steel Side

Robt. Blair	520*
Rudolph Camera	307
Wm. Christy	673*
George Cushman	567*
Julius Greenwell	523*
Pat Mahoney	538*
John Matie	386
Tom Pasko	586*
James Sanders	446
Carl Simpkins	426
Charles Thompson	493*

Tin Mill

Elorey Campbell	328*
John Lyle	336*
Thomas Small	337*
William L. Thomas	337*
Chatman Wailes	146

COKE PLANT

L. V. Dillon (unopposed)

USA Strike off at Alcoa ; 8 per cent Raise

PITTSBURGH—(FP) — An 8% wage increase granted at the 11th hour by the Aluminum Co. of America to 26,000 AFL and CIO workers ended strike threats against the company's plants throughout the U. S.

The United Steelworkers (CIO), representing 20,000 work-

ers in nine plants in eight states, accepted the offer, which unions, Pres. Philip Murray said provided raises of from 10¢ to 16¢ an hour. The AFL negotiators accepted the offer tentatively, subject to approval by the local unions concerned.



Mayerik Wins Gary Big Mill LU Elections

John Mayerik, who opposed Joseph Germano for District Director in 1946, was re-elected of Local Union 1014 in spite of or perhaps because of an all out campaign of red baiting which was used against him to the fullest against of the International Union's staff and the Gary Post Tribune.

All but three of the slate form carried almost identical headed by Mayerik, whose platoons to the one upon which the Progressive ticket gained victory in LU 1010's elections, were also put into office.

As in every other USA-CIO election in Dist. No. 1 where opposition to Joe Germano's bureaucracy was not barred by pre-election maneuvering, 1014's total ballot count was the largest in its history. More than 5,000 voted out of a total membership of 15,000.

Official count, supervised by no less than six (6) International Representatives, who were not elected to the Committee, showed the final results:

FOR PRESIDENT

John Mayerik 2247*
Klaja 1989

FOR VICE PRESIDENT

John Howard 2023*
Ellis Cochran 1760
Carl Jager 384

FINANCIAL SEC'Y

George Morfis 2041
Robt. Coton 2221*

RECORDING SECRETARY

Stanley Zeilinski 1860*
Jim McLellan 1823*
John Bucksar ?

TREASURER

John Miller 2184*
Garret Major 1804

GUIDE

George Ferhat 1834*
Fred Litner 327
Waldo Bryant 1790

INNER GUARD

Isidore Johnson 1741*
Walter Kroll 622
Sylvester Finney 172
Robert Jones 1443

OUTER GUARD

Paul J. Snopel 563
H. T. Reid 1708*

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(due to the space, only those elected are shown)
Henry Johnston 2136
Jacob Blake 1735
Peter Olyvich 1620

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Wage Reopener Demanded by 1010 in Wire to Murray

Disregarding a scuttle full of new rumors that Big Steel is about to shower down with a general wage increase, the outcome of polite negotiations with USA-CIO officials, LU 1010's Executive Board pulled the trigger on a wage re-opening battle with Inland Steel in a telegram to President Murray Monday, July 12. Requesting the International Union to immediately demand further wage negotiations with Inland, the wire, signed by each of Local Union 1010's officers, clearly indicated that every possible means of arousing 1010's membership to back up the wage demands would be taken within the week.

An answer from the International Union heads and recommendations from the Local Union's Executive Officers for further action by the membership will be given at a mass meeting being arranged for Thursday, July 22.

Co. Violates Agreement

Although technically restrained from drastic action by provisions of the contract, signed in May, 1947, 1010's leadership feels that the companies' bad faith in carrying out their part of it justifies wage reopening at this time.

The 1947 contract was entered into by the Union on the basis that the Steel Corporations would not hike living cost by further price increases on their own commodity.

Steel has been given three substantial price boosts since then and, because all other prices are based upon steel, living costs have risen accordingly.

Inland Steel, taking its pitch from the rest of the industry, ducked behind the two-year no-strike clause in our contract and sneered at demands for a wage increase last May.

Looking to the membership for its pitch, Local 1010's Executive Board is confident that a determined stand will force Inland to disgorge some of its all time high profits for badly needed wage increases.

Safety Program Started

Second in importance only to the matter of wages, a recommendation for revitalizing the Union's Safety Committee will be submitted to the membership Thursday night, July 15, for ratification.

One Safety Committeeman for each division, the Board recommends, is to be elected by their respective departments. Because the Company refuses to permit Safety Men, as such, to process grievances on Safety violations, a Griever Steward must be chosen for that post.

Pay for the Safety Committee will be \$15 a month.

The entire Safety Committee will also meet with plant management once a month to press for regulations too general in scope to be dealt with on a departmental basis.

Until each group elects its Safety Representative, the Grievance Committeeman is instructed to appoint one.

A sub-committee of the Executive Board charged with carrying the safety program out consists of Jim Stone, Ed Dittmars, Bill Young, and Jerry Ford.

Equity Committee Re-shuffled

The Wage and Inequity Negotiating Committee, as recommended for reorganization by the incoming Executive Board of the Local Union, is composed of the following members:

Don Lutes, George Sopko, William Young, Harry Powell, Floyd Roebuck, and the newly elected Chairman of the Grievance Committee.

Anti-Discrimination Body Setup

Placing full resources of the Local Union at their disposal for legal fees, purchase of literature, or any other necessary expenses which may come up, the Executive Board appointed Paul Brauer, Buster Logan, and Carl Stanley to head the Anti-Discrimination Committee. Recommendations from the Anti-Discrimination Committee will be acted upon by the membership at the meeting of July 22.

The foregoing recommendations, together with others concerning change of meeting schedules, pay and obligations of Grievance Committeemen, Assistants, and Griever Stewards, and some routine items, will be offered to the membership for its approval Thursday night, July 15th.

TYPOS STILL OUT

CHICAGO—(FP) — Members of Local 16, Int'l. Typographical Union (AFL) voted overwhelmingly July 1 to back their committee's rejection of publisher proposals to end the strike that started Nov. 24.

While turning down a \$9 raise that would bring day work minimums to \$94.50, the printers voted a counter minimum proposal for a \$100 wage. They decided to submit this counter offer to newspaper individually if the Chicago Newspaper Publishers Assn. rejects it.

Correction

Due to hurried and faulty proof reading, the following errors appeared in results of Local Union 1010's elections:

For Financial Secretary: Fred Matasar 58. Brother Matasar's total is actually 358.

Paul Brauer, who ran against Don Lutes and Bob Elliot for Grievance Committeeman in the 76" Hot Strip, Finishing End, received 24 votes.

As we go to press, Local Union 1010 has been notified from Pittsburgh that the Wage Policy Committee is being called into session no later than Friday of this week.

Wages Upped 5c to 28c in Small Plants Here

CHICAGO—(FP) — The United Steelworkers (CIO) are forging ahead in their drive to gain pay raises from manufacturers of steel products in the Chicago area.

Joseph Germano, Chicago Calumet district director, said 46 steel products plants here have granted increases ranging from 5c to 28c an hour, with 25,000 workers benefitting.

Germano disclosed that negotiations on behalf of another 25,000 men are progressing with employers making "down payments" and promising adjustments if Big Steel and other basic producers announce raises.

Some 170 plants are under contract with the union in the Chicago-Calumet area. Leading plants which have granted raises are:

Continental Can Co., 4,000 employees, 10c an hour; Pullman Standard, 2,400 employees, 9c; Crane Co., 8,000 employees, 5c; American Stove Co., 400 employees, 10c and six paid holidays; and Standard Railway Equipment Co., 300 employees, 6c on the bonus system with other adjustments due after pattern is set.

Nick Migas Hailed Before Trial Board

Nick Migas, unopposed for Grievance Committeeman for number 1 Open Hearth, will come up before a trial board on charges that he is a member of the Communist Party, and therefore ineligible to hold LU office, within the next two weeks.

The trial board, if accepted by the Local Union Thursday night, appointed by LU 1010's Executive Board Monday, July 12th will be composed of William Maihofer, Chairman, Walter Szieplich, Merced Velasquez, Max Luna, and Pete Calacci.

Migas, fired from the Int'l Staff by Dist. Director Germano for his support of George Pattersons' 1944 race for the Dist. Director's post, increased official enmity against himself at the Boston Convention. Criticizing the International leaders for laying down to the steel companies on the issue of wages, Migas was beaten up outside the hall by Int'l supporters. He is still suffering from a broken rib.

Returning to Indiana Harbor, Migas continued the fight for renewed wage negotiations and against bureaucracy in the USA-CIO. A communication from David J. McDonald, Int'l Sec. Treasurer, instructing the Local Union to discipline Migas was unanimously rejected by the membership and returned to the International Office.

Charges were preferred against Brother Migas by Brothers Don Lutes, Stanley Avilla, Frank Kretz, Carl E. Sellers, Frank Wellerman, Fred Arndt Jr., Arthur King, Joe Buzinski, E. L. Dittmars, Archie Breen, William J. Polich, B. A. Frooman, Carl Carney, H. Slimanson, Ray Mattoon Jr., Richard Burk, Russel Foley, and Dan Hora.

LU 1010
MEETING
THURSDAY
NIGHT

Assistant Grievers, Other Officers Chosen by Group

Old Broom

Veteran Chairman of 1010's Grievers Returned to Office

O. H. McKinsey, who piloted 1010's first Grievance Committee through the contractless, guts and muscle days of 1937, was again chosen by the Committee of 1948-49 as Chairman of that vital body.

Full coverage of Group elections will be given in the next issue of the Sentinel.

The following Groups selected these Brothers to represent them for the coming two years:

Group No. 2, 1 and 2

Open Hearths:

Group Chairman, John Ribic, elected by acclamation. Assistant Grievance Committeeman (No. 1 O.H.) Joe Gyurko; Chief Shop Steward (No. 1 O.H.) Sazley Speck; Safety Committee (No. 1 O.H.) Lefty Swartz.

Assistant Grievance Committeeman (No. 2 O.H.) Maurice Jackson; Griever Stewards (No. 2 O.H.) Al McLain, Scott Porter, Carl Cremec.

Group No. 10, Plate Mill and Galvanize:

Chairman, Clyde Harvey; Rec. Sec. Glover Gary.

Plate mill elections were postponed because not enough members of that part of the Group were present.

Sheet and Galvanize: Assistant Griever: William Galles; Griever Stewards Clyde Harvey, Glover Gary, William Porter.

Group No. 8, New Construction:

Chairman, Joseph Felicia; Vice Chairman, McPharland; Assistant Griever, Henry Ceparich; Griever Stewards: Leonard Mohr, pipefitter, Ed Nelson, machinist, John Jamboe, rigger; Safety Man: Max Beckman.

Group No. 6, Cold Strip and Tin Mill:

Chairman, Stanley Rygas, Assistant Griever (Cold Strip) Ed Ritz; Griever Stewards (Cold Strip) Ed Ritz; Griever Stewards (Cold Strips) Jim Stone, Joseph Knight, Stanley Rygas.

Assistant Griever (Tin Mill) Jim Bekizo; Griever Stewards: John Durcho, S. Tadich, Steve Savitski.

SETTLEMENT ENDS HARVESTER STRIKE

CHICAGO—(FP) — When the Int'l. Harvester Co. withdrew demands for scrapping of present protective contract clauses, 35,000 members of the United Farm Equipment & and Metal Workers (CIO) went back to work after a 2-day strike.

The union previously accepted an 11c hourly wage boost but refused to agree to company demands for changing of seniority, piecework earnings, grievance procedures and allowance rules.

Director Gerald Field of the union's Harvester Council declared that "the powerful, militant demonstration of the principle, 'no contract, no work,' by the workers resulted in complete victory."

"Unlike certain other unions

Inland Steel was held responsible for the deaths of Frank Jakobowski, switchman who was killed June 6th in the 40 inch Mill, and Osenton, killed in Plan No. 1 Yards by Coroner Zivich in an inquest held Friday morning, July 9.

Not officially notified, but hearing of the inquest by chance, Ed Dittmars, Grievance Committeeman for the Transportation Dept., attended the hearing which took place in the Psrsleki Funeral Home. Presenting the workers' views on lack of safety in the department which he represents, Brother Dittmars brought details of the fatal accidents, which company representative, Jake Reindiger, judiciously omitted, to the Coroner's attention.

Any recurrence of the accident (in which Brother Jakobowski lost his life) in this department, and in a relative manner, the Coroner found, will be grounds for citing the company for criminal negligence.

A bad order car, belonging to the Indiana Harbor Belt and upon which Brother Osenton was working, the Coroner's verdict submits, was the cause of his death.

Responsibility for four other accidental deaths, concerning which no representative of the men involved in the operation was present, was not fixed at this inquest.

in the Harvester chain, who feared to fight, FE-CIO refused to step backward against the best interests of its membership despite great pressure and daily misleading company communiques to employees."

Equality of Opportunity

Discrimination by Educators Carried on by EC Employers; No Jobs for Colored Graduates

Leitha Colfield, 3590 Guthrie St., who was fifth in the top in a class of two hundred and sixty-eight graduating from Washington High School this year, completed a commercial course in addition to her academic studies. Not that she's interested in a business office career. Leitha wants to be a lawyer; a good lawyer.

A trained stenographer, she believed, would be able to find a job in at least one of the industries teeming hereabouts that would pay well enough to pay her college expenses.

But Leitha hasn't got a job and the chances of her getting one is several shades this side of bright.

Leitha Colfield is colored.

Together with twenty-one other colored girls, who also graduated from Washington this spring, most of them in the upper third of their class, Leitha started the rounds of offices and shops in East Chicago and surrounding communities.

At some of them, the girls were bluntly told that the place didn't hire colored people. Other employees were only mouthed about it. Either they demanded a typing rate of eighty words a minute, impossible without years of practical experience, or the personnel office took their applications and filed them in the waste basket.

The girls began to doubt the Commencement Day orations.

A few days before graduation, a bulletin was posted at Washington High announcing that both boys and girls were needed by Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. The bulletin instructed applicants to see a "Mr. Snieder."

Leitha, Frieda Keyes, and Ethel Williams applied the very next day. A flustered individual in Y&T's personnel office, who declined to say whether or not he was "Mr. Snieder," insisted that the bulletin was a mistake; that Y&T was not employing high school graduates at this time.

Meanwhile, all white applicants were ushered into the inner office for job interviews.

The girls, with equal firmness, insisted upon placing their applications. The applications haven't been heard from. The bulletin was removed from Washington High's wall the next day.

After more than a week of fruitless job hunting in the community in which they were born and in which they are growing up, half of the twenty-two gave up and went down to the Ravel Frock Factory, 333 South Water St. Chicago.

The Ravel Frock Factory is an institution of modern business methods consecrated to underselling the market in ladies' ready to wear. This they are emanated to do by ruthlessly driving Negro, Chinese, and Nisei working girls to the limit and beyond of their physical and psychological endurance. Ravel's pay is starvation wages.

The factory is in a loft building, badly lighted, scarcely ventilated, and with the savage temperatures of July compounded by torrid radiations from batteries of steam ironers. Of what they earn in this steaming hell, the girls receive \$30 for a forty hour week.

Indiana Harbor girls pay \$3.15 a week for train tickets which enable them to leave at 7 A.M. and return at 6 P.M. That, according to simple calculations,

LABOR SENTINEL

NAACP Head Doubts Truman's Sincerity On Civil Liberties

KANSAS CITY, MO.—(FP)—Pres. Truman's sincerity in pushing his civil rights program was questioned by Clarence M. Mitchell, labor secretary of the Natl. Assn. for Advancement of Colored People at its 39th annual conference here. Only an executive order would be needed to ban racial discrimination in federal employment, he said.

Thurgood Arnold of New York, association counsel, in discussing recent judicial decisions hitting restrictive covenants, criticized the Federal Housing Administration for aiding segregation by its home loan policy. He asserted that in some cases the FHA has insisted on restrictive covenants on property before granting a loan.

Pres Willard S. Townsend of the United Transport Service Workers (CIO) lashed out at draft legislation and failure of Congress to end segregation in the army under the new draft law. Charles H. Houston, Negro attorney of Washington, said the draft law would place Negro youth under control of a reactionary army caste system.

JIMCROW EXITS FROM U. S. CAPITOL THEATERS

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Chances that the nation's capital will have at least one legitimate stage theater next season were improved July as bids were opened for lease of the government-owned Belasco theater.

The only two bidders were Joseph Curtis, son of Pres. Jack Cohn of Columbia Pictures, and the American Natl. Theater & Academy. Both are pledged not to discriminate against Negro theater-goers.

The only other commercial stage here, the National Theater, will be converted to a movie house this fall because the owner refuses to give up his lily-white patron policy. Actors Equity, union of stage people, refused to allow its members to play the National after this season unless the color bar were removed. Its stand was supported by unions and community groups here.



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of the Central Conference of American Rabbis here.

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GOP and Demos Injunction Parties 21 Labor Leaders Charge

The National Labor Committee for Wallace and Taylor last night (June 29) charged that both the Democratic and Republican parties "have become injunction parties" which are attacking labor with "strike-breaking injunctions."

Referring to President Truman, the committee said that "we are now several more steps nearer fascism due to the actions of 'Injunction Harry'" and said it urged the labor movement to stand side by side with the printers, the miners and the maritime workers in their fight against the work-or-jail law of the old parties."

The statement was adopted unanimously by the labor group, headed by Albert J. Fitzgerald, president of the United Electric Radio and Machine Workers and including 21 international presidents and other officers of AFL, CIO, Railroad Brotherhood and independent unions.

Full text of the statement follows:

Both old parties have become injunction parties.

The legal basis for their strike-breaking injunctions is the Taft-Hartley law. Passed by a majority of both old parties, this law has been correctly described by Philip Murray, William Green and John L. Lewis as the first step towards fascism in this country. President Truman's execution of this law has proven these labor leaders to be right. We are now several more steps nearer fascism due to the actions of "Injunction Harry."

Truman first abridged the civil rights of the typographical workers by use of an injunction; then he acted against the coal miners, and most recently the maritime workers.

He acted for the publishers to make the printers work seaboard copy.

He acted for coal operators to stall off the miner's pension demands.

He acted for the ship owners and against the bedrock of the maritime unions, the hiring hall.

CONGRESSMAN DRIPP

BY YOMEN



'Slow Bell' On Seattle Docks As Workers Fight T-H Injunction

SEATTLE—(FP)—Golly, it's frigid along the Seattle waterfront these days as union men face an 80-day Taft-Hartley cool-off injunction. Longshoremen move through their work as though their limbs were semi-frozen and those big ocean going freighters just won't get loaded somehow.

Sticker slogans have appeared by the hundreds on waterfront installations and crated cargo. Some read: "There's ways and ways of cooling off for 80 days." Others say: "Safety Slogan: 'In watching safety, don't forget you'll have phewmonia if you sweat.'

He

has gone beyond the confines of the Taft-Hartley law and twice issued strike-breaking injunctions against the railroad workers.

He did not, of course, take any such punitive actions against the railroad owners and publishers, the coal operators, and ship owners who are fat with unprecedented profits and arrogant behind the protective walls of Truman's injunctions.

This is the bi-partisan policy applied to labor, this is the cold war against unions seeking to extend democracy.

Now, as never before, the labor movement needs unity against the anti-democratic injunction and the fascist evils that flow from it. This unity can best be built by understanding that the two old parties who forced this injunction law upon labor are the servants of the corporations and trusts who are benefiting from Taft-Hartley.

We urge the labor movement to stand side by side with the printers, the miners and the maritime workers in their fight against the work-or-jail law of the old parties. We urge the labor movement to join with us in building a new party that refuses to serve the trusts and corporations.

The new party based as it is upon the people, is the only party capable of ending injunction law. It is the only party which stands for higher wages, lower prices, and a better standard of living for the American people. Its candidates, Henry Wallace and Glen Taylor, are the only Presidential candidates who fight for labor and who walk with labor on its picket lines.

Alex Says Thanks

This is a couple of weeks later than it should be but I wish to thank all the brothers and sisters of Local Union 1010 who supported me in the recently concluded elections. I also wish to assure those who didn't that I will use the post on the Executive Board with which I have been entrusted to the greatest advantage of the whole union, without regard to factional differences.

Fraternally yours,
Alex Huttle

Union membership in the U.S. today is four times as great as it was in 1935, when the total number of unionists was 3,648,100.

NEW YORK — (FP) — A "cold strike" against Western Electric Co. was started with picketing of exchanges in 43 states. Pres. Ernest Weaver of the Assn. of Communications Equipment Workers (CIO) said that the union's national bargaining committee has been authorized to call a "hot strike" as a last resort. —jq—

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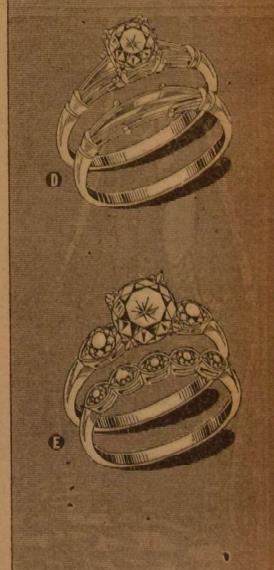
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LABOR 'Round the World

BRITAIN

LONDON—(ALN)—Striking British dockers numbering 19,000 in London and 16,000 in Liverpool voted to go back to work after a 16-day walkout on condition that there would be no victimization and that official leaders of the Transport & General Workers Union, to which they belong, would press their grievances. The strike began after 11 men who refused to unload destructive chemicals at ordinary rates were fined two weeks' basic pay. Government measures to break the strike included using troops on the docks and getting King George VI to proclaim the first national emergency since the general strike of 1926.

JAPAN

TOKYO—(ALN)—A demonstration of 60,000 workers before the Imperial Palace, held under the joint auspices of the Japanese Nat'l Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Unions, climaxed labor protests against government-decreed price hikes amounting to 70% in some cases. The demonstrators also protested government union-busting activities and refusal to grant adequate wage increases. The Japanese Socialist newspaper Shakai Shimbun charged June 18 that Japanese employer organizations were "seeking conditions unfavorable to labor to attract foreign investment."

ITALY

ROME—(ALN)—The executive committee of the Italian General Confederation of Labor has called a nationwide half-day general strike for July 2 as the first step in its struggle to raise wages in all industries.

FRANCE

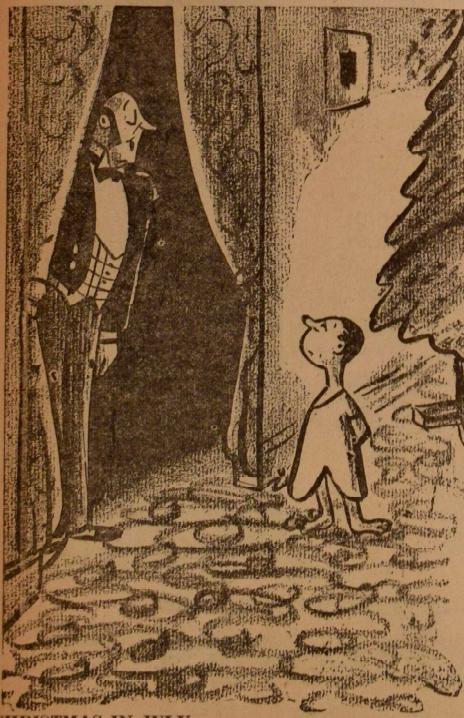
PARIS—(ALN)—Textile workers in Hericot have devised a new type of strike in support of the French General Confederation of Labor demand for a 20% wage increase to meet rising prices. They have downed tools for one hour each day since June 24 and will continue to do so until the demand is granted.

BELGIUM

BRUSSELS—(ALN)—Belgium's 250,000 metal workers who walked off their jobs June 15 after the government refused to discuss their demand for wage raises to offset increased living costs, returned to work on June 24 when the government agreed to negotiate. Belgian branch plants of Ford, General Motors, Chrysler and the Bell Telephone Co. were among those tied up by the strike.

ECUADOR

QUITO—(ALN)—The Union of Ecuadorian Railroad Workers declared that it would go on strike July 1 in sympathy with the demands of oil workers of the Anglo-Ecuadorian Oil Co., who have been out since mid-June.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

"We're celebrating Christmas early this year, Master Clarence. Your daddy just won a damage suit against the union."

THE Washington SCENE

By Richard Sasuly

A Case of Pure Swindle

It was a good thing that the 80th Congress ended in a rush. Some of the worst bills in American history were stopped by the last minute jam.

The Mundt bill is the outstanding example. But there were others. The proposed revenue revision act of 1948 was a case of pure swindle. It got through the House ways and means committee and through the House itself but then died in the Senate because there wasn't time enough to take it up.

When I asked a House committee clerk about the bill, he said belligerently, "That bill isn't dead as long as the 80th Congress can be called back." He could have added: the bill will almost certainly be passed next year unless the 81st Congress is an improvement over the 80th.

The proposed revenue revision act created a series of tax loopholes. In at least nine or ten specific ways it was designed to put money in the pockets of the rich.

The revised income tax bill which passed earlier helped the rich primarily, but at least a token offering was made to the low income end of the scale. The bill which died in the Senate, H. R. 6712, was a pure, naked and unshamed.

H. R. 6712 legalized a tax dodge known as the family partnership. Through a phony partnership deal, a father might declare a son in college to be a partner of his and by this means split incomes and drop to much lower tax brackets.

The family partnership trick was condemned by the Supreme Court in 1946. This did not discourage the House of Representatives in the 80th Congress.

The bill also made it possible for corporation officials to receive large parts of their income in blocks of stock which would be taxed as capital gains. The tax on capital gains is far lower than the tax on regular income.

Another trick in the bill was a provision to encourage corporations to make unreasonable accumulations of earnings. Again the effect would be to cut down on taxes received from big business.

H. R. 6712 would have robbed the government of a large part of present inheritance taxes. It would do this by making it easier for aged millionaires to parcel out their estates in form of supposed gifts. The gifts would go to the people who would be heirs in any case.

Still another loophole created by H. R. 6712 was a dodge to let corporations avoid taxes on assets which they sell. Here too the House blandly set aside a decision of the Supreme Court.

There were many other provisions in the bill, all of them technical, all worth large sums of money to the rich. The technical nature of the bill was its protective coloration. So outrageous a steal from the public treasury could not stand up if the people knew what was going on. But the intricacies of tax laws baffle most people.

In one respect the bill called for an increase in taxes. It knocked out a present regulation allowing workers to make deductions for uniforms and special work clothes. The amount of money involved

BLS Unreliable as Wage Guide; Studies Show

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Recent collective bargaining contracts tying wages to the Consumers Price Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics have focused attention on the methods used by BLS to get its results.

BLS, an agency of the U. S. Labor Dept., is recognized as the voice of authority in the field of wage-price-employment statistics. No other agency, public or private, has the resources to gather them as BLS does, nor enjoys the prestige of as many years in the business.

The Consumers Price Index is broken down into these main items: food, apparel, rent, fuel (including electricity and ice), house furnishings and miscellanea. To get its figures, which are limited to large cities, BLS samples 56 cities monthly for food, 34 for fuel, and covers rents every quarter of the year. Prices for the other categories are sampled every month in 10 key cities and every three months in 24 others.

Food costs are now rated 42% of the consumer dollar, apparel is 12.1%, rent 12.4%, fuel 4.9%, house furnishings 4.7% and miscellaneous 23.9%.

The amount of importance given each item within these six categories is based on a survey of the spending habits of American consumers in the 1934-36 period, one of high unemployment and relatively low wages. Items which have become more important to consumers since then are neglected, yet these items have risen most in price.

The index contains only rent as a housing expense, taking no account of payments on houses which workers buy. Since the war the great majority of houses built have been for sale, yet the payment for these homes does not enter the BLS index.

Again, the survey is not affected by a newly built high rent is raised. Thus, the BLS index shows that average rents have risen only 16.7% above the prewar level, although the cost of housing the American worker has increased far more.

BLS, in response to labor criticism, has admitted the difficulty of measuring the cost rise represented by substitution of poor quality at the same price. Butchers who leave more fat on meat when weighing it than they used to, landlords who neglect repairs, garment makers who sneak shoddy in their products—all affect the cost of living without changing the BLS index.

Some corrections and improvements which BLS hoped to make this year were canceled because of a budget slash by the 80th Congress.

During World War II labor was asked to hold back on wage demands and trust the BLS index as a barometer of living costs. George Meany of the AFL and R. J. Thomas of the CIO in January 1944 said in a formal report to the Presidential Committee on the Cost of Living:

"In view of the fact that the cost of living has actually risen by at least 43.5% since January 1941, whereas the BLS index shows a rise of only 23.4%, we conclude that the index is not an adequate instrument for making wage adjustments. Sole reliance upon it will result in continued serious injustice to wage earners and lower-salaried

would not be great. Symbolically, however, it made the bill perfect. Everything in it benefited the corporations. Nothing in it helped ordinary citizens.

Justice Holmes once said that taxes are what we pay for a civilized society. The 80th Congress did its best to twist this around. It tried to make sure that taxes are what the public pays to maintain the rich in comfort.

It will cost us all dearly, in every possible way, to let the next Congress carry on the work of the 80th.

workers . . .

"It should be emphasized that all the errors and inadequacies of the BLS index are in the same direction; they all underline the price rises which have occurred since January 1941."

The June-July 1948 issue of Labor's Monthly Survey, AFL General Motors formula based on the BLS index: "It ties wages to the index, which is a very inadequate measure of a worker's living costs . . . The Federation has never approved a rigid formula which ties wages to living costs, and especially not when the index used is inadequate."

INSIDE OUT
By STETSON KENNEDY
Federated Press

Labor's Stakes at Philadelphia

Labor unions are reputed to drive hard bargains, having to fight for bread and butter since the day they were born.

Labor should know now—it did not know before—that gains won through decades of collective bargaining, blood, sweat and tears can be wiped out overnight by political amalgamations like the Taft-Hartley act.

Consequently the party platforms negotiated at Philadelphia represent nationwide cover-all contracts, under one of which everybody will wait for the next four years.

The stakes are not only wage working conditions and union security; they are also house hospitals, schools, social security and the answers to such basic questions as war or peace, depression or prosperity, inflation or price control, plutocracy or democracy.

At party conventions, in short, labor may either hit the jackpot or lose its shirt—depending on how well it plays the game.

Labor's Portion?

When the Demo delegates sit down to slice the national pie, what will be labor's portion?

Management will be at the head of the table, knife in hand, trying to hog everything including the crumbs.

Wage-slavers from the south will be there, flapping their Klan robes in an effort to frighten the convention into granting them a white supremacy clause with which to hold back unionism.

On our side of the table, Negro citizens will be holding out for a clause guaranteeing the civil rights to which they are so evidently entitled.

Shut Out or Walk Out?

What will labor's representatives be asking? Other groups good and bad, have put a price tag on their support. Is labor to give all and get nothing? Apart from considerations of war or peace, why should labor accept less than a promise to repeal the T-H act? Why shouldn't labor join with other democratic groups in insisting upon the best possible candidates?

America is the only major industrial nation in which all labor has not united behind a party it can call its own. The least labor can do is exert its full bargaining power around the convention table.

Beating 'Em Straight

BY ED HUGHES
Federated Press

Louis Was Everybody's
Ring Hero

Louis as Cauliflower's
man, jugged more distinc-
tive than any amounting to honor, to the
famous fight game than any
champion. In and out of
parties, Joe was imme-
diately popular. This in itself is a
distinction. Habitually, LU
was not only the top dog, but frequently hated
and despised—reading the careers
of Dempsey and Tunney.

Playing on the Johnson
Team's home grounds, Hebron
Ind., 1010's game was marked
by exceptionally fine out-fielding
and the pitching of Sammie
Kapitan, blast furnace dept. Final
score stood at 11-10.

LU 1010's Soft Ball Team gar-
nered its fourth win this season
in the tenth inning of a game
with the Johnson Seed Co.'s ag-
gregation, one of the best in this
region, Tuesday, July 6.

Playing on the Johnson
Team's home grounds, Hebron
Ind., 1010's game was marked
by exceptionally fine out-fielding
and the pitching of Sammie
Kapitan, blast furnace dept. Final
score stood at 11-10.

With the coming of real base
ball weather, 1010's ball play-
ers, in common with the rest of
the Two I leaguers, expect bet-
ter turnouts to the home games than they've been getting so far.

All home games are played at
the Noll Central High School
Field, Chicago and White Oak
Avenues, Hammond. Number two bus stops right at Noll
Field's gate.

Local Union 1010 has games
scheduled for the coming two
weeks on the following dates:

Monday, July 19, 8 P.M.—
with Billy Island; July 22, 8
P.M.—with East Chicago Col-
loma; and Wednesday, July 28,
9 P.M., with the East Chicago
Cordons.

USSR Trade Union

Checks Misuse of Worker's Ins. Funds

MOSCOW — (ALN) — The
Soviet Union acted to shake up
its workers' social insurance
system following revelations
by Pres. Vassily Kuznetsov of
All-Union Central Council of
Trade Unions and the AUCTC
newspaper Trud that some sums
were being diverted from their
proper use.

AUCTC social insurance head
Gorbunov and chief accountant
Khokhlacheva were dismissed
and all sums "borrowed" from
social insurance funds were ordered
repaid by July 1, after
Trud had published a wide-
spread survey of previous violations.

The violations included delays
in legally required payments to
social insurance funds by factories
and other enterprises. The
funds, under Soviet law, are ad-
ministered by the unions, some
of which Trud blamed for not
pressing plant managements to
pay up in time.

Several unions were also
blamed for misuse of such
funds, which were diverted for
non-essential or illegal purposes
such as setting up union
orchestras, building rest-homes
and restaurants for union
officials only, and feeding union
convention delegates. Moscow
unions were blamed for mis-
using 500,000 rubles to prepare
exhibits for the city's 800 anniver-
sary celebration.

The present shakeup, the pur-
pose of which is to collect all
funds due for social insurance
and make sure that they are
used only for pensions, special
food for sick workers, etc., is
welcomed by all rank-and-file
unionists.

quit at the peak of fighting
form. He did not lack formid-
able opposition, either. Jack
Sharkey, a fellow who always
thought he could lick Tunney,
waited for him. He's still wait-
ing.

Tunney didn't retire in the
sense that Louis did. Simply, he
was pleasanter for Gene to
marry into the plush set than
to defend his title. Just divorced
himself from slugging and
married a woman, huh?

1010 Takes Hebron In Ten Inning Game

Co. Locks Out 1,300 To Enforce Cut -- No Injunction Rushed By Gov't

NEWARK, O.—(FP) — At-
tempt to force a plant-wide
wage cut estimated by the un-
ion at 10%, the Pharis Tire &
Rubber Co., shut down since
July 1, has announced it will
remain closed indefinitely. The
company normally employs
1,300 workers.

In Akron, Vice Pres. H. R.
Lloyd of the United Rubber
Workers (CIO) said the Newark
local had three times voted
down the company's proposal
that it accept a cut in average
wages from \$1.74 an hour to
\$1.62. He said to approve the
lower figure would wipe out all
gains made by the union during
the past 13 years.

Lloyd refuted the company
statement that costs are higher
than the prices that could be
obtained for its products by ap-
pointing to the firms 1947 fin-
ancial statement, which showed
profits up 56% over prewar fig-
ures.

Injunction Ace Played By Bosses To Force Miners Back Into Captives

WASHINGTON — (FP) —
The crude force of the Taft-
Hartley law hit the coalfields
July 8 as federal Justice T. Alan
Goldsbrough ordered the United
Mine Workers and UMW
Pres. John L. Lewis into court
July 14 to show cause why he
should not enjoin a stoppage in
captive bituminous mines.

The injunction was issued at
once on request of NLRB Gen.
Counsel Robert N. Denham.
Coal operators supplying the
steel industry earlier had asked
the NLRB to halt the UMW de-
mand for its traditional union
shop. The industry men argued
that they could not legally sign
a union shop clause without
authorization polls in their
mines.

The NLRB would not hold
such elections with the UMW on
the ballot because the union has
not filed affidavits and other
data under the Taft-Hartley law.
The injunction showdown will
finally test whether the steel
kings can force the men into
the mines without a contract,
by use of the Taft-Hartley law.

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Yvonne DeCarlo

— also —

"Alias a Gentleman"

Wallace Berry

SUNDAY - MONDAY,

JULY 18, 19

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Scudda-Hay

June Haver

Peoples' Pays Dividend

Peoples Federal Savings and
Loan Association of East Chicago
announced last week through
its Secretary-Treasurer, Albert
P. Lesniak, that the Board of
Directors of this Association, at
the last regular meeting declar-
ed the payment of a semi-annual
dividend upon all saving and

investment accounts as of June
30th, 1948, on an annual basis
of 2½%.

Secretary-Treasurer, Lesniak,
said that it always has been and
will continue to be policy to
give the savers and investors
a fair rate of return commen-
surate with sound, conservative
business practices after ade-
quate amounts have been trans-
ferred to reserves.

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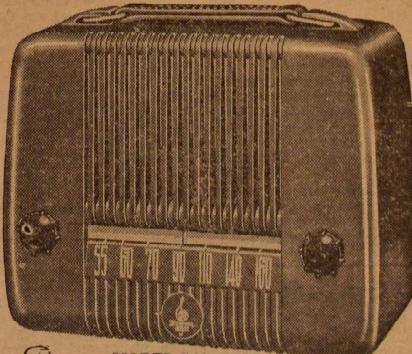
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CHICAGO — (FP) — On July 24 the Int'l. Typographical Union (AFL) strike against Chicago's five major dailies will enter its ninth month.

The 1,500 printers have lost more than \$4 million in wages. They have collected \$2½ million in strike benefits via a 5% assessment on working ITU members.

What is behind this strike and what does it mean to all union members? Briefly this:

If the Chicago Newspaper Publishers Assn. succeeds in breaking the strike they will have established a precedent which would portend destruction of all gains achieved by workers in the past 48 years.

The Chicago publishers argue that they will not sign any agreement which goes "around the Taft-Hartley law." By that they mean they will not agree to a closed shop contract. And they say this knowing full well that the closed shop is the very foundation of the ITU, one of America's oldest unions.

The newspaper publishers have offered a \$9 weekly raise to \$94.50 for day workers, \$100 for night workers.

But recent talks, apparently stalemated, have not been concerned with wages. The issue is still basically the T-H law and whether, because of it, the publishers shall be permitted to get their foot in the door barring a return to the "old days" when employer policies made a printer's life sheer misery.

The publishers insist that further parleys are useless unless the ITU obeys the T-H law. But the ITU is far from ready to give up its established traditions.

The past eight months have been hard—on printers, the publishers' pocketbooks, the union men still working to produce engraved newspapers, the public which has to read them.

Both sides are equally determined.

It's worth watching for the outcome. It will be an excellent indication of what the future holds in store for other unions.

**Expect Smashing
Victory at Ford**

DEARBORN, MICH.—(FP)— Tremendous voting on the first day of the NLRB union shop poll at the Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Co. presages a victory for the United Auto Workers (CIO) and a defeat for the company, which has been banking on throwing out the clause in the contract now being negotiated. The old contract expires July 15.

The NLRB voting closes July 9. Almost half of the 63,000 eligible voters turned out the first day, Local Pres. Tommy Thompson of Ford Local 600 said. The company, refusing to let the workers vote inside the plant, was hoping that they would not take the time to go to the two dozen voting booths set up on vacant land behind the union headquarters.

Workers at the new Mount Rd. plant of Ford north of Detroit voted 1564 to 36, for the UAW June 28, following the decisive UAW victory in the new Ford plant at Metuchen, N.J. earlier that month.

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Noted Actor Canada Lee (L) presents Voice of Freedom Committee Award to radio news commentator Arthur Gaeth, whose weekly broadcast, Let the People Speak, (Monday, 10:00 P.M., EDT, ABC network) is sponsored by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (CIO). (Fed. Pictures)

**88-1 For Union Shop
At Ford's--14c Demand
Backed by Strike Vote**

DETROIT—(FP) — 88 to 1 was the verdict of Ford Motor Co. workers in the NLRB union shop election in 25 states announced in Detroit July 10 by the board's regional office. The vote was 88,943 favoring the union shop to 1214 against. The company took the trouble to challenge 924 voters out of the 98,989 eligibles. The contract in the Ford plants is held by the United Auto Workers (CIO).

The landslide union vote is a blow to Ford hopes of undermining UAW strength in the plants. The company refused to let the vote be taken in the plants, banking on the fraudulent Taft-Hartley provision by which employees not voting are counted as voting no. Previously the company tried to split union sentiment by offering an 11c raise to workers earning under \$1.50 an hour but 14c to those making more.

Previous union demands have been trimmed down to 14c blanket increase and about 14c in other demands. Industry gossip is that the big union shop vote has made the company willing to settle for 14c straight for all classifications plus some fringe concessions. General Motors granted 11c this year and 3c next, with cost of living strings attached. Chrysler and most parts plants and independents granted 13c straight. All firms yielded additional concessions. The Ford pact expires July 15.

Ford locals are taking strike votes to pep up Ford negotiations. Ford Local 600 at the Rouge plant in Dearborn votes July 18 and will consider a report to be made by the Union Ford national negotiating committee.

After negotiating July 9 the union committee called on UAW Pres. Walter P. Reuther at his home. Contrary to rumors in the shoppe Reuther is not incapacitated other than physically, his arm still being in a cast and giving him much pain. He raised his shirt and showed the committee where a shotgun pellet had hit a rib April 20 when a gunman outside his home shot through the kitchen window at him.

The rib, Reuther said, is what stopped the shot from being fatal. He urged the negotiators to fight for a firstclass contract.

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LU 1010's Craft Workers Forge Plantwide Links At Big Turnout July 7

Although without benefit of plugging by Fred Gillies, whose letters to the membership did so much to enliven the elections of LU 1010, a meeting called for Electrical, Mechanical, and Maintenance workers eclipsed most Local Union meetings in size and enthusiasm Tuesday night, July 7.

Chaired by Machine Shop Griever Sopko, each craft division in the general maintenance group selected a Chairman and co-Chairman of its own. These rank and file representatives will serve as a permanent co-ordinating committee to insure that the highest level of pay for each classification is not withheld from any other union members performing the same work.

Grievance Setup Remains

The Mechanical, Electrical, and Maintenance men are not, as it may erroneously be supposed, setting up a new Grievance Division. Members of these crafts will remain in the same Division as they are now. Primary purpose of the new structure is to insure equality of rates, unify working rules, standardize promotional sequences, and co-ordinate action of men working on the same jobs in different parts of the plant.

Grievers from most of the Divisions which include employees in the above named classifications, also attended and participated in Wednesday night's discussions. Their work will be considerably simplified and strengthened by the exchange of information and united backing stemming from formation of the Mechanical, Electrical, and Maintenance men in an auxiliary group.

Plan Long Overdue

Two instances serve to indicate the necessity of closer liaison among craft workers in the Local Union.

Blast Furnace riggers were classified lower than Machine Shop and New Construction riggers when the Wage Inequity Program went into effect one year ago. Because the Blast Furnace and Machine Shop grievors, bedeviled with a thousand complications, failed to compare rates on these jobs, the inequality escaped their notice until short time ago. The difference, 7¢ an hour, will be made up to the Blast Furnace riggers before the final settlement of the program.

The significant thing about this, however, is that many more such inequalities have probably escaped screening and could, if they are not checked up, become a part of the permanent wage structure.

Keeping Their Powder Dry

Another angle which bids to be an important one in coming tussles with Inland Steel is that of unified action by the men who make the machinery go.

A year or so back, the company tentatively violated an agreement made with O. H. McKinsey, NC Griever, concerning maintenance and operation of air compressors used by outside contractors. New Construction machinists promptly refused to operate the compressor in question until the matter was adjusted.

Machinists from Plant No. 1 shop, unaware that there was any dispute involved, were dispatched to run the compressor when Brother McKinsey contacted Brother Sopko. The machinists were informed of the circumstance and, accordingly, returned to their regular jobs, leaving the compressor dead.

The trouble was adjusted within the hour.

Don't Buy STRUCK NEWSPAPERS

'Friends & Neighbors' To Resume Duties In Late September

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Starting late in September the army will draft 30,000 men a month, Army Sec. Kenneth Royall announced June 28.

By June 1949, the army expects to build up its strength with nearly a quarter of a million draftees. The men will be from the 19 to 25 age group, serving for 21 months. After eight weeks basic training they will be eligible for shipment overseas.

Most of the new draftees will go into the army. The airforce and navy expect to maintain authorized strength with volunteers.

The draft bill was signed by Pres. Truman June 25th. It was passed by Congress on the last day of the session over determined opposition from Sen. Glen Taylor (D., Ida.) and Sen. William Langer (R., N.D.) and from pro-labor Congressmen in the House.

Royall stood pat on the army's Jimcrow policies. He said, "Our policy must continue to be the employment of Negro troops units of appropriate size and conformation in the best interests of overall efficiency."

With the draft safely in hand, the brass hats cut off enlistments in national guard units. A flood of guard enlistments had borne out the argument of draft opponents that military strength could be built up without conscription.

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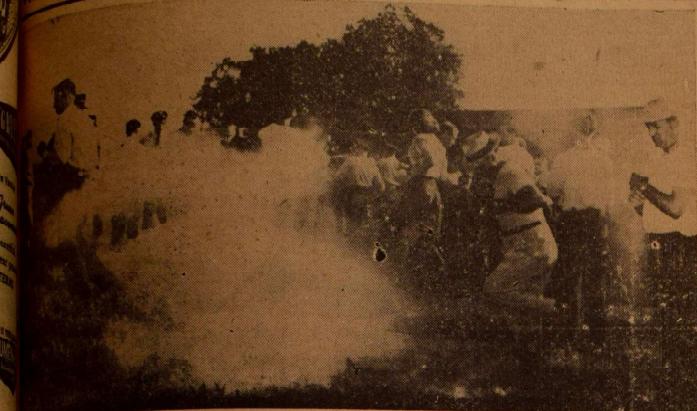
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ATTACK STRIKERS WITH TEARGAS

Police hurl teargas bombs at members of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers (CIO) picketing at the Univis Lens Co. in Dayton, O. The Natl. Guard was sent to the scene after workers voted to continue the 2-month strike. (Federated Pictures)

BUYERS STRIKE

Buyers' strikes, sparked by rebellious housewives, were spreading like brushfire across the nation as industry profiteers sent high prices still higher.

In Chicago, home of the slaughterhouses, consumers declared Aug. 5 "meatless Thursday" in answer to a new bill now up 22½% over the pre-war level. Housewives picked up the national crusade against high food prices with a series of demonstrations and radio broadcasts.

With hogs at the record price of \$31.10 a hundredweight in the Chicago stockyards, Women in Wallace led the 1-day boycott, choosing key sections of the city for a concentrated campaign.

Mrs. Mildred Treffman, one of the leaders of the organization, reported that the drive was organized by chain telephone calls among housewives made by the distribution of leaflets.

She pointed out that the cost of living in Chicago, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, had risen 172.6% above the pre-war level. And prices are up 20% since price controls were destroyed.

Key demand of the Chicago demonstrators was for passage of Sen. Glen Taylor's price control and rollback bill.

In Los Angeles, where one other shop gave meat the top-jewel treatment by displaying steaks and chops on velvet curtains, an organized telephone campaign against buying meat was also successfully under-

way. The Independent Progressive Party there gathered 75,000 signatures in one week on petitions demanding immediate price control. In Glendale five hours at two super-markets, customers at one Safeway Market were so anxious to sign petitions that the manager called a cop. But the policeman,

Migas Hearing Finished, Verdict Goes Before LU

With none of the accusers present to press their charges that Nick Migas is disqualified as a Grievance Committeeman by reason of his membership in the Communist Party, hearings before the Local Union's Trial Board were concluded Monday, August 9. Recommendation of the Trial Board on Migas' case will be submitted to the Local Union membership for their acceptance or rejection at a meeting to be announced within the next two weeks.

Neither Joe Jeneske, Staff Representative who was notified by registered mail of the resumed hearing, nor any other member of the International Staff were present at either of the trial sessions.

Migas' right to remain a Grievance Committeeman was defended jointly by William Young, Walter Leonard and Harry Powell. Although devoting some of their argument to conflicting interpretations of the USA-CIO Constitution which nullify the anti-Communist amendment, Migas' representatives centered their heaviest fire upon the union busting character of the amendment itself, and upon use of this device by Joe Germano to eliminate a personal enemy from CIO ranks.

On legalistic grounds, Young submitted, section No. 1, article 3 states that steel workers are eligible for membership regardless of race, creed, or national origin. Creed, he elaborated, is commonly accepted to mean political as well as religious belief. That phrase occurs in other sections of the Constitution as well as in the Oath of Membership. None of these sections, nor the Oath of membership, had been stricken from the Constitution itself. The amendment is, therefore, Young argued, not binding.

Concluding, Young stated: "I am a Negro, one of the persecuted. As such, I am opposed to all persecution whether it is based upon the color of a man's skin or upon a man's political belief."

Wording of section 4, Article III, the amendment adopted at the Boston Convention alleged

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INLAND CONTRIBUTES SCABS' PROVENDER TO NEEDY FISH

The fish who habitually congregate in that part of Lake Michigan which laves Inland's slag and refuse dump ate unusually well one day a couple of weeks ago — if that is, any of them had can openers. At least one truck of canned food was trucked to the dump's edge, deposited in a pile, and hastily bulldozed into the lake.

Contents of a few cans, diverted toward human gullets before the pile was given the deep six, proved the food to be perfectly fresh and of excellent quality. Labels from two of the cans, tomato puree and red beets disclosed that "None-Such" and "Free-lance" brands were among those fed to the fortunate fish.

Piece de resistance of the banquet was Polish ham, the expensive kind that comes in tins shaped like hog's hips. By the way of relishes a barrel of dill pickle, jars of olives, and cans of beets, peas, and corn were noted by interested observers in the mound of abandoned comestibles. Preserved fruits, notably figs, were also included among the items consigned to the Inland's lake frontage.

Families of some of Inland's laborers and other underpaid employees are, meanwhile, subsisting chiefly on rice and beans.

Meat's too high.

TO THE MEMBERS OF LU 1010

In going through my records, I find that there are several members of Local 1010 who have not yet signed the check off card authorizations. We know that there was a lot of misunderstanding and some confusion about whether Local Union 1010 stood squarely behind this method of getting the check off deal muddled up by the Taft-Hartley law, cleared up.

That point was cleared up several weeks ago. Local Union 1010 is going along with that plan and the membership was so notified by every means at our disposal.

Those free riders, who are deliberately refusing to sign the check off authorizations (white card), are advised that they cannot be represented by any Union Local or International official unless they are in good standing.

Members who have not been contacted on this matter in their departments by stewards, are requested to procure cards from the LU office, fill them out and send them in without further delay.

Fraternally yours,
TOM CONWAY,
Financial Secretary

State Convention

Eight delegates will be nominated by 1010 at the first membership meeting in September to the Tenth Constitutional Convention of the State Industrial Union Council. Elections of delegates will be conducted on the third Thursday of September.

More than usual attention attaches to the State Convention by reason of the eight who were purged from the Executive Board by that body some months ago. It is quite possible that rubber stamped proceedings, usual to routine Conventions may be upset by delegates something in the manner of the blow up at the Boston Convention last May.

Those who are elected as delegates will receive lost time, train fare, and \$12 a day expenses.

The Convention, beginning October 2, at South Bend, is scheduled for three days.

Resolutions, bearing the Local Union's seal, must be submitted to the Convention Resolutions Committee five days before the opening date.

Phil Murray Here Sept. 19 to Speak At Dist. 31 Conference

President Philip Murray will, as in times past, be the featured speaker at District 31's Conference Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10 and 11.

Wage Policy Committeemen for the coming two years will also be elected as one of the principal points of business on the Conference agenda.

All Grievers, Assistant Grievers, Stewards, and Local Union Officers are entitled to attend as delegates. Although the

Equity Settlement

Edging Closer

Adjustments on 15% of all production and operating job classifications remain to be settled before final payment of retroactivity will be made.

Beginning Wednesday, Aug. 11, Grievers from those departments who are having trouble in adjusting their classifications satisfactorily will be called in and assisted by the Negotiating Committee.

Because Union approval of classifications means freezing the rates for an indefinite period to come, the Negotiating Committee is making painstaking comparisons to insure that departmental grievers are not being snowed into accepting classifications below those prevailing in the industry.

As quickly as enough classifications are agreed upon to fulfill the 85% settlement required by the company as a condition to final payment of retroactivity, an effort will be made to reach agreement with the company's industrial engineers.

If no agreement is forthcoming at that meeting, the disputed classifications will be taken up between representatives of the International Union and F. M. Gillies. If failing agreement there, the dispute will go to arbitration.

Seven hundred and eighty-seven classifications for electrical, mechanical, and maintenance jobs remain to be accepted by both the union and the company before they are incorporated into a manual of classifications expressly for those departments. The EM&M classifications' settlement do not, however, bar payment of retroactivity to those whose rates have been finally adjusted.

Settlement of classifications is not even all over the plant. The Negotiating Committee reports that some departments have reached agreement upon 90% of their rates and classifications, while in others, 90% are in dispute.

This situation is not a reflection upon the Grievance Committeemen in those departments in which settlement is lagging. The number of different jobs varied greatly among the departments and, in several instances, job titles at Inland differed from job titles in other plants for exactly the same kinds of work. These and other complications are the main reasons for the long delay in reaching the final stage of the Inequity Program.

Local Union did not vote lost time to the delegates, five dollars expense money will be allowed for each of the two days. Those who intend to go to the Conference as delegates will notify the Financial Secretary's office before the opening date. The Conference will be held in the Terrace Casino Room in the Hotel Morrison, Chicago.

Nat'l Guard, Gov't Probers Move In On Dayton Strikers

DAYTON, O.—(FP)— Using tanks, bayonets and teargas bombs, Nat'l Guardsmen smashed against pickets outside the strikebound Univis Lens Co. here Aug. 3 to pave a pathway for scabs.

Firing teargas bombs into a picketline of 400 members of Local 768, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers (CIO), the soldiers summoned by Gov. Thomas E. Herbert (R) disregarded cries of "cossacks" and "strikebreakers" to help the company import scabs.

The tanks rolled up to the rim of the picketline while guardsmen with fixed bayonets moved forward against the UE members who have been striking for 90 days. The Nat'l. Guard assault is the latest in a series of company maneuvers to break the strike with the assistance of city and state officials.

GOVT GROUP COOPERATES

A House labor subcommittee headed by Rep. Clare Hoffman (R, Mich.) rushed to the aid of the strikebound Univis Lens Co. Aug. 1 and 2 by serving subpoenas on 24 strike leaders. The unionists were ordered to appear at a hearing set for the afternoon of Aug. 2.

The stage was set for a new congressional anti-labor witch-hunt after a membership meeting of Local 768, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers (CIO) unanimously rejected a settlement agreed on by union and company officials under pressure from Gov. Thomas E. Herber (R).

The governor arrived here July 30 in response to a call from local authorities for mobilizing of the Nat'l. Guard to help police battle strikers. The 88-day strike has been marked by repeated police violence and the arrest of 22 pickets.

Temporarily holding off Nat'l. Guard, Herber worked out a settlement which would have ended the strike with an 11c hourly increase. It provided that all strikers would return to their jobs without discrimination except for 11 workers whom the company had accused of "flagrant violations" of the law. Their cases were to be submitted to the American Arbitrator.

1 OH Helper Burned Every Ten Days

Ralph McMillan, Second Helper, No. 2 Open Hearth, who was badly burned about the face, neck, and arms while digging out a tap hole at 5 AM Sunday, July 25, was certified by Inland's clinic for hospitalization the following Wednesday.

Treated at the clinic Sunday morning, Brother McMillan was instructed to report for work at 12 midnight Sunday. He reported but left for his home, 1030 Willard St., Gary, before the shift ended.

Reporting daily at Plant No. 1 for dressings, the burned man was adjudged by clinic attendants Wednesday morning to be in a condition serious enough to warrant hospitalization.

Ralph McMillan is one of three furnace helpers who have been badly burned in the past month while digging out tap holes. Direct cause of the accident was an oversize tap hole which blew out unexpectedly.

Although a mechanical device that permits this dangerous operation to be done without risk of injury and death to the workmen has proven practicable in the Gary Works, it has not been obtained by Inland Steel. Inland's quest for new machinery stops short, apparently, of safety devices.

Two other open hearth workers have also been placed upon the lost time list by burns in the same thirty day period.

Jackets Awarded For Stewards' Efforts

The new black jackets, with Local Union 1010 USA-CIO emblazoned thereon that you see punctuating the clock house lines and one place and another these days, weren't given to these wearers for sending in a thousand or so Krunchie boxes.

To rate that jacket, you have to prove your worth as a Steward in the service of Local Union 1010. The jackets are awarded by the Local Union to any Steward, Griever, or non-office holding member who signs up 25 or more new members. Of course, signing up new members is only a fraction of what these people actually do to keep 1010 a going concern at Inland.

Upton Sinclair wrote a book about this type of union man, and the name stuck. He called him "Jimmy Higgins."

A further token recognition of the value of these people, the Financial Secretary has taken to distributing silver dollars to those who attend Steward's meetings, held the first Monday of each month. Thirty-nine were passed out at the latest one, before the main business of the meeting—the way things are in the mill and what to do about it—was taken up.

Those who have been awarded jackets, so far, and the number of new members they have signed up are:

Carl Stanley, 86; John Bodenier, 75; Miguel Arredondo, 65; Casimir Krivickas, 40; Basil Menygo, 39; Harold Kraft, 38; John Durcho, 3g; Dan Hora, 35; Frank Gordon, 32; Nick Migas, 32; Jose Martinez, 30; Ota Tillotson, 26; Jim Stone, 25; Gabby Stribus, 25.

KROLL URGE CIO

WATCH ON CONGRESS 14 pt

WASHINGTON — (FP)— A plan for CIO international unions to send observers to watch Congress massacre vital issues like Civil Action Director Jack was proposed Aug. 4 by CIO P-Kroll.

In a wire to the heads of the CIO internationals, Kroll said, "Current congressional action is incredible. It must be seen to be believed."

"I therefore suggest that you delegate at least one observer from your organization to sit in the galleries during the special session in order that they may report to our members first hand the conduct of these paid representatives of the people."

Kroll showed in detail the way in which price control, housing and polltax measures have been blocked in Congress.



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Grievance Report - -

Lockers, lemons, and lunches were typical of the month's grit of grievances dealt with at the four-and-one-half hour regular meeting Tuesday, August 3, between Local 1010's Grievance Committee and Management.

The twelve points on the agenda were taken up in the following order:

INTRALINE BUSES

Stopping the busses in the plant before 4:30, the Committee complained, was compelling a considerable number of employees to walk from distant parts of the plant to No. 2 mill. Luellan stated that he would have that beef taken care of.

A request to have the bus stop at the canteens was turned down by management. Luellan indicated, however, that stops at places more convenient than existing ones may be arranged.

LOCKERS

Company agreed to install 125 new lockers in the '76' mill. They also agreed to put in a large change house for the slab yards to replace the several small locker rooms serving that department now.

Besides these definite commitments from the company on locker room beefs, which were made for their departments by at least a half dozen Grievors, went about like this:

Proper ventilation for No. 1 Open Hearth's locker room was promised by management. (Editor's note: The slur against Mexican workers arising from this grievance is reported elsewhere in this issue.)

Informed that employees of the '76', '44', and '46' slab yards have to climb over piles of material, cross busy tracks, and encounter several other risks on their way to and from existing locker rooms, Luellan agreed that it was too bad. Protection, he indicated, however, cannot be interfered with to build locker rooms.

The Committee reminded Luellan that finished lockers could be delivered within 40 days of the time steel is provided for that use.

Departments in addition to the above named, whose representatives presented detailed complaints about locker room facilities are: Blast Furnaces, Coke Plant, Machine Shop, and Plancor.

Each Griever was instructed to itemize the locker room requirements for his department and submit the list to management for consideration.

Local 1010's President will also work out a questionnaire with management to be sent to all Grievors as a further means of bettering the existing locker room situation.

REPORTING OFF

A central point which those wishing to report off may call, to their own departments, will instead of reaching supervision arranged by management. Under this heading, the Committee also requested that supervisors and foremen call an assembly in at least once for verbal reprimand or explanation before a disciplinary letter is given him. Luellan agreed to take the matter up with the departments and give an answer in 10 days.

Attention was called to the problem of the employees who are penalized because their lack of English causes misunderstandings in telephoned communications.

LEMONS

Lemons for men working on excessively hot jobs have not been provided, so far, this summer. The oversight, Luellan, agreed would be remedied as quickly as departments in which these jobs are can be notified.

PARKING LOTS

The lots near the B&O tracks and the one on Commonwealth Ave., are management contends, being worked over.

The Committee suggested that the company relinquish some of its idle property in the Sunnyside district to the steel transportation companies for parking their trucks in return for parking space for mill employees. Luellan, although agreeing to look into the matter, didn't congratulate anybody for making the suggestion.

He stated that the matter of tampering with cars in Inland's parking lots would be taken care of.

A COMPANY PROPOSAL TO STAGGER SHIFTS

A company proposal to stagger shifts as a means of relieving traffic congestion was turned down by the Committee.

LUNCHES

A request to increase the overtime lunch allowance from 65 cents to 90 cents was fended off for further consideration. Grievor Chairman McKinsey and Luellan will confer on the matter with a list of recent price increases at hand.

There will be no refunds made upon unused lunch slips. More flexibility in eating time for men on overtime shifts was agreed to by Luellan as a general practice.

Management agreed to provide rain coats for test carriers, Chemical Dept. in the Blast Furnaces and Open Hearths.

SAFETY CLOTHES

STEP 4 GRIEVANCES

No answers on cases 20c-6 and 20c-7.

Company was accused of deliberately bottling up beefs at step No. 4 in order to undermine union prestige and strength. Countering the charge, Luellan asserted that files are not properly kept and that formal grievance procedure is not strictly observed by all Grievors.

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DEADLINE ON BACK PAY

The company refused to pay back-pay claims to those former employees who failed to apply for it within ninety days of the Inequity Programs beginning date (July 1, 1947). Local Union 1010 is preparing to make a court test on this issue.

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DISCHARGE OF VIDAL RIVERA

Luellan agreed to review the case and give an answer.

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Under general discussion the following points came up:

Steam washers for use by men working on exceptionally dirty jobs were authorized more than a year ago. Copies of the authorization and prints for the construction of the washers will be given the Blast Furnace, Coke Plant, and Plancor Grievors.

Luellan refused to recognize the right of 1010's Grievance Committee to represent clerical workers. A detailed clarification of company's position on this issue was promised.

A request from the '76' Mill, Steam Dept., and Metallurgical

LABOR SENTINEL

Committeemen for more Griever Stewards in their departments was denied. Luellan, stated that he would not concede any more Union representatives than the contract stipulates.

Height of fraternal cooperation: Brother Carl Stanley removing his glasses at Thursday night's meeting and lending them to Brother O. H. McKinsey long enough to get the Grievance Committee report read.

Black Plate Shears

You could, it is reported, stand on any of the piles of unsheared tin cluttering up the Tin Mill Black Plate Department these days and light cigarettes for passing cranesmen.

Despite such emergency measures as scheduling the scab crews seven days and working the department's foremen to the limit of their strength and profanity, production in that sub-department has been levered up to a point only seventy percent of normal.

Washer crews have been reduced from five and six days a week to four and one-half; there's no more room to pile the stuff after it leaves the washers.

Within the past two weeks, eight more of the sterling characters who took striking shearers' jobs last May, have abandoned the Tin Mill Black Plate as a bad deal. Even with the seven days and overtime, they're barely making the hourly rate on this once highly paid tonnage job. In many cases, the current shear crew men are making much less than they were before they decided that

there was a future in strike breaking.

In order to keep the shears moving, even at half-step, management is refusing to transfer the shear crew men to other departments. Since more than the thirty day period, provided a try out time in a different department, has elapsed, they can't return to the jobs they formerly held.

HERO OF NO. 1

OH BLAST

Grady Smith, who violated the first law of nature in a futile effort to save Glen Becker from death in the slag pot explosion which took the lives of three Inland men in No. 1 Open Hearth's pit last April 30, is still confined to St. Catherine's Hospital.

Although admitting that he never lost consciousness, himself, Smitty insists that he didn't realize what he was doing when he rushed desperately into the barrage of molten steel to where Becker was trapped. Witnesses noted, however, that everybody else close to the explosion rushed desperately in the opposite direction.

Glen Becker wasn't a particularly close friend of Smith's. They got along well on the job, but seldom saw each other outside the plant gates. To Smitty, at that moment, he was just a guy who needed a hand. So he gave it to him; and very rarely threw his life into the deal too.

With 65% of the surface area burned, Grady Smith's body is slowly fighting its way back to healthy tissue. Due largely to the circumstance that his weider's hood fell over his face, his eyes, face, and head escaped

injury. His back and legs are still so far from healed, however, that moving out of the hospital bed is a painful effort.

Hospital attaches confirmed Smitty's statement that no permanent disablement is likely to result from his injuries. Complete recovery is a matter of several more months for him.

A navy veteran of World War II, Grady Smith went unscathed through several major sea battles, including action off Tarawa.

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Double Talk Won't Stop Inflation

Pres. Truman's message to the extra session of Congress did not offer a concrete program for halting inflation. He sought to make political capital out of unbearably high prices, but his proposals indicate that he is primarily interested in talking against inflation, not in taking effective action to roll back prices.

To begin with, he ignored the mainspring of the post-war inflation—the drive of the monopolies for super-profits. Recently the steel trust raised wages by \$150 million a year. It followed this with price increases of more than \$650 million. General Motors raised wages by \$75 million a year and then increased the prices of its cars by more than \$300 million.

To stop inflation, it is necessary to stop profiteering. A steeply graduated anti-inflation tax on corporations to take the profit out of inflation would curb profiteering and increase the government's revenue by more than \$10 billion.

The President spoke of the need for enacting an excess profits tax. In the first place, experience during the war demonstrated that an excess profits tax is full of loopholes and permits the giant corporations to evade paying high rates. The wartime rate was 95 percent, but the actual rate paid averaged about 55 per cent to 60 per cent.

Moreover, the President gave no specific proposal for an excess profits tax rate. It is not the name of the tax but the amount that is collected that will be decisive in curbing exorbitant profits.

General Price Freeze Needed

The second step in stopping inflation is imposition of a general price freeze. All prices are out of line and are continuing to rise. But Truman simply called for "price control" on scarce commodities. That method was tried in 1941 and prices skyrocketed. The economy cannot remain half controlled and half uncontrolled.

Just as important, the President failed to mention rolling back prices. Price control at present levels would simply legalize the inflationary gouging of the past two years. Meat at \$1.35 a pound and milk at 25¢ a quart would still be out of reach of workers and their families, whether they were called controlled prices or not.

Unless prices are rolled back, talk of stopping inflation is like giving respiratory treatment to a drowned man. The intention may be good but the effort is futile.

While the President ignored the critical necessity of rolling back prices, particularly food prices, he again called for a wage freeze just as he did last November.

The fact is that wages have persistently lagged behind prices and profits. Real wages have declined more than 15 per cent since the end of the war. What is needed is a substantial increase in wages to restore the balance between prices and wages, and restore purchasing power lost to inflation.

The President thus did not present a concrete program for stopping and reversing the inflationary spiral. What he called for was inadequate and in the case of the wage freeze—dangerous and unfair.

It must have been a difficult

message to write, for the President and the administration took the lead in destroying wartime anti-inflation controls, thereby setting the stage for the postwar inflation.

It was the administration which immediately after the war juked allocations and inventory controls, thereby inviting speculation and inventory hoarding for higher prices.

It was the administration which repealed the wartime excess profits tax, thereby putting a premium on profiteering.

It was the administration which scrapped price control on meat and failed to enforce rent control.

What the administration failed to do, the Republicans carried through. Both the administration and Congress are responsible for the inflation crisis. The Republicans blame the administration, and the President blames the Republicans.

But the record shows that both vied with each other in destroying controls, encouraging profiteering, and in refusing to lift a finger to protect the American people from the disastrous consequences of runaway inflation.

Steel Prices More Than Double Raise

NEW YORK — (FP) — It's the same old steel story.

Profits of U.S. Steel Corp. for the second quarter of 1948 were \$32,555,677 — more than 10% higher than the 1947 haul for the same period. And despite the recent price boosts, Board Chairman Irving S. Olds told reporters here July 27 that further price hikes were possible.

Rising prices, according to Olds, are not the cause of higher prices. As he put it: "Increases in prices are the evidence of inflation, not the cause of it."

Olds did not report that U.S. Steel has raised prices more than \$430 million since February 1946. Nor did he make clear what every consumer knows: that every time steel prices go up, all other goods quickly follow suit.

LABOR SENTINEL



LABOR 'Round the World

ENGLAND

LONDON—(ALN)—With prices constantly going up, British shipbuilders', building and rail unions are negotiating for higher wages. Officials of the shipbuilding union say living costs have jumped 76 per cent since 1938 while skilled craftsman's pay has increased but 50 per cent. Since the last wage raise, two years ago, the cost of living has zoomed 15 per cent.

CYPRUS

NICOSIA—(ALN)—Shouting anti-British slogans and demanding self-rule, Cyprus workers demonstrated outside government buildings to protest attacks on sit-down strikes in U. S. and British owned asbestos mines here. "We want self-government," "Down with anti-labor class rule," they roared as steel-helmeted police with fixed bayonets stood by ready for action. Cyprus, a British colony, is populated by Greeks.

MALAYA

KUALA LUMPUR—(ALN)—American arms and ammunition are being used by British police against Malay and Chinese workers at the U.S.-owned Pacific Tin Co. who have joined the fight for Malaya's national freedom. The weapons reached the area in a Pan-American Airways plane, ostensibly on a "survey trip." The shipment was ordered by the tin company's manager, Norman Cleveland, it was reported.

AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY—(ALN)—A water-front strike that had tied up 44 ships here settled when the companies agreed to negotiate with the union over the question of a midnight shift. Before the men went back to work the company was forced to reinstate a number of suspended workers.

CANADA

OTTAWA—(ALN)—Workers over 45 years old are finding it more difficult to get jobs, the Canadian Labor Dept. reported. Too many employers are discriminating against older workers solely because of age, the department said, terming the practice completely unjustified. In three occupations—clerical, metal and construction work—more than 50 per cent of the job-seekers are over 45.

JAPAN

KYOTO—(ALN)—When teachers at Kyoto University went on a 24 hour strike after their request for higher wages was ignored, the university president countered by pointing to Gen. MacArthur's order to the Japanese government to deny collective bargaining and strike rights to state employees. He called on the teachers to "act with prudence" in line with their duty as public servants. The MacArthur directive has been put into effect despite widespread protests from both left and right wing unions. The Japanese Liaison Council of Labor Unions, to which almost all unions belong, called the order "a plain effort by capitalist groups to split labor ranks and prevent the growth of unions."

MEXICO

MEXICO CITY—(ALN)—Workers are being persecuted in Brazil, Chile, Cuba and Paraguay, the Latin American Federation of Labor (CTAL) said in a letter to the CIO Latin American Affairs Committee, approving the CIO decision to send delegates to South America to look into labor conditions. The CTAL also asked the CIO to send observers to Puerto Rico, where, it charged, organized labor is being restricted by anti-union laws and attacks on civil liberties.

BRITISH GUIANA

GEORGETOWN—(ALN)—British Guiana sugar workers are continuing their 15-week struggle against producers despite repressive measures by police, which included mass killings recently. The workers have announced their determination to stay out until they win their wage demands. "We'll sit and starve rather than work and starve," strike leaders said as the government joined the companies in trying to evict workers from their homes.

GUATEMALA

GUATEMALA CITY—(ALN)—The Guatemalan Federation of Labor has joined the Latin American Federation of Labor (CTAL) in asking South American unions to pressure their governments into recognizing the state of Israel. Guatemala was one of the first countries to recognize the Jewish homeland when it was born May 16.

Latest White Wash Nazi Financiers Follow Pattern

NUREMBERG—(ALN)—The 11-month trial of I. G. Farben officials has ended here with all 23 acquitted of plotting and waging aggressive war. Ten of the heads of the combine which financed built Hitler's war machine let off scot-free while 13 were convicted on only one count of the long list of crimes against them in the original indictment.

The Farben chiefs were tried by an American military tribunal, which rejected the claim that men of reasonable intelligence must have been aware of Hitler's aggressive intentions after he marched into Austria and Czechoslovakia.

The whitewash of Krupp, chairman of Farben's supervisory board of directors specified that although Krauth was Hermann Goering's right-hand man in gearing the German economy for war, he was not guilty of plotting or waging that war because he confined his work to promoting German economy.

Nine of the defendants were convicted of plunder and violation of property in countries subjugated by the Nazis. The other 14 were cleared of charge. Four were found guilty, and 19 innocent, of using slave labor and treating colonial and prisoners of war humanely. A 24th defendant involved in the original indictment, Max Brueggeman, was freed some time ago when it developed he was too ill to stand trial.

Among charges in the original indictment on which the defendants were acquitted were planning, preparing, initiating and waging aggressive war; invasion of other countries; robbery and spoliation; slavery and mass murder; membership in the SS which was declared criminal by the international military tribunal; and conspiracy to commit crimes against peace.

The acquittal of Farben officials marks the third time the American war crimes prosecutors have dismissed charges against top Nazi industrialists. Other cases involved the head of the Krupp unmaking firm and Nazi financial wizard Hjalmar Schacht. Schacht reportedly was one of the chief advisers to the U.S. Military government in its recent currency reforms in Germany.

Labor "Holiday" To Back Boeing

SEATTLE—(FP)—A 10-day holiday with workers of all affiliations downing tools to force Boeing Airplane Co. to resume negotiations with striking Mechanics Lodge 751 was set as a possibility by spokesmen for the Labor Committee to Support the Boeing Strike here.

The committee, comprising 150 representatives of AFL-CIO and unaffiliated unions, went to urge Gov. Mon C. Walker (D) to enforce an NLRB examiner's recommendation that Boeing immediately resume bargaining.

Calling 'Em Straight

By ED HUGHES

THE SAD STORY OF BOMBARDIER BILLY

British after some 70 years has a world champ among the heavier fighters. Freddie Mills wallop our light-heavy title holder, old Gus Lesnevich, 'Ere's 'ow, Freddie. However, the foggy isle hasn't come up with a first class heavyweight since the bare knuckle days of Charlie Mitchell dating to John L. Sullivan's period.

The stout Mitchell breed curdled into a scummy line of "horizontal heavyweights." The guys responsible for the "horizontal" rigs were a British gladiator and a British bombardier. Billy Wells and one hairy character and comrade, Joe Beckett. Both became England's heavyweight king, George Carpenter, the "Orchid Man" of France, also had an explosive knock-out in it. Twice the underhanded Frenchman slammed both of them silly in brief combats.

Beckett I never saw, but I did see Mr. Wells' wares in squat form as a sports scribbler. Since the bombardier is authentic Briton, I'd like to tell you about him. I saw his fight with Al Palmer, our leading contender for Dick Johnson's crown. Bombardier had more stuff with less supporting material than any fighter I've ever glimpsed.

Wells looked like a gentleman, whatever that is. With all his 6 ft broad shoulders and tapering legs, he somehow looked fragile. Bomby entered the ring sporting a bright striped blazer jacket. Looked like being on leave from home or Harrow.

I still have to see a bruiser more ferocious-looking than big Al Palmer. Fittingly, he wore a mangy peak jerked low, and a coat draped over his massive shoulders. Shelling the coat, he immediately began violently pulling on the ropes, his back toward Wells. The bruiser heaved wildly on all four sides of the ring. Scars stuff, Palmer was a real hard guy.

Bomby smiled, nervously, as if to say, "My word!" He was a gentleman, whatever that is. Bombardier Billy, it developed, was also a beautiful boxer and a ferociously shattering clout. Didn't know nothing but slug, give me take it. His bull-like attacks and sweeping swings registered

Sham' Session Called for Vote Getters Only, Asserts Henry Wallace

Nazi Party Card Big Help To Jobs In US Occupied Zone

NEW YORK — (FF) — Mrs. Truman's call for a special session of Congress "was a shrewdly calculated maneuver to create the election-year impression that there is a real struggle between the two old parties." Henry A. Wallace, Progressive party Presidential candidate, charged in a nationwide radio broadcast July 29.

Given free time to answer Truman's message to Congress, Wallace said that if the President were sincere in his fight against inflation, he could "this very day . . . request and receive the resignations of his own lieutenants, who are so largely responsible for milk at 25 cents a quart, meat at \$1.30 a pound, and once low-priced automobiles at \$2,000."

Describing the Truman anti-inflation program as a "sham," Wallace said: "The fundamental fact for every wage-earner, farmer, housewife and independent businessman to recognize is that the Republicans and Democrats both agree on the same policies which cause inflation."

Wallace termed a vote for the progressive party as "your real weapon against mounting inflation, eventual depression and war."

Spy Story Receives Damaging Blow

WASHINGTON — (FP) — While members of the House un-American activities committee looked increasingly gloomy, Pres. Alger Hiss of the Carnegie peace foundation Aug. 5 destroyed the credibility of a star witness in the current spy probe.

Hiss had been named by Whitaker Chambers, senior editor for Time magazine, as one of a group of Communist master minds in the government in the 1930's. Hiss gave Chambers the lie directly. He bluntly contradicted him on every point of the accusation against himself.

Chambers had said he left the Communist party in 1937 and hence was not able to add weight to the spy story told by Elizabeth Bentley which began in 1941. However, he was a key witness for the committee in creating an atmosphere of dangerous plots hatching.

EVEN SHAKES RANKIN

Hiss proved so convincing a witness that toward the end of the hearing a committee stalwart, Rep. John Rankin (D., Miss.), felt the need of saying that in view of the magazine's smears against the committee he was "not surprised at anything coming from a Time man." Rankin referred to Chambers.

Hiss was a star student at Harvard Law School and a secretary to Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. He was a high ranking official in the Agriculture and State Departments. He was one of the authors of the United Nations charter.

Committee members' faces began falling when Hiss told them he was recommended as head of the Carnegie foundation by John Foster Dulles, Republican foreign policy expert.

LIKED PRESSMAN

Hiss acknowledged that he knew some of the others named by Chambers. He said he had been a classmate of Lee Pressman and a boyhood friend of Henry Collins, both among the accused. While implying differences in point of view, Hiss expressed admiration and personal liking for Pressman.

Chambers said in a previous hearing that he had turned in Hiss's name in 1939. Hiss said, and gave supporting evidence, that he never heard of the charges until he came back from a UN meeting in London in 1946. On the advice of the then Sec. of State James Byrnes, he went to the FBI and asked for a chance to answer any charges against him. He was not told the nature of the charges nor was Chambers name mentioned to him.

RED' BALLOON BUSTED

Without hesitating Hiss said about another man smeared by the committee: "I knew Lauchlin Currie very well and have a high regard for him." Currie was a White House aide who was also been mentioned in the spy story.

Towards the end of the session, with the atmosphere in the room clearly indicating that Chambers' accusations were blowing up, Rep. John McDowell (R., Pa.) remarked that at least Hiss would have to say he had received a fair hearing.

Hiss said he had no complaints about the day's hearing. However, he observed that it would have been a better idea if he had had a chance to hear Chambers' wild charges before they were made in public.

Gov't Ownership Of Basic Industry Demanded by Aussies

MELBOURNE — (FP) — Representing more than one million workers, delegates to the Australian Council of Trade Unions convention here demanded that the government nationalize the coal and steel industries.

After praising the government's nationalization of the banking system, the convention passed a resolution stating: "In view of the paramount importance of steel and coal . . . and the great power wielded by the monopolies, the council directs the federal government . . . to nationalize the coal and steel industries."

Delegates also demanded that the government set up building controls to prevent the use of materials and labor "on unnecessary and luxury buildings." They called for a planning authority to insure the building of 80,000 homes annually.

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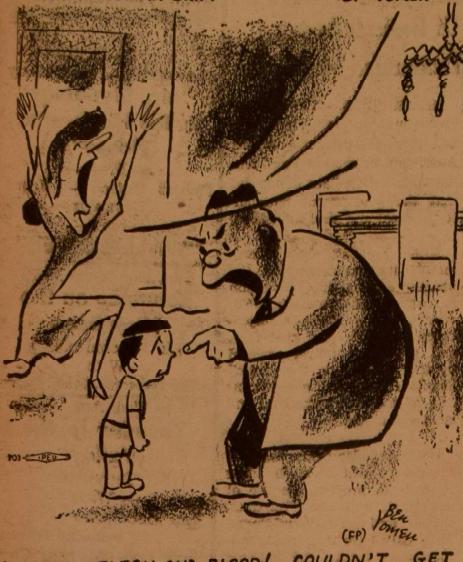
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CANCER AND WAGES

There is a definite relationship between the worker's health and the size of his paycheck. When real wages drop he buys less groceries, moves into a cheaper flat, makes the tattered winter coat do another season, and forgets about that coming appointment with the doctor.

He may take on a part-time job on the side to make a little extra money, and before long he becomes a thin, fagged out, worried individual. Because he can't afford to take care of his health he soon falls prey to diseases like tuberculosis, pneumonia, rheumatism, or nervous disorders.

Cancer too has been found to be more common where income is lowest. In 1924, Dr. Charles V. Chapin, one of America's pioneer health officers, looked up the health of taxpayers in the city of Providence, R. I., for the year 1865. He found that those who paid income tax (just the upper incomes in that day) lived longer than those whose income was too small to tax. The taxpayers had less tuberculosis, heart disease, nervous disorders and cancer than the non-taxpayers.

More recent studies in Great Britain have shown that the unemployed, the unskilled workers, the machinists, steel workers, miners and fruit pickers have a better chance of dying from cancer than the clergymen, doctors, bankers, lawyers and others with higher incomes.

Because Negro workers are at the bottom of the economic scale, they not only have more tuberculosis than the whites, but they also have more cancer. Negro women have more cancer of the womb than white women, for example, and they have three times as much during their teens.

The fact that women in the lower economic groups marry earlier, have more children, have less medical care, eat less nutritious foods, have less opportunity to rest before and after childbirth contributes to the development of "female troubles." Cancer experts tell us

that these female troubles should be corrected for some of them may develop into cancer. Of course white women in the lowest income brackets suffer as much as Negro women, for it is income and not color which is the determining factor.

The relationship of low income and high cancer death rates does not hold for all types of cancer, but only for exposed sites, such as the skin, tongue, mouth, throat, stomach and womb. The net result for cancer as a whole is a much higher death rate in the lower income groups.

In addition to being more common among those with the lowest income, cancer has a more devastating effect on the lives of people in this group than in the higher brackets. When a worker develops cancer it means he is going to have to see a specialist immediately and pay a sizeable sum for diagnosis and treatment.

He may have to quit his job for a fairly long period to enter the hospital. This generally means the family is left to its own resources for some time. These resources are apt to dwindle away rather rapidly, and so children quit school to go to work, leave home, get married prematurely, and the family breaks up.

As if this were not enough demoralization for him, the sick worker may have to swallow his self-respect by undergoing a means test and accepting charity.

A compulsory health insurance law would relieve cancer patients of the burden of expensive medical care; disability insurance would maintain family income during illness; a \$1-an-hour minimum wage would help raise the living standards of the worker. All of this social legislation would go a long way toward cutting down the number of deaths due to cancer and other diseases.

A Tale Of Two Platforms: For a party supposedly plagued by defeatism, the Democrats showed a full measure of fighting spirit. They adopted a platform of which liberals everywhere can be proud. What a contrast can be drawn between the statement of principles hammered out by the stricken Democrats and the charter of special privilege offered by the GOP—Textile Labor, CIO.

BUYERS STRIKE

(Continued from page 1)
collectors, signed the petition himself, declaring high prices were playing havoc with his fixed salary.

Resistance to high meat prices was highest at Dallas, Tex., where the buyers' strike was originated by the women's auxiliary of the Chamber of Commerce. Women's committees at Corpus Christi, Fort Worth, Austin and other Texas towns were joining the boycott.

At New Orleans, the United Women to Combat Inflation—organized when price controls were first dropped—called on its 150,000 members to stop buying meat until prices came down. Meat markets in Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Salt Lake City reported that customers were boycotting higher priced cuts. In Cincinnati, the Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers Assn. said meat consumption had plunged 25 per cent in recent weeks.

Milk was hit by buyers' strikes, too. In Cleveland, after housewives began canceling orders for milk delivery, one grocery chain and most dairy stores offered milk in four quart lots at 2c. and 3c. below the price listed for a single quart. The strike there began after Cleveland dairies had boosted milk prices to the all-time high of 22c. a quart.

In Buffalo, N.Y., an industrialist took note of the rising consumer resistance and gloomily predicted that the U. S. "is nearing a broad buyers' strike." He was Pres. John L. McCaffrey of the Int'l. Harvester Co. But, said McCaffrey, whose own firm has been among the industry price-boosters, Int'l. Harvester is contemplating still further price increases.

When, by virtue of the first laws, part of society accumulated wealth and grew powerful, they enacted others more severe, and would protect their property at the expense of humanity." —Benjamin Franklin

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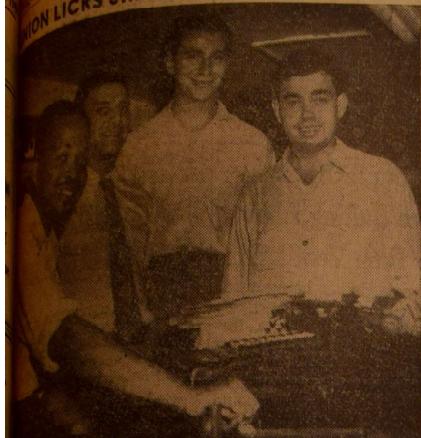
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the WASHINGTON SCENE

BY RICHARD SASULY



In my opinion the witch hunters are not as stupid as they seem.

At least seven Congressional committees had a try at chasing Communists and spies during the special session. On the surface it looked as if they were out to break spy rings and throw the spies into jail. Yet they must have known they were on a cold scent. Known fact when he said that the committees were turning up nothing new. Equally well known was the fact that the wild charges which poured out of the hearings exhaustedly.

The FBI spent three years and \$500,000 in the spy story told by grand jury in New York spent more than a year investigating the same story. Again Pres. Truman was putting an official stamp on common knowledge when he said that all this probing had not led to arrests.

So the question remains—what were the Congressional sleuths, with the un-American activities committee in the lead, looking for?

I think the answer is that running down spies and forcing indictments was something incidental. Arrests of almost any kind would be welcomed by the un-American committee. But they would be regarded as a bonus. The most immediate target was the November elections. At every point the committees, Republican led, looked for chances to drag in and smear Democratic administration leaders. They were still happier whenever there was a leader in the Progressive party.

Truman's charge of red herring was politically necessary and effective. Even so, the Republicans expect to win votes through the spy scare.

A second motive for the committee antics was also cited by the President. He said the spy story was being used to divert attention from the things the 80th Congress should have been doing and was avoiding.

This charge is undeniable. The few committees supposedly looking into such things as inflation and civil rights were content to dip their fingers coyly into messy situations. Then they drew back. Congressional bigwigs, and cried politics. The witch hunters, on the other hand, were as eager as packs of half-starved bloodhounds.

When Sen. Homer Ferguson was questioning William W. Remington, one of the government people accused of espionage, a strange new legal idea appeared.

Ferguson brought out the fact that Remington knew he was under suspicion. He asked Remington then if he told this fact to a prospective superior on a new job. Remington said no and Ferguson indicated clear indignation.

Here is an idea worth pondering. Mere suspicion, apparently, not a man is hired in the government. The kernel of this idea is the exact opposite of what has been the basis of American justice. The implication is that a man is guilty until he can manage to clear himself.

The same approach has dominated the un-American committee proceedings. More than that, people were smeared for not having given further circulation to wild charges. If the committees have their way, they would reduce us to a nation of stool pigeons competing to see who can shout loudest. "I am not a red, I am not a red." The way to preserve our national self respect will be to throw the witch hunters out of Congress in November.

And How Do The Workers Feel?: The railroad strike ended when the brotherhoods accepted a 15¢-an-hour increase. "Bargaining," Pres. Truman called it. The government seized the railroads; while the owners sat back, the government did their fighting for them. Confronted with the threat of a permanent strike injunction, the brotherhoods had to give in. This is what Mr. Truman calls "bargaining." How can there be bargaining when one of the participants is faced with a rifle? —The (Cincinnati) Sun, CIO.

Book On Debs Records Birth Of Modern Unions

NEW YORK — (FP) — The story of Eugene Victor Debs is the story of American labor struggles during the 51 years from 1875 when Debs, at the age of 19, joined his first union, to 1926 when he died, still fighting.

As told by Herbert M. Morais and William Cain in their new book, *Gene Debs, The Story of a Fighting American*, it recalls for American workers today the militant history out of which grew their present powerful labor unions.

Debs started his union career in the Bro. of Locomotive Firemen. Convinced after a series of bitter struggles against the railroads that workers could not win while they were divided into numerous craft unions, he resigned in 1892 as secretary-treasurer of the brotherhood and set out to build an industrial railroad union, the American Railway Union.

In 1894, while the ARU was fighting for its life on the picket lines in the great Pullman strike, Debs and other union leaders were arrested for defying a government injunction to return to work. The ARU suffered a blow from which it was never able to recover, but the workers had learned many lessons. Debs, on his way to jail, asserted: "No strike has ever been lost and there can be no defeat for the labor movement."

In 1897, back in the center of labor's battles, Debs announced his conviction that socialism was the answer for American workers in these words: "The issue is socialism versus capitalism. I am for socialism because I am for humanity. We have been cursed with the reign of gold long enough. Money constitutes no proper basis for civilization. The time has come to regenerate society—we are on the eve of a universal change."

From that day on, Debs coupled his fight for labor's economic rights with a constant battle for its political emancipation. In 1910 he ran for the first time as a Socialist candidate for President of the U.S. He received 95,000 votes. He was the Socialist party's candidate four more times—the last time in 1920 while he was serving a jail sentence for opposing American participation in what he termed an imperialist war. His votes rose successively until in 1926, despite the stigma of serving a jail sentence, he received 120,000 votes.

During his trial—at the age of 63—Debs refused to retreat an inch in his criticism of U.S. government policies. "I admit," he said, "being opposed to the present form of government. I admit being opposed to the present social system. I am doing what little I can . . . to bring about a change that shall do away with the rule of the great body of people by a relatively small class . . . I know that it is ruling classes that make war . . . and not the people. In all of the history of this world the people have never yet declared a war."

In 1926—five years after he was pardoned from his prison term—Debs died. His death came while he was giving his last ounce of strength to the fight to free two other men who had lived in his tradition—Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti.

complainants against Debs had not been properly notified of the date.

WORLD WISE

IF EVER the failure of a U.S. government policy was for the American people, it was the complete collapse of the "war crisis" over Berlin. Its lack of "success" probably saved millions of American, and other, lives.

An ultimatum to Russia followed by military demonstrations and by war if these produced an "incident" was type of showdown Washington favored. The plan was mentioned only because the Russians held onto their nerves and the western Europeans, whom the U.S. brass hats earmarked as allies, showed plainly that they neither could nor could fight in such a war.

This is not an unsupported theory of left-wing charges. The Truman administration now claims accused of picking fights by such varying sources as—Harold L. Ickes, Pres. Roosevelt's secretary of the interior, Walter Lippmann, Republican foreign policy writer, and others.

Notes in the New York Post (Aug. 4) said in its usual direct manner that "Truman and his advisers have dimmed the peace."

Revealed in the New York Herald Tribune of Aug. 2 that we were not able to deliver ultimatum about Berlin because western Europe is in no position to face a war." He and the whole Berlin crisis on miscalculated risk" underwritten by See. of State George C. Marshall and British Foreign Ernest Bevin in trying to a separate west German government—with the constraint the Berlin show would fol-

low. David Lawrence, another top political commentator who is member of the United States Senate, said flatly in the New York Post (Aug. 4) that the Russians had no conflict in Germany.

To get back to these writers last-minute discoveries, there is something else worth noting in the Lippman piece. Lippman has at last told us that one major aim of the Marshall plan is to keep eastern Europe in her age-old subjection to the west, and the colonial countries eternally under the rule of "white supremacy."

"The European recovery program," he wrote, "required a restoration of trade between the agricultural East (of Europe) and the industrial West." The kind of trade eastern Europe wants, however, is trade that will help it, too, to build industry—not to remain a rural slum. That is why it did not join ERP in the first place.

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Gen. George Sokolsky, a much-discreditable Republican writer whom the congressional investigation once branded as a labor raid strong for the National Association of Manufacturers, added on the subject. An old Russian, Sokolsky now writes in the New York Sun that in Soviet way preparations were made.

August 11, 1933

Open Hearths Follow North End Mills in March to Depression

The only devices operated by the company to produce ingot steel that are not slated for doubling in size are the floor, pit, and transportation crews of both No. 1 and No. 2 Open Hearths. With the flowering of Inland's budding program for technologically improving this phase of plant operations, those crews who escape whittling down, will remain the same size. Their tonnage output will, none-the-less, be revved up to appease the appetites of the new North End mills which are raging for ingots to roll into strip steel, tin, and a million or so added profits to Inland's monthly take.

Plans for revolutionizing the open hearth process are so thorough going that five years will be required to complete the full program. Several of the stepped up operations do not, however, require waiting for long term mechanical revisions. As early as next November, therefore, first waves of the flood of technological improvements gathering in the engineers' offices will begin complicating work schedules and tonnage norms.

A plant for reducing air to oxygen is among the innovations immediately forthcoming. As quickly as an adequate supply of oxygen is thus assured, that element will be mixed with open hearth fuel. Result: Twenty-five percent cut from tapping time on each heat.

ANOTHER DEVICE for double timing ore and scrap through No. 2 Open Hearth's furnaces is a third hot metal station about to be constructed. For the enlightenment of those whose Patron Saints kept away from open hearths, hot metal is conveyed in big buckets from the mixer and sliced through masses of ore and scrap in the furnaces. A third hot metal station will, consequently, cut melting time another 33½ per cent.

It will also increase the work of already fully employed furnace helpers, cranemen, and train crews assigned to that operation by one third.

A little more remote, but coming within a two year period, ingot molds will be doubled in size. To handle the added weight standard gauge tracks will be laid in the pits to permit replacement of narrow gauge equipment with standard size engines and cars.

BUT THESE are minor developments compared to the major league speed up in prospects for No. 2 Open Hearth's 1,500 hourly paid employees.

Plans are afoot to reconstruct each of No. 2's 14 furnaces for accomodating 25% more tonnage. Thus, one hundred and eighty tons of molten metal will pour from each furnace with the same regularity that 125 ton heats now too out. As with all other operations, company is contemplating no increase in the size of furnace crews.

Cranes currently in use on the pit side, whose rated capacity is 150 tons, will be supplemented, and eventually replaced, with cranes capable of handling an additional 150 tons. Strengthening the building's structure must be done first, however, before it can be entrusted with the weight of the more ponderous cranes.

THESE technological changes will, of course, start a chain reaction which will ripple all the way back to Minnesota where they dig the stuff out.

JOE O'NEAL DIES UNDER B O CAR

"Every day I expect to see some of those switchmen in No. 2-B yard get killed. The Yard's so full of cars, uncoupled and running loose, that we have to wait for a couple of hours, sometimes, to get back through the tunnel to our own side of the plant."

Conditions of the Transportation Department, in which three Inland switchmen lost their lives so far this summer, were thus summarized by Albert Cano, No. 1 Open Hearth switchman. Brother Cano had passed the time of day with Brother Joe O'Neal only a few moments before 10 o'clock the morning of Saturday, July 31, the time at which Brother O'Neal met death beneath an Inland hopper car in yard No. 2-B.

Scrap yards and blooming mills will have to be shuffled and redealt, to name only two of the departments closely geared to open hearth production. No information is available at this point upon details of bringing these departments into line with the expedited furnaces. That the company has something in mind other than a bonus increase for the employees there-of is quite probable.

ON NO. 1 Open Hearth's side of the plant, the pit has furnace production bottle-necked. Although neither Albert Cano nor any one else saw the fatal accident happen, other switchmen, who run the same hazards shift after shift, are quite capable of reconstructing it.

It has been established that the car which Brother O'Neal had tried to uncouple had a bad order pin. While opinions vary as to exact details, it is generally believed that O'Neal stepped between the already moving cars to free the pin which had failed to come out.

Although Joe O'Neal, a veteran of twelve years in Inland's yards was known as one of the fastest and most sure footed men in the department, it is believed that, unable to free the hopper car on his second try, he was caught as it was jerked unexpectedly forward.

Both the car under which Brother O'Neal was crushed, and the one from which he tried to uncouple it, were immediately routed into the car shops for inspection and repair.

Although Transportation Department supervision assigns an inspector to check trains for bad order cars, he is encouraged to watch mainly for those which the Harbor Belt will reject. Loaded cars turned back by the Harbor Belt have to be unloaded at Inland's expense. Cars which have bad floors or other defects which would prevent proper loading are, therefore, carefully culled from strings of empties, tagged "bad order", and set in for repairs.

Those which have bent stirrups, loose grab irons, sticking coupling pins, and like faults, which merely hazard the lives of men who work with them, are not so rigidly removed from service.

A system for following up bad order equipment, to insure that it is withdrawn from operation until it is made safe, was suggested to Jake Ridinger, Chief of the Safety Department, more than a year ago.

No action toward putting such a system into practice has yet been taken.

Unless Local 1010 returns to actions based on the old time slogan "An injury to one, is an injury to all," Luellan and Gil ought to have the situation quite well in hand by 1950.

cure a badly needed fan in the locker room. Unlike some other parts of the plant, that department has a single change house in which the workers are grouped according to their shifts and jobs.

Although agreeing that the fan was necessary, management had made no move to install it by mid-summer. Saturday, July 31, Joe Gyurko, Assistant Griever, encountered Rudolph on the floor.

"It's getting pretty hot in the afternoons, now," he reminded the Superintendent, "how soon can we expect to get that fan in the locker room?"

"Yes, I know you boys need a fan in there, and well get one put in as soon as we can," Rudolph stalled.

"But," he appended brightly, "it won't be so bad now, we're moving the Mexicans out."

Informed Tuesday, August 1, by the Grievance Committee of the slur against Inland's Spanish speaking employees, Assistant Superintendent Luellan said the matter would be investigated at once.

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Sweat glands being what they are, no one is likely to mistake a group of furnace and pit men coming off shift for a bouquet of lilacs.

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He seems to think that race and nationality have something to do with it.

With the approach of hot weather several weeks ago, Grievance Committeemen requested No. 1 OH's supervision to pro-

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Fiesta Patrias To Open With Cyclists' Show Sept. 15

Celebration of Fiesta Patrias, 127th anniversary of Mexico's Independence Day, will begin at 4:30 P.M., Wednesday, September 15, in Block Stadium, Indiana Harbor. First on the three-day calendar of events is an exhibition of motor cycle riding. Seven of the motor cyclists from Torreon, who contributed so much to the color of '47's celebration, and forty more who will ride from Torreon, Mexico, will participate in this year's holiday.

Queen of the Fiesta, who will be chosen from among four candidates on September 4th, will be crowned in an impressive ceremony beginning at 8 P.M. the same evening on the Plaza Grounds, Penn Ave. and Howard Street. Other highlights of the opening night's proceedings will be an address by Mexican Consul, and presentation of the Honored Guests. The Benito Juarez and Quince Societies, joint sponsors of the annual Fiesta Patrias, also take part in the opening night's program. Miss Emilia Nunes, East Chicago vocal and instrumental numbers, outstanding musicians of the community are on the entertainment agenda.

Starting from Quatemex Hall, corner near Michigan at 5 P.M. Tuesday, the Fiesta Parade will usher in the second day's events. Line of march is along Indiana to Main. Main to Columbus Drive, Columbus Drive to Grand Boulevard, Grand Boulevard to Michigan, and Michigan to Penn. The Parade will end at the Fiesta Grounds.

Tommy Tommez and his band are booked to play for the street dancing which will begin immediately after conclusion of the Parade.

Holiday Parallels U.S.

Mexican people won independence from their cruel Spanish oppressors some thirty years ago and in much the same manner that American colonials in the north rebelled against George the Third of England.

Under inspiration and guidance of Mexico's "George Washington," Father Miguel Hidalgo, the people took up arms in '80. The revolutionary priest, who fought in the ranks with his people, was killed in the second year of the struggle. Others seized the torch from his falling hands, however, and the power of feudal Spain was broken and expelled from the New World in 1821.

Plagued by counter-revolutionaries within, and menaced by imperialist aggression, particularly efforts by oil and mineral monopolists of the United States to seize the resources and dominate the people of Mexico, Mexicans have, never-the-less, courageously defended their national independence and progressive tradition down to this hundred and twenty-seventh year of their history.

Immigrants from that country to the Calumet steel area brought their tradition of independence and progressive outlook with them. The outstanding mark taken by Mexican-Americans in the strike struggles with big and little steel, and Chicago, the packing companies of 1910 burns to the spirit of Mexicans in 1948.

Local Union 1010, USA-CIO, is proud to salute Mexico and their freedom.

Members Regain Control of 1011 at Wed. Meeting

Departmental Representatives — we call 'em Assistant Grievers in 1010 — who were removed from office July 30 by edict of YST Local Union's President, James Combs, were restored to their posts at a special meeting Wednesday night by overwhelming vote of more than one hundred 1011 members present.

All men of wide influence in the Local, the Representatives were purged as part of the current drive by supporters of the Germano bureaucracy in District 31 to stifle all opposition before the District Conference and the elections for District Director slated for this winter.

William McClendan, Representative for the shipping dock, Basil Pacheco, John Novack, John Matie, Ralph Hyndman, and several others are among the early builders and most active members of 1011 who were removed by letter from the President. No reason other than a vague reference to the Constitution of the United Steelworkers, was offered for his act.

HARRY POWELL, 1010's President, and William Christy, former Chairman of 1011, were enthusiastically approved by 1011's membership for Wage Policy Committeemen from Sub-District 2.

A motion censuring George Cushman, Chairman of the Grievance Committee, for refusing to protest the firing of Roosevelt Smith, also was upheld at Wednesday night's meeting with little opposition. Smith, an aggressive union man recently from the west coast, was fired exactly four days before his probationary period expired.

SMITTY TOOK steps to procure lockers for colored workers in his department, the spike mill, and otherwise forced issues which had been left lying around by Grievance Committee.

Although failing to find anybody with an entry blank on the job, he finally went to 1011 headquarters and signed up in the presence of Staff Representative Clifton Cushman, denied that Smitty was a union member at the time he was fired. Search of office records disclosed no entry of his application for membership.

CHIEF BEEF of the YST's rank and file membership is neglect of adjustment on their safety program, piling up of

Notice Regarding Retroactive Pay

Any member who has not received retroactive pay to which he is entitled under the Inequity Program for time worked during 1944-1945 should get in touch with O. H. McKinzie, Chairman of the Grievance Committee, Union Hall.

Lists will be compiled and taken care of by legal procedure.

GEORGE SOPKO, Recording Sec'y, Local 1010

1010 To Picnic At Wicker Park Sunday, Sept. 19

Ice cream for the kids and beer for the boys is the order of the day for Local Unions 1010's picnic at Wicker Park Sunday, September 19th.

Use of the Park for all of that day has been obtained by the Recreation Committee, according to Tom Conway, and negotiations are being entered into with owners of the merry-go-round, and all the other rides and gadgets at Wicker Park for their exclusive use by Local 1010's picnickers. Exact details are not yet completely worked out (see the Sentinel of Sept. 15th for final arrangements) but blocks of tickets for the concessions will probably be provided 1010's members through the Financial Secretary's office.

High point of the day for those who like their base ball — as who doesn't — will be a game between 1010's Soft Ball team and their bitter rivals, the Gary Osaga's. Red McGregor is also lining up a card of boxers and wrestlers of a caliber befitting Local 1010's day to celebrate.

The beer, the rides, the attractions, the ice cream all are with the compliments of Local Union 1010. All you have to bring is the lunch and the kids. Your own, if you've got 'em; if not borrow some. Otherwise, you won't have any excuse for riding the giant swings and one thing and another.

The inequalities are as prevalent among other crafts and occupations in the MM&E division as they are among the pipefitters. Differences amounting to 200 an hour between Motor Inspectors, who do identical work, have already been determined and placed upon the list for adjustment.



Brother Carl Stanley, who contrives to take care of the duties of hospital delegate with those of Compensation Committee, checking up on the way things are going with 1010's members in St. Catherine's Hospital. The patient is Brother Grady Smith, who is still mending from the No. 1 Open Hearth blast, in which three others died.

Brother Stanley requested that 1010's members who have friends needing the services of the Compensation Committee to notify him through the Financial Secretary's office.

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Back Pay On Production Jobs Up To Gillies

Whether Inland Steel comes through with the final payment of back pay on these claims which have already been adjusted to the satisfaction of both the Union and the Company rests squarely with F. M. Gillies, Works Manager and executive of Inland Steel's policy in regard to wages and working conditions.

Local Union 1010's Negotiating Committee and Grievance men, who have hammered through agreement on 85% of the classifications on production and operating jobs in the past two months, have completed their part of the agreement upon which Gillies insisted as a condition to paying off retroactive claims for the years 1946 and 1947. Two hundred and fifty of a total of sixteen hundred and fifty, classifications remain in dispute. These classifications will now move into negotiations between International Union Representatives and top management of the Indiana Harbor plant. If no agreement is reached at this step, the disputed rates will go to arbitration.

Full powers of Negotiating Committee will be turned toward reaching an agreement for Inland's Mechanical, Electrical and Maintenance workers. As it stands, company's classifications, under which MM&E employees are now working, are fouled up beyond all recognition.

First class pipe fitters, for example, are drawing \$1.97 an hour in one department, while first class pipe fitters in other sections of the plant are getting as little as \$1.60.

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Forcing Speed-up on ASF Workers Object of Shutdown

Negotiations between Local Union 1206, USA-CIO and American Steel Foundry officials for reopening the plant, which was abruptly closed while all its employees were on vacation, August 12, are still in the conversation stage.

A new incentive system, which Works Manager R. T. Leisk is holding out as a condition to reopening the plant, is eyed suspiciously by Gus Harvey, President of Local 1206 and members of the Executive Board. They regard it as a set up which would do nothing but cut existing total earnings of the foundry workers, \$1.53 an hour tops at the time the plant was boarded up on company allegation that it has not been showing a profit.

The plan, offered by American Steel Foundry's management would, union negotiators believe, pit grinders, chippers, and other production workers sharply against each other.

Any plan which the Executive Board and Int'l Representative George Michaud, who is sitting in on the conferences, consider will, Pres. Harvey stated this week, be submitted to membership of the Local Union for thorough discussion and ratification before it is accepted.

A rumor that American Steel Foundry may resume production in the Cast Armor plant was not verified by the War Assets department. The Cast Armor plant is one of five which has been reserved by the Federal Government for possible emergency use. This is the reason that the deal with the Caterpillar Tractor company, widely believed to be completed a few months ago, fell through.

Mr. Carlson, of the W A A, said last week, that status of the plant did not prevent its use temporarily by producers who did not have to dismantle and revise existing machinery and facilities of the plant. He did not say any such deal was in the immediate offing.

Many plants and factories in this area are, meanwhile, refusing to hire laid off American Steel Foundry employees because of the possibility of their early return to the ASF plant.

The lay off is particularly tough on old time employees of the plant. Willie Jenkins, a moulder for 25 years there, has not yet found a job elsewhere. Gouvernor Mitchell, another employee approaching the thirty-year mark at American Steel Foundry is another worker whose years are weighing heavily against him in the search for a new job.

Job relations at American Steel Foundry are indicated by management's attempt to demote two grinders this spring on grounds of their lessened capability. Only threat of strike action kept the demotions from being carried through.

The Indiana Harbor plant operates primarily as an experimental plant. Rail road castings, mass produced in Granite City and other units of the ASF corporation, are first processed through this plant as a means of setting production costs.

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**FACT FINDERS
FROM WIS. STEEL
DEFLATE SUPT'S
ANTI-UNION MYTH**

The plight of Inland's scarfers was held up before the scarfers of Wisconsin Steel, South Chicago, a couple of weeks ago by that company's Superintendent of billet docks as a horrible example of what happens to steelworkers who join the CIO union.

Although surrounded by plants in which steelworkers have managed to jack up wages and working conditions for the entire industry, Wisconsin has contrived to keep its employees from joining the united front of steelworkers against the united front of steel bosses. An independent union, whether consciously or not, serves the company faithfully in this worthy endeavor.

Wisconsin's scarfers listened courteously to their boss. Members of independent unions are permitted to do little else. But some of them didn't swallow the bogey-man stories about the way things are on Inland's billet docks.

A fact finding delegation of three was, accordingly, designated by the skeptical scarfers, instructed to visit the Inland Local's headquarters among others of the area, and come back with a detailed report.

Wisconsin's scarfers are paid \$1.49 an hourly plus a small incentive. All they have to do to get on the bonus, the delegates told Brothers Young and Powell, is break their necks.

Besides actually pushing the torch, the scarfer's duties include bringing in his own steel, marking it up, and inspecting it. Scrapping is done by another employee who does not receive scarfer's pay or relieve the man with the torch.

Established rate for Inland's

**Sound Truck Ban
Unconstitutional by
US Court in Trenton**

TRENTON, N. J.—(FP) — The city of Trenton's ban on soundtrucks was ruled "clearly unconstitutional" by U. S. Dist. Judge Phillip Forman Aug. 9. The ruling was sought by James Imbrie, Progressive party candidate for the U. S. Senate who was arrested on July 30 when he tried to address a street corner meeting from a soundtruck.

Scarfers is \$1.64 an hour. No bonus or incentive rate complicates their earnings; the scarfers, who are well organized at Inland, refuse to have any truck with that means of expediting men beyond a normal day's output.

Billets are brought on the dock and spread by hookers employed solely for that operation. Marking and inspecting, and the beefs arising therefrom, are taken care of by employees assigned to that responsibility.

At Inland two scarfers work together. While one scars, the other scrapes the billet and insures that his hooded partner, who can see nothing but the bright flame from the torch, is not clouted by a carelessly handled load of slabs or billets.

Although Inland's scarfers, like every other worker in the steel industry have no better wage and working conditions than they have forced from the company, so far, by their united strength and willingness to obey strike calls, the Wisconsin delegation observed that it seemed to be worth the trouble.

The delegation, after visiting YS&T, Gary Works, and other Local Unions headquarters, will present their findings for guidance of members of their own department.

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Anti-Bias Award**

WASHINGTON—(FP) — Annual awards of the CIO Committee to Abolish discrimination were announced Aug. 8. Six individuals and one organization were honored for their contributions to the work of freeing the U. S. from discrimination.

The award winners were: Most Rev. Joseph Ritter, Cath-

olic Archbishop of St. Louis; Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers; Allan S. Haywood, CIO vice president and director of organization; Carl Holderman, president of the New Jersey CIO council; The American Veterans Committee, through its chairman Chat Paterson; Dr. Frank M. Furstenberg, Baltimore physician; Clement Nitka, of the CIO Paper Workers, who led a successful campaign to end racial discrimination in the Elkhart, Ind. public schools.

**NO JIMCROW
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NEW YORK—(FP) — Henry Wallace will speak only to mixed audiences of both Negro and white citizens in a week-long speaking tour of seven states beginning Aug. 29. C. B. Field, campaign manager for the Progressive party, Presidential candidate, announced here.

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Department News...

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most of the classifications in the
agreements of this grievance
have been hammered
into acceptable shape.

Part of the business at the
mill of Sunday, August 15,
was devoted to job chiselling,
and like concerns.

Back in the hungry '30's, the
department's mechanical main-
tenance men consented to
knock two slotted
splice bar mill oper-
ators not so far, been
able to be stopped by early
in the currently intens-
ified campaign to get the most
action for the least wages.
Men have been ob-
liged to take measurements
of the splice bar set
up, and the department's
men expect to see two
men scabbed out shortly
on electrically operated rolls.

Under pressure of war time
operations, nobody paid much
attention to these minor encroachments upon job security.
With a new round of machine
replacement of man power be-
ginning to surge through the
industry, however, workingmen
are again looking at threats to
their job security.

GROUP NO. 5. 44" FINISHING END

Installation of rear view mir-
rors on the six tractors servicing
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the finishing of the 44" Hot
Strip was turned down on
grounds—hang on to your hats,
kids,—that rear view mirrors
are unsafe.

Within a fifty foot radius at
that concentration point of pro-
duction, the six tractors dispute
right-of-way with crews of one
skin mill, two Halden shears,
and miscellaneous employees, a
total of twenty-five. If a man
goes under one of these gas
driven behemoths, his remains
can be taken home and slipped
under the door.

Together with a request for
louder warning horns on all the
tractors, Griever John Bodinger
asked supervision several weeks
ago for rear view mirrors. In
the haste of keeping up with the
line, Brother Bodinger ex-
plained, tractor jockeys could
not be depended upon to do
more than glance behind them
as they backed their machines.

Counter arguments ran like
this: A plant wide practice rule
rears view mirrors unsafe. In-
land is a Safety Plant (sic). Re-
gardless of a localized condition,
therefore, no mirrors.

Louder horns have been in-
stalled on two of the tractors.

If the international situation
had not taken a turn for the
worse this spring, we would be
inclined to take a serious view
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Inland's Death & Injury Rate Zeroed in by New Committee

Safety Committeemen from 15 of Local Union 1010's 21 grievance divisions took steps Tuesday, August 24, to check plant conditions at Inland which have caused the deaths of fourteen men already this year and increased the rate of injuries in proportion.

Superintendent Luelan, with whom the plant-wide Committee met, declined to agree to Safety proposals submitted by the union on grounds that Jake Ridinger, Inland's Safety department chief, and most of the staff were absent. He did commit himself to dealing with points raised by the Committee at the meeting of September 21. An official of the company, higher than himself, Luelan indicated, will also take part in the September meeting.

In addition to beests brought by Committeemen about specific hazards in their respective departments, the Committee worked out a seven point program as a structure to carry a safety program with plenty of teeth in it into the-on-the-job practice. In order of their raising the points are:

1. — Safety boxes for suggestions in each department to be furnished by management.

2. — A regular safety meeting of all employees of each department at least once a month. The demand is for these to be held on company time with all employees who can leave their jobs without shutting down the plant to be permitted to do so.

Under this point, the Committee is requesting the company to provide a loud speaker to insure that all proceedings are understood by each person attending. These meetings are to be under joint leadership of the union and management.

3. — A daily tour of millwrights or other maintenance men in each department to insure that machine guards, railings, and other protective devices have not been knocked over with a crane, bent out of shape, or otherwise rendered useless on the proceeding shift.

4. — A weekly tour of each department by the Safety Committeeman and departmental supervisor to check up on whether or not hazards previously agreed upon have been removed.

5. — Secretary of the Safety Committee to contact the International Office for the program of the National Safety Committee, headed by Staffer Waller Burk, the National Safety Council, and Factory Division, State of Indiana.

Safety regulations applicable to the entire steel industry worked out by these bodies will become part of the program demanded from Inland Steel by LU 1010.

(a) That the Safety Committee be notified of all hearings on accidents and meetings held on potentially dangerous conditions.

(b) That the Departmental Safety man be given a written report by management on all accidents.

(c) A sub-committee from all units of his department be set up to assist the departmental Committeeman in keeping informed and active on the safety front.

6. — Regular monthly meetings of the whole committee with management. These meetings were set for the third Tuesday of each month. Weekly meetings of the Committee, primarily for discussion and placing of Safety grievance which cannot be settled with departmental supervision on the agenda for the meeting with plant management. The weekly meetings will be held each Thursday night in the big hall at 7 P.M.

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Dayton Strikers Weld Unity Under Bayonets & Probe

DAYTON, O. — (FP) — Unintimidated by the Taft-Hartley law, police violence and Natl. Guard tanks and bayonets, striking Univis Lens Co. workers returned to their jobs Aug. 10 with an 11c hourly wage boost and their unity unbroken.

Settlement of the 14-week strike came after the company agreed to grant the strikers their old jobs back or jobs of equal rating. Eleven strikers whom the company had accused of violating the law were guaranteed full pay until Aug. 31 during arbitration of whether they are to be taken back. The 11c increase had been agreed on July 27.

A statement by Local 768, United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) which called the 600 workers out on strike, said: "We go back to work secure in the knowledge that our organization is made strong by our unity . . . We forced the Univis management to give an 11c raise after 11 weeks of strike. We have won reinstatement without discrimination for the great majority of our Univis workers and arbitration in cases affecting 11 others."

"We go back to work with our heads high and one major goal before us—to build within the shop overwhelming support for a united effort to win better wages, working conditions and the protection of a union contract."

The strike began after the company refused to renew a contract with the UE local on grounds that its officials had not signed Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavits. A so-called independent union then appeared on the scene and forced a Taft-Hartley decertification election which the UE local lost as a result of company coercion and intimidation.

During their 14-week walkout, the strikers faced:

1. An injunction limiting picketing.

2. Repeated police teargas and nightstick attacks on strikers, including women.

3. Calling out at the height of men who paraded in front of the strike of 1,500 Natl. Guardsmen.

4. Intervention of a House labor subcommittee, headed by Rep. Clare Hoffman (R. Mich.), which subpoenaed 24 strike leaders on the spot and called four of them to Washington in an attempt to strip the strike of its leadership.



Those who do not remember the past are condemned to relive it—

Santayana

People Are Human Department: Harry McCoy conveying a bevy of strayed moppets through the heavy traffic on Michigan Ave.

High Prices Hit

Happy Hobo

BY REVY BALKIN

MIAMI, FLA.—(FP) — Even Miami hobos are worried about rising prices, and they're going to do something about it.

Your Rederated Press correspondent interviewed one of Miami's hobo chiefs before he departed for Cincinnati — by freight. "Increases in prices," complained Mr. H. (who asked that his name not be mentioned), "are seriously affecting the calm, serene life of the hobo family."

"It used to be," he mourned, "that we could always depend on a meat sandwich from a kindly housewife in exchange for a little work. But those days are gone. Housewives used to have leftovers but with prices rising, every scrap of food is being utilized."

Mr. H. revealed that this was a pleasure trip he was to embark on. He announced he was convention-bound and hoped to do something about the price problem. The real sufferers, according to the rail philosopher, are the millions of unorganized workers. He recommended their joining a union "so they can make some united attempt at keeping their wages in pace with living costs."

"Jeff Davis says that as soon as the hobo convention is called to order, the first item on the agenda will be prices. I hope," said Mr. H., "to make the recommendation that the cities go into the wholesale butcher business . . . And I'm going to tell those packers to hit the road, bums, until you bring down prices!"

PUERTO RICO

SAN JUAN—(ALN) — A 3-week strike by longshoremen won a 10c hourly wage boost retroactive to Jan. 1. An additional 5c hourly raise will go into effect on Jan. 1, 1949.

Old Party Gang Up Proves New Party Claim: No Difference

NEW YORK—(FP) — The Democratic, Republican and Liberal parties will pit a coalition candidate against Rep. Isaacson (ALP) in the November election, it was reported here June 30.

News of the action was cited as more evidence that "there is no difference between the Democratic and Republican parties nationally or locally." The third party vehicle in New York state is the ALP, into which the Progressive Citizens of America recently merged.

Isaacson won a stunning upset victory in a February by-election by more than 5,000 majority over the combined total of his three opponents. The Isaacson sweep sparked the third party movement into greater activity since it was widely interpreted as a disastrous defeat for the Democratic machine.

"There is something logical about Tom Dewey, Republican, and Ed Flynn, Democrat, campaigning for the same candidate," the New York Wallace campaign committee said. "It confirms for all New Yorkers what we have been saying since January — that a new party is needed."

The coalition candidate against Isaacson will be State Sen. Isidore Dollinger, a Democrat.



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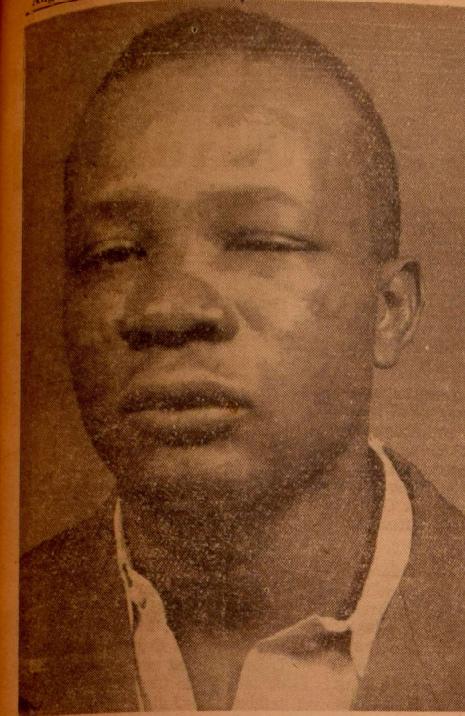


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Hosea White a few hours after being released from the Gary Police Station. Photo by Courtesy of the Gary American.

Gary Citizens Demand Action by Mayor on Police Brutality

Aroused by the latest instance of police brutality against Negro citizens of Gary, the beating of Mr. and Mrs. Hosea White, Sunday, August 1, a mass delegation from labor, political, church and civic organizations will demand Friday that Mayor Swartz, the Commissioner and Chief of Police suspend the guilty officers.

Although the Committee Against Police Brutality has repeatedly sought an interview with Mayor Swartz since the Hosea White incident, the Mayor has avoided seeing them. He said last week, however, that he would go into the matter not later than Friday of this week.

Headed by Jake Blake, Executive Board member of Local 1014, USA-CIO, and Arthur Darnoty, Chairman of the Lake County Progressive Party, the delegation will visit city hall at 2:30 and demand that Mayor Swartz keep his word.

In addition to suspension of Officers Slepivich and Zeviski, the Committee will demand that Gary Institute courses on racial relationship, not only for rookie policemen, but for older members of the force as well.

Set up at a mass meeting of citizens who turned out Sunday, August 15, to protest the beating of Hosea and Mrs. White, Brutality is heading the campaign against unwarranted police violence.

Failure of the Gary Post Tribune to report the assault on the couple was also scored at that meeting. The Committee will officially question Managing Editor Snider upon this point.

A partial list of prominent citizens of the Community serving on the Committee Against Police Brutality is Jake Blake, Chairman; Arthur Darnoty, Chairman Progressive Party; Rev. L. K. Jackson; Manuel Taylor, I.U. 1066, USA-CIO; Dr. G. Duncan Hinkson; Mrs. Eloise Aaron; Fred Chandler; L. J. Woodson; Mrs. S. T. Taylor; Andrew Ferguson; Wellington Blaikley; Al Thomas Jr.; Louise Davis; R. C. Carter; L. A. Bry-



LAMONT WHITE who can't understand why "the pliceman hurt my daddy."

the right to use the phone.

"Shut up," one of them grated. He emphasized the order by knocking her down with a blow of his clenched fist. Both officers kicked her savagely as she lay helplessly on the floor.

As Hosea White stepped between his prostrate wife and the officers, they dropped their hands to their guns. Aware that the prejudice police sought only the semblance of an excuse for killing him on the spot for "attacking an officer in the performance of his duty," White restrained himself to pleading with them to cease their attack on Mrs. White.

He succeeded in diverting the assault to himself. The officers slugged and kicked Hosea White into a mass of bruised and bleeding flesh. More than two weeks later, Mr. White showed the Sentinel reporter swellings, partly healed cuts, and other enduring marks of the merciless beating that he had undergone.

As the officers turned to leave, one of them faces about abruptly and jerked "What did you say?"

Although neither one of the couple had said anything, was in fact, capable of uttering anything but moans, the officers gave them another thorough beating and kicking. Mrs. White was knocked against the lock up wall so hard that a window blind was torn loose.

Mrs. White was then taken to the Methodist Hospital where he was treated for a cut on his hand that he had incurred the day before. He was charged

ant; Geo. Parker; Ted Aughn; Mrs. Joyce Bean; Mrs. Lucille Conner; James Roth; Martin Rabinovitch; Mallis Emory; Mrs. J. A. Bardale; R. Dellapruett; and Rev. L. J. Carrey.

Trial of Hosea and Delores White, on charges of intoxication, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, is set for September 2.

Angered because Mrs. White, who is light complexioned, was walking with her husband and a friend of Mrs. White's, Cruise Car Officers Slepivich and Zeviski halted them early on the morning of August 1. Calling Mr. White over to the car, they briskly ordered him into the car, offering no charge or explanation. Mrs. White, who protested her husband's unwarranted arrest, was also taken in.

Although they were picked up for no apparent reason, Mr. and Mrs. White offered little remonstrance to being taken to police headquarters. They thought that it was another case of mistaken identity which investigation would soon correct.

As the couple were thrust into the lock up, Mrs. White asked the arresting officers, Slepivich and Zeviski, if she had

four dollars for the medical attention. Hospital attendants ignored the bruises and lacerations inflicted upon White by the police.

Booked on charges of intoxication, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct, Mr. and Mrs. White were not permitted to call friends or legal counsel until 12:30 P.M. At that time, they were allowed to call Attorney Benjamin Wilson who arranged bond for them. They were released pending trial on the above charges, at 2:30.

Hosea White, an organizer for the AFL Cleaners and Dyers Union, lives with his wife and baby in a modest little second floor apartment at 223 East 18th Ave. The neighborhood is about equally comprised of colored and white families.

Standing of the Whites with their neighbors was indicated

by one of them on the afternoon the Sentinel reporter called. Nodding a casual greeting, a middle aged, white matron, entered the kitchen, opened the refrigerator, removed a pound of butter, and returned next door.

"Some of the folks don't have electric ice boxes," Mr. White explained, "so they use ours."

An assortment of children — East 18th is a working class section and, therefore, one in which families aren't under restrictive covenants either — clattered up and down the outside stairway, busily disturbing their elders as only seven-year-olds can on a hot afternoon.

Lamont, the White's fawn eyed four-year-old, clattered and yelled with the best of them. He doesn't know yet that he's a Negro. He thinks he's just a little boy.



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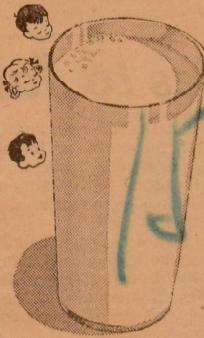
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A Job For Ex-King Peter?

Former King Peter of Yugoslavia, who sweated out the war in London on a (Yugoslavia) state salary of \$34,000 a month while more than one-twelfth of his subjects lost their lives in a heroic and successful effort to stem the Axis tide, was recently an honored guest of Inland Steel Company.

The welcome extended by Inland, one of our most vicious economic royalists, to one of the blood is appropriate. Just as Sykes, Randolph, Ryerson, and their like seek to loot and enslave the American working class, so did the representatives and landowners, industrialists, and foreign capitalists grouped about King Peter in the corrupt London Government loot and enslave the people of Yugoslavia's six provinces.

That's why the London Government desperately upheld Mihailovich and his Chetniks who collaborated with the invading Axis forces against the Peoples Guerilla Army of Yugoslavia.

The people of Yugoslavia, however, didn't cotton to the idea of saving their country from the Germans and Italians only to hand it back to oppressors of their own nationality.

They banded together and not only fought the superbly equipped Axis armies to a standstill with the invaders' own weapons, but defeated and discredited the gunmen of the London Government as well.

Following cessation of hostilities in the Balkans, the Yugoslav people seized the land and what four years of war had left of the factories and railroads. These they are rebuilding and operating at a rate which amazes the world. All without benefit of absentee landlords, private ownership, or government by degenerated royalty.

American colonists had the

same trouble some 155 years ago. After they had defeated the mercenaries of England's George the Third, G.I.'s of the Continental Army, farmers and mechanics for the most part, found a group of phonies revolutionary, colonial aristocrats tightly organized under Alexander Hamilton to force an American Monarchy upon the people.

The farmers and mechanics, like the Yugoslavs a century and a half later, didn't like that idea much either. Under guidance of Jefferson and Paine and Franklin, they got themselves together and cemented an enduring democratic republic, instead.

Ex-King Peter isn't a vicious young man, himself. Left to his own inclinations, he'd probably get a job in a garage or a radio repair shop and go to the movies at least three times a week.

He's merely the symbol of the old order of unchallenged world rule by the bankers and industrialists which American financiers, as well as all other reactionaries, are desperately trying to revive.

Yugoslav Americans, to whom the death of Bratsan Bratsanovich, the Glavnyacha, the Belgrade Government, Pan-Serbianism, and the bloody regime of Alexander (Peter's Uncle) are dread and familiar recollections, are unlikely to welcome the symbol of these things to Indiana's Harbor.

Ex-King Peter is the corporations' boy, and they're making the most of him.

Who Goes to Jail?

Throughout the time that the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws have been on the books, no businessman has ever been sent to jail for monopoly practices.

On the other hand, the honor roll of workers who have been railroaded to jail for going on strike would fill this page and dozens like it.

This double standard of justice was never better shown than by the recent Univis strike in Dayton, O. For more than three months Local 768, United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) was on strike against the Univis Lens Co. During that time the strikers suffered every known type of employer attack.

At least a dozen strikers were beaten so badly by the Dayton police that they had to be sent to the hospital.

At least 22 were arrested. The local court warned five of the strikers to appear at a hearing in Washington for more badgering. Further threat of jail sentences hangs over the five because they refused to knuckle under to the committee when asked questions about their political beliefs.

The full weight of the state was brought to bear on the 600 Univis strikers when 1,500 National Guardsmen were brought in, supposedly to protect scabs. The troops used bayonets and the company, however, received

tear gas. They rolled up a Sherman tank and an armored car,

The House labor committee did its bit by ordering five of

the strikers to appear at a hearing in Washington for more badgering. Further threat of jail sentences hangs over the five because they refused to knuckle under to the committee when asked questions about their political beliefs.

The Univis Lens Co. has also had its dealings with the law. The Justice Dept. entered a com-

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'Radicals, Aliens' Screeched Press as 30,000 Marched On Labor Day, 1882

Just as in 1948, the labor haters were on the rampage when workers marched in the first Labor Day parade on Sept. 5, 1882.

Hounded by corporation spies, blacklisted when they tried to organize, members of the Knights of Labor had to meet secretly to plan their campaigns. The charge of 'radical' was hurled at New York workers who organized a Central Labor Union to more effectively battle the bosses.

"Many of the trade unions of this city," said the New York Times disdainfully, "are led by foreign radicals . . . The best results by employers (in fighting them) have been reached by weeding out agitators by a blacklist and having nothing whatever to do with trade unions."

The Central Labor Union's answer to the Taft-Hartleyites of that day was a Labor Day march down the city's most fashionable highway, Fifth Ave. The action sprang from a suggestion of Sec.-Treas. Peter J. McGuire of the Bro. of Carpenters & Joiners, who urged that "a day should be set aside as a festive day (for) a parade through the streets of the city."

He proposed the first Monday in September, since it would come at the most pleasant season of the year, nearly midway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving, and would fill a wide gap in the chronology of legal holidays."

The bosses threatened to fire workers who participated. But more than 30,000 bricklayers, freight handlers, typographers, painters, blacksmiths, cigar makers and others lined up for the march. "Labor Will Be United," "Strike With The Ballot," were slogans of those workers, who even then saw the need for inde-

pendent political action.

The demonstration was "applauded loudly by the spectators who thronged sidewalks along the route," the New York Herald reported, adding in a worried tone: "The turnout appears to have been intended as an expression of supreme dissatisfaction."

The Journal of Commerce—big business journal then as now—commented: "It was not a memorial procession, was tributary to nothing, was apropos of nothing."

Two years later workers marched in Cincinnati, O., and in Lynn and Haverhill, Mass. In 1884 the Federation of Organized Trades & Labor Unions passed a resolution declaring the first Monday in September to be Labor Day. Two years later the AFL, successor to the federation, adopted the idea. In 1894 it became a national holiday.

"It is a lazy day, an excuse for those who are doing work . . . for one day to do nothing . . . It should be turned into in no sense of demonstration but one of recreation," newspapers of the time commented, troubled over the militant spirit of the parades.

Strongest comment came from the American Architect & Building News, which said then what many big business boys are thinking now: "Labor Day . . . the very name of which should make every true American blush, ought to be abolished" and instead there should be "a procession of scabs (which) would contain the best, the most independent and ambitious part of the workingmen."

Labor Day parades this year will prove that American workers—66 years after the first demonstration—are still fighting against those who would crush their spirit and break their unions.

rather different treatment than its employees.

Univis makes bifocal lenses. In 1931 it organized an efficient lens monopoly. Through control of patents it issued licenses to manufacture only to companies which would agree to maintain high prices.

In Darel McConkey's book Out Of Your Pocket appears the following quote from a Univis statement:

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In 1939 a competitor appeared the Titmus Optical Co. Under pressure of Univis' threat to bring suit for patent infringement, Titmus backed out of the market.

All of this was clearly antisocial. It was also illegal. The Justice Dept. entered a com-

FAMILIES PICKET, COLONEL QUIT, STRIKERS WIN

TECATE, Mexico—(ALN)—The strike at the huge Tecate Brewing Co., here, has become a family affair.

When brewery officials sent a San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway locomotive to bring 15 cars loaded with beer malt, the wives and children of strikers swung into action. In the hundreds, they swarmed over the tracks, completely blocking them with a gate of bodies. Spelling each other in shifts around the clock, they stopped traffic dead.

Federal troops were dispatched from Tijuana. When the commander, Col. Felipe Astorga, saw the women and children, he declared: "I will not fight against such people . . . I would rather accept a court-martial than do that."

While the rest of the town was placed under virtual martial law, the wives and children ruled supreme on the railroad tracks — where it counted.



Labor's year — a year under the Taft-Hartley rule — was marked by the use of legal and extra legal means to break strikes. Printers, packinghouse workers, miners, railroad workers, maritime workers and others felt the lash of the government's strike breaking weapon — the injunction. Troops, police, and assorted gunmen contributed force and violence.

(left) George Price, leader of the striking National Farm Labor Union (AFL) members at the DiGiorgio ranch in California, lies in a

pool of blood after nine bullets were pumped into his body. Later, an injunction was issued against the union.

(center) National Guard troops in flying wedge formation open a path for scabs through picket lines of United Packinghouse Workers (CIO) in St. Paul.

(right) Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, injunction specialist. (Federated Pictures)

Labor Day Marks Year of Bloody Battle And Confusion Under Truman, Taft, and Hartley

Organized labor fought to defend its living standards in the past year in the face of soaring prices and profits and a get-tough policy by management swinging the Taft-Hartley stick.

Unions met increased violence on the picketlines in the first year of Taft-Hartley, had to fight harder and settle for less than in former years. Three strikers were killed by scabs in the 67-day packinghouse strike which ended in semi-defeat in May. Blood of AFL pickets, beaten senseless in a savage police assault, stained the pavement in front of New York's dignified Stock Exchange. Tears, armored tanks and Natl. Guardsmen confronted Univis strikers picketing for higher wages in Dayton.

Taft-Hartley injunctions became the strikebreaking mode. The miners tangled with two federal injunctions in their fight for pensions and more pay. AFL printers, first to map militant defiance of the T-H act, were the target of the most sweeping anti-labor injunction issued under the new law. AFL atomic energy workers, CIO maritime unionists, railroad brotherhood members were also hit by anti-strike injunctions. Behind these and other battles was the stiffening anti-union policy of industry, emboldened by the Taft-Hartley law and fortified by its record-making grab of \$17½ billion in profits in 1947.

U. S. Steel Corp. set the pace by announcing a few insignificant price cuts and barring any wage increases for United Steelworkers (CIO) members, who were bound to a no-strike contract. General Electric, Ford and other top corporations also swiftly announced no-wage-increase policies.

A surprise settlement by General Motors in May, granting United Auto Workers (CIO) members an 11c hourly pay boost, broke the auto industry's solid front against third round wage increases. Three days later came settlement of the 16-day Chrysler strike with a 13c increase, which set the pattern for other industries. U. S. Steel succumbed to the wage increase pressure in July and granted a 13c boost. Other steel firms followed.

Support of the Marshall plan and opposition to the new Progressive party led by Henry Wallace were voiced by the AFL and CIO. Nevertheless, a minority of CIO unions went on record backing Wallace and several hundred AFL and CIO unionists were delegates to the Progressive party founding convention. Politics was becoming increasingly important as the November elections neared, with all sections of labor pledged to rout the Taft-Hartley Congress.

Local AFL wage settlements showed no over-all pattern, varying from a few cents to 25c and more an hour. As Labor Day 1948 approached, many unions still had not won their third round increases.



Labor Day Statement

BY PHILIP MURRAY

The Taft-Hartley act is merely a symptom of a "disease" that is menacing the United States.

The act itself is bad enough because it seriously threatens the future of the trade union movement, but the "disease" is worse.

It threatens our entire economy and our system of political democracy.

I am not exaggerating. I am not making a far-fetched statement merely in the hope of gaining support for repeal of legislation which I dislike.

I am genuinely fearful of the trend which resulted in passage of the Taft-Hartley act and is now resulting in a widespread campaign to discredit the trade union movement.

It would be a good idea for us, on this Labor Day of 1948, to examine the "disease" and some of its symptoms.

The trend toward monopoly control of the nation and its institutions, which has been greatly accelerated during the past few years is frightening.

Economic monopoly and political democracy cannot long ride in the same boat. The former would do away with the latter.

Profiteering (and I do mean profit-making) is drying up too much consumer purchasing power and is concentrating too much wealth in too few hands.

Government regulation is being substituted for free collective bargaining. Court injunctions are being used to prevent workers from striking. Legislative machinery has been used in an effort to deprive unions of their right to engage in politics.

If you examine the record carefully you'll find that those who foster monopoly and charge extortionate prices are the ones responsible for the premature death of price control and for enactment of the Taft-Hartley act.

Sure, I'm complaining about those who are doing everything they can to place strong hobbles on the trade union movement, but I'm doing more than that.

I'm pointing out that these hobbles may trip up our entire economy and damage it if not eventually destroy the democratic system of which trade unions are a major bulwark.

Labor Day Statement

BY HENRY WALLACE

On this Labor Day, the working people of America face a political choice of the deepest significance. It is a choice between supporting the two old parties of Wall Street and building a new party of labor and the common people.

The Democratic and Republican parties are captives of Wall Street and the big corporations. They have shackled labor with the Taft-Hartley law, voted by a majority of both old parties. They have destroyed price control and unleashed an inflation which has cut the value of the worker's dollar in half and which threatens a disastrous depression.

They have failed to provide homes for the homeless, an adequate minimum wage for the underpaid, decent pensions for the aged, and American standards of social security for all.

They have failed to protect the civil rights of minorities, and instead have launched witch-hunts which threaten the democratic liberties of all Americans. Their tax and other special favors to profiteers have been as noteworthy as their assaults on labor's rights and living standards.

The only distinction between the two old parties is that Dewey and his Republicans brag of this record, while Truman and his Democrats make professions of liberalism that are belied by their acts. Truman has issued more strikebreaking injunctions than any President in history, and the majority of Democrats in Congress have voted with the Republicans against labor on nearly every issue.

The Democratic and Republican parties have reversed the "One World" peace policies of Roosevelt and Wilkie. Through their Truman-Vandenberg doctrine, their huge war expenditures, their draft and their discriminatory foreign relief policies, they have launched a mad drive for Wall Street world domination, which threatens to provoke another world war.

Against these disastrous bi-partisan policies of repression, depression and war, the plain people of America are rising in revolt. From the grass roots up, they are building a new kind of party — a party of, by and for the rank and file of working and common people.

Because this party is labor's own party, it fights for repeal of Taft-Hartley and a strong Wagner act; for higher wages out of huge profits; for controlling and lowering living costs; for low-cost homes, \$1 minimum wage \$100 minimum pensions, more social security—for the people's prosperity and world peace.

A vote for the old parties is a vote thrown away to labor's enemies. The vote that counts for labor's interests is the vote cast for the Progressive party.

LABOR SENTINEL



Unlike the reigning monarchs of Europe, the Queen of the Fiesta Patrias is elected by her loyal subjects. This year's Queen will be chosen from among these four entrants at a dance to be held in Quatemoc Hall Saturday night, September 4th.

The Sentinel regrets that its budget doesn't permit a roto section like the Chicago Tribune's; black and white pictures don't fit it with girls like:

1—Esther Ramirez, 3811 Main St., Indiana Harbor. Esther, who graduated from Hammond's Catholic Central, is a business girl. A secretary in George Mosby's real estate office — those lucky people — she finds time for just about the whole book in recreation, swimming, dancing, riding and, of course, running for Queen of the Fiesta.

2—Nellie Hernandez, 7500 Sowers Ave., Gary. Although Nellie seems to have been transplanted to Gary in recent years, she went to school at Washington High. Montgomery-Ward's, Chicago, keeps Nellie busy during the work week. She likes dancing and the like, too.

3—Alice Quintanilla, 3729 Catalpa, Indiana Harbor. Alice was formerly a vocalist with Johnny Delgado's band. She gave that up, however, for a job with more conventional hours at Meyer's Tots and Teens' Shop. A native daughter of Indiana Harbor, Alice is also a graduate of Washington High School. She didn't say what her recreational preferences are other than dancing.

4—Mary Esther Lopez, 3410 Deodar Street, Indiana Harbor. Mary Esther didn't say what she does for a living; maybe she just decorates the neighborhood around Deodar Street. She was born and grew up here in East Chicago, too. Washington High School claims Mary Esther among its alumni.



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CHICAGO, ILL. — The filing of 75,268 signatures on petitions requesting that the Progressive Party be placed on the ballot in Illinois was announced this morning by William Miller, State Director of the Progressive Party.

Fulfilling the election law requirements, Miller appeared at the Executive Mansion at 10:30 this morning to officially turn the 3,750 sheets of petitions over to Governor Green.

The petitions were also filed in accordance with the legal requirements with the Auditor of Public Accounts and the Secretary of State.

With 75,268 signatures gathered from 88 different Illinois counties, the Progressive Party spokesman declared that a place on the Illinois ballot was assured for Henry A. Wallace and Glen H. Taylor.

A full Progressive Party slate, headed by Curtis D. MacDougall for U. S. Senator and Grant Oakes for Governor was also filed. The election law requires that 25,000 signatures be gathered, with a minimum of 200 from each of 50 counties in the State.

"The Progressive Party has successfully complied with the requirements of a law which was passed specifically for the purpose of making it impossible for a 3rd party to get on the ballot," said Miller.

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developed throughout the State" he added.

The Wallace-Taylor ticket has been legally certified in 12 states at this date. The 12 states are: California, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah and Wisconsin.

Illinois now joins 9 additional states where all legal requirements have been met and certification is awaited. These states are: Alabama, Arizona, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma and West Virginia.

Of the 26 states where the Progressives are not yet assured a place on the ballot — most don't have filing deadlines until September and October — and most of them have relatively easy requirements.

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WORLD WISE

By ISRAEL EPSTEIN

While Washington risks war in Europe in its effort to build one World War II enemy, Germany, little public attention is being given to what goes on in the other extreme country, Japan.

Germany is occupied and administered by all the Big Three and is a subject of wrangling among them. Japan is ruled by the U.S. alone. Other World War II allies are only given an advisory voice. What is going on in Japan is thereupon America's undivided responsibility.

What is happening in Japan, that is to say, is that all the forces for which World War II fought are being dishonored and that both inter-allied demands and previously demanded U.S. policy on the subject are being flouted.

The State Dept.'s "Post-Surrender Policy for Japan," a basic document issued on Aug. 29, directs that the occupation authorities, said flatly: "Japan will be completely disarmed and militarized. The authority of militarists and the influence of militarism will be totally eliminated."

The actual fact, the disarming of Japan's military was entrusted to the same militarists who commanded in the last war. W. Vernon Ball, Australian member of the Allied Council for Japan who resigned last week, said the same militarists would arrange for swift remobilization at any time, since all powers are in their hands.

S brass hats, playing with idea of Japan as "a bulwark against Russia," have now authorized heavy arms for 100,000 police and the reconditioning of coast guard vessels and personnel. Japan has a army and navy, in thin dis-

The Post-Surrender Policy granted unlimited democratic rights, including the right of election, to Japan's oppressed people. Changes in the form of government initiated by the Japanese people or government in direction of modifying its laws and authorization tend to be permitted and urged," it said. "In the event such changes involve the use of force . . . the Supreme Commander should intervene where necessary to ensure security of his forces."

The record since then, however, shows U.S. troops actually supporting Emperor Hirohito and his regime against popular

demonstrations. Japanese authorities have been permitted to jail people once again for "disrespect to the Emperor." Hirohito's name was kept out of war crimes trials by U.S. prosecutors. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters allowed Japanese authorities to ring election laws so that fascist officials who ran Japan when she fought the U.S. still control 75% of the seats in Parliament, 83% in state assemblies, 90% in city councils and 97% in town and village administrations.

The Post-Surrender Policy said: "The economic basis of Japanese military strength must be destroyed and not permitted to revive." It committed the occupation to breaking up the so-called Zaibatsu trusts. In fact, however, the Zaibatsu were allowed to keep huge stockpiles of raw materials illegally turned over to them by the Japanese army just after V-J Day, largely protected from paying reparations, and progressively exempted from decartelization. One explanation: shareholders in Zaibatsu enterprises include General Electric, Westinghouse, Goodrich Rubber Co., the National City Bank of New York and Dillon, Read & Co.

Both U.S. policy and inter-allied agreements called for full union rights for Japanese labor, which three years ago was rightly seen as the best hope of Japanese democracy. Initial easing of wartime fascist restrictions allowed Japanese unions to increase their membership to six million. But from 1947 on, MacArthur ruled against political action by unions, outlawing both general and industrywide strikes as "abuses of power." Now MacArthur has asked Japanese authorities to allow neither strikes nor collective bargaining by government employees, who in Japan include over two million transport and industrial workers. Japanese unions have

LABOR 'Round the World

CANADA

OTTAWA—(ALN)—American housewives aren't the only ones on this continent who are spinning on the high-price merry-go-round. Their Canadian counterparts are also paying the highest prices on record. The June cost-of-living index compiled by the Bureau of Statistics is at a peak of 156.9. Eggs, potatoes, clothing, home furnishings and just about everything else are climbing out of reach of the average worker. Meat is already too expensive for most families.

ITALY

ROME—(ALN)—Striking oil workers who held fast for 28 days despite government pressure and police violence have won their demands: higher wages and reinstatement of a number of employees who had been fired. Hailing the victory as a great triumph for the General Confederation of Labor, union spokesmen said it was proof of the need for labor unity. Standard Oil of New Jersey and Shell Oil Co., which control most of Italy's refineries, had backed would-be splitters of the striking oil unions without success.

MALAYA

KUALA LUMPUR—(ALN)—The film, "Tale of Two Cities," has been banned by British censors in Malaya. Based on the classic novel by Charles Dickens, the movie deals with the French revolution of 1789. Other defined this order. Occupation labor chief James L. Killen, an AFL official, resigned in protest.

Why this sudden drive to return Japanese labor to slavery? Japanese government sources say it is necessary to attract private U.S. capital. Wall Street will invest in the warming Zaibatsu plants again—but only if labor is cheap and docile. At its present wage average of \$10 a week for men and half that for women.

movies showing the use of force against tyrants have also been barred, it is pointed out, because the British don't want the Malays to get any "ideas." Chinese and Malay workers are fighting for national freedom here. The British are using planes and American guns to crush them.

AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE—(ALN)—Declining the arrest of two union leaders for non-payment of fines imposed under the anti-picketing act in Queensland, seamen and longshoremen are holding protest meetings in major ports. The fines were levied when the men picketed during a recent railway strike. They face up to three years in jail.

NORWAY

OSLO—(ALN)—The Norwegian Trade Union Council plans to send representatives to a labor conference in the Soviet Union. Exchange of Soviet and Norwegian views at union meetings is nothing new. The Russians sent delegates to labor sessions here in 1945 and 1946.

COSTA RICA

SAN JOSE—(ALN)—Women have the right to vote under the new constitution, now being drafted for presentation to the constitutional Congress for which elections will be held in December. The voting age is reduced from 20 to 18.

CHILE

SANTIAGO—(ALN)—The Chilean Federation of Banking Workers has demanded that the government rewrite current labor laws and restore freedom for unions. Present regulations, the federation charged, prevent workers from exercising their basic rights. Pres. Gonzales Videla has smashed the country's Confederation of Labor. He has urged that Communists be deprived of the right to vote in union elections. Under Videla's definition of the word, Communist includes all militant workers.

Members Regain

(Continued from page 1)
classifications under the Inequity Program, absence of a union grievance at step four, Int'l and management, and other immediate concerns.

A letter condemning the House un-American Committee for its persecution of Democrats who inaugurated and supported the New Deal was among the business taken care of at Wednesday night's meeting. Particular emphasis was laid on the attempt to discredit and jail Lee Pressman, former CIO Counsel, and currently a national figure in the Wallace campaign.

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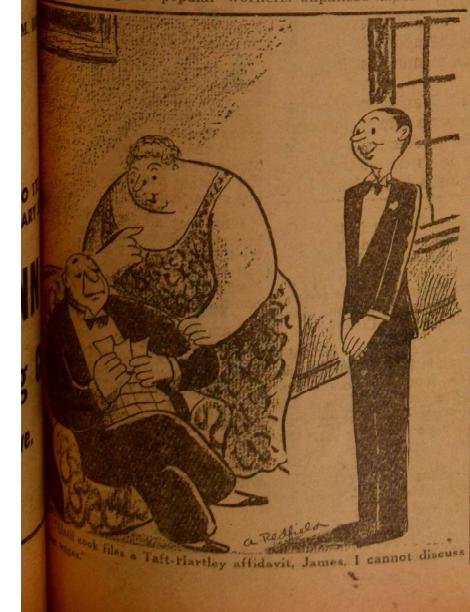
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Workers Jammed Like Cattle Into Inland's Lincoln Hotel

One chief difference distinguishes Inland Steel's flop house, at Michigan and Block Avenues, which desecrates the name of Lincoln, from one of the more sloppily administered transient camps that dotted our land in the mid-thirties.

You weren't stuck three to six bucks a week for staying in the transient camps.

Only the class A accommodations cost six dollars, however. If you rate one of the better rooms, by reason of enduring the Hotel Lincoln's Hospitality for a period of several weeks you are privileged to share it at that price, with only one other paying guest and an assortment of resident bed bugs.

But few of the Lincoln's roomers have even the dubious luck of drawing a two-man room. In groups of six and eight, most of them are shoe horned into cubicles that would cramp the living of a single person.

Such standard furnishings as closets, bureaus, and wash bowls are, of course, precluded by space limitations as well as the absolute minimum budget allotted by Inland Steel for its recently recruited workers. In process of hitting the deck on hurried mornings, guests of the Lincoln have been known to put their pants on three times before getting them on the right legs.

If you're the fussy type who likes to hang up his clothes, a line is draped sketchily along one of the cracked, peeling walls for that purpose. Because the Lincoln's clientele includes the same average of thieves as any other group and no lockers are provided, anything more valuable than a box of matches is best carried on your person at all times.

A single, unshaded bulb hangs from the ceiling does little more than emphasize the gloom of these drab quarters. Such off shift chores and pastimes as reading, sewing on a few buttons, or letter writing may only be indulged after negotiations have been concluded with the room's other occupants. Some one is certain to be just coming off shift or snatching a few winks before going on.

A dingy blanket covers each of the double decked bunks. It supplements the skimpy sheets which you are entitled to turn in each Monday morning for newly laundered ones. If you feel urged to sweep the room out or make up your bunk once in a while, nobody prevents you from doing it. But the general atmosphere of the Lincoln does not encourage such practices.

Lidless GI cans invitations to a carelessly thrown match, crammed with discarded papers and other refuse occupy angles of the crooked hallways. Because there's no place else for them to go, wakeful roomers cluster in the dim passages to chew the fat and eye cockroaches, some of them big enough to operate ladle cranes, scuttle in and out of the cracked masonry.

On those occasions that hot water falters through the aged plumbing to the second and third stories, you may line up and take your turn at showering and shaving in a lavatory centrally located on each floor. The second floor has forty-two rooms which, at a conservative average of three men to a room totals more than one hundred men. A total of six toilets serve the needs of the same number of occupants.

One fire escape, which ends abruptly a full twelve feet above the alley pavement, is provided as the sole emergency egress. Entrance to the room from which the fire escape is reached is a narrow, unmarked door. Six aged men fleeing from burning smoke filled halls could easily jam up in this doorway.

and furnish another morbid meddlesome for the sensational press.

Assuming, doubtless, that the Lincoln's residents all learned to descend knotted ropes while in the Boy Scouts, escape ropes are standard equipment in each of the rooms.

Queried about the lack of emergency exits from the tinderbox, overcrowded building, East Chicago's Fire Inspector told the Sentinel last week that existing laws covering this matter were being complied with.

Windows of the Lincoln Hotel are entirely innocent of screens. This, however, is no great matter since flies and mosquitoes, being endowed with wings, do not linger in the vicinity of Plant No. 1's gate.

Such, in brief, is the living standard considered by Inland Steel as quite good enough for those workers who it imports from Texas, Arizona, and other points of the South West.

Why don't these workers find quarters a trifle above the sty level?

Well, with the Riley Bank holding a red light against low cost housing in East Chicago, finding a decent room is a matter of ferreting out and bribing at the best of it.

But the chief reason that the Lincoln retains its roomers is the ugly prejudice that persists against Mexican-Americans in the teeth of all reason and justice.

Because of that prejudice, and, perhaps, a tacit agreement with Inland Steel, none of the workingmen's hotels around Inland's gates has let a room to a Mexican-American worker in the past year.

The men who are segregated in the Lincoln Hotel, with a few exceptions, live quiet, orderly lives. They brush their teeth, speak the same American as the rest of us, served with credit and distinction in the war, are union minded in a degree far ahead of non-Spanish speaking steelworkers, and are, in short, as acceptable neighbors as any other group of people.

Despite these things, they are treated with suspicion and mistrust only a trifle less vicious than that vented against that other huge minority of East Chicago's steelworkers, the Negroes.

This attitude has not yet succeeded in alienating Mexican-American workingmen from the rest of us. It will be recalled that train loads of men and boys were brought in here by the company at the beginning of the 1947 (May) strike. Broke, hungry, and in a strange territory, as they were, however, these men refused to go to work until the rest of us did. Instead of breaking our picket lines, they joined them.

But dumps like the Lincoln Hotel, which union men are forced to accept while Local 1010 looks the other way, are good spots for anti-union feeling to sprout and grow.

Said Heine: "I know not if I deserve a full twelve feet above the alley pavement, is provided as the sole emergency egress. Entrance to the room from which the fire escape is reached is a narrow, unmarked door. Six aged men fleeing from burning smoke filled halls could easily jam up in this doorway."



PRE-DEPRESSION FLOP HOUSE

Acute housing shortage and prejudice against Americans of Mexican origin compel several hundred members of Local Union 1010, employed by Inland Steel, to live in quarters like these, in the Lincoln Hotel, and elsewhere in the Block Avenue district.

Overcrowded and comfortless, these rooms are oven in summer and pneumonia traps in the winter months. The coiled rope beside the man's head is for escape from fires which frequently menace the lives of the Lincoln's occupants.

(Below) Three of the six toilets located on the second floor of the establishment. When the building is fully occupied, these six toilets, and a half dozen wash bowls and showers are the total sanitary facilities for two hundred men.

Sentinel Photo.



I was convinced that a people which oppresses another people is neither a free nor a happy people. That was the reason for my attitude in 1923. Nor, it seems to me, has that reason lost any of its validity today.—

Gabriel Peri

Bargains Like Plancor Still Offered by Gov't

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Prices of food and clothing continue to rise but the War Assets Administration is still handing over war-built plants to industrialists at bargain prices. WAA announced Aug. 9 it was selling the Mathieson Alkali Works at Lake Charles, La. to the Mathieson Chemical Corp. for \$7 million. The plant cost the government \$13½ million.

Comité Mexicano-Americano

Refugio Camacho, Griever Steward en el departamento del Tie Plate, y Tony Villareal del 10 in. Mill fuerón elegidos provisionalmente como los encabezados del Comité Consejero Mexicano-Americano en la primera junta de ese cuerpo, el Domingo 22 de Agosto.

El propósito del Comité Consejero Mexicano-Americano es para familiarizar a los hermanos de este grupo de la Local 1010 que no hablan el inglés, y asistirlos con los problemas que son confrontados por falta de entendimiento de su idioma, y acercarlos más a las actividades énteres de la unión.

Hojillas explicando las estipulaciones del contrato y el desarrollo de los negocios de la unión se están escribiendo en español por miembros del Comité para distribuir a estos trabajadores.

Pronto habrá clases en inglés para los hermanos que quieran aprender pronto el idioma. Dos miembros del Comité Consejero fueron elegidos en la junta del Domingo para que se comunicaran con la mesa directiva de la escuela y otros orígenes con el objeto de retener un profesor competente en inglés y español, libros y otros preliminares para empezar las clases. Estos hermanos darán su reporte y someterán sus recomendaciones para acción en la próxima junta.

Una parte de cada junta del Comité Consejero será dedicada para registrar las quejas de esos hermanos que tengan agravios y, no sean propiamente llevados acabo, u otros problemas que requieran la asistencia de éste Comité.

Todos los miembros de habla española de la local deben de asistir a estas juntas del Comité Consejero. Los asuntos de estas juntas son conducidos en español con traducción en inglés de los acontecimientos más importantes.

La próxima junta del Comité Consejero Mexicano-Americanico tendrá lugar el Domingo 5 de Septiembre de 1948 a las 2:00 P.M. en el salón de la Local 1010, 3436 Michigan Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana.

Bongo, Bongo, Bongo, Hew Was Glad To Leave The Congo

NEW YORK—(FP) — Civilization, alas, has finally crept up on the African jungle. The natives, it seems, are demanding higher wages and better working conditions.

These dire tidings were brought back by Dr. James L. Clark, who led an 8,500 mile scientific expedition through African jungles and deserts to the American Museum of Natural History.

Africa, Clark told a press conference here, has succumbed to the "pains of growing up to become a civilized country."

"It's got so," he said, "that when you take on a cook he won't work unless he has an assistant and he won't do any \$40 a month for a gun-bearer or thing but cook. You have to pay trained Skinner, plus food and blankets and tent, of course. And try to get the gun-bearer to skin! Why, the natives have become as independent as can be!"

Clark attributed the "growing sophistication of the African native" to the hunting boom which "has brought sportsmen who pay high wages and give lavish tips." Another factor, he believed, was "inflammatory" leaflets being passed around in some parts of French Equatorial Africa by "Communists."

Letter in care of the Editor

Mr. John Rudolph,
Open Hearth No. 1, Inland Steel

Dear Sir:

My letter concerns the statement I read in the Labor Sentinel concerning us Mexicans. You've hurt our feelings very deeply. We are Mexicans, but we have feelings the same as you have.

You stated that the Open Hearth Department at Plant No. 1 does not smell so bad now that Mexicans were moved out.

Mr. Rudolph, I want you to put yourself in the place of one of Mexicans laboring in that Department after working eight hours. If you smell like a bouquet of roses, I'll eat this letter.

Don't you realize that the hardest tasks at Inland are performed by Mexicans?

During the war, Mr. Rudolph, Mexicans and Americans fought together to defend this great nation. The two nations have always gotten along wonderful; no one complained about the Mexicans smelling bad. You are the first to make such ridiculous statement.

I am not an Inland worker but my husband works at Inland. Besides that, I am a Mexican and I doubt if there is any Mexican more proud of being one than I am.

I am hoping that this letter will appear in the Labor Sentinel so that my race can read it and know that here is one Mexican who cannot hush what she feels and who defends her race anywhere, anytime and against anyone.

If you wish to communicate with me I am

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. Matilde Hernandez Santillan

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SIGNING 'EM UP FOR WALLACE

Bill Maihoffer, one of the twelve original organizers of Local Union 1010, and Walter Szpeich, formerly Recording Secretary of the Local and Tin Mill Griever, collecting signatures at No. 2 gate last week to put the Progressive Party on the ballot in Indiana.

Neither Brother Maihoffer nor Brother Szpeich have any more confidence in company political parties than they do in company unions; that's why they're all out for Wallace and Taylor.

Wrigley Field Rally to Hear Wallace and Robeson Sept. 14th

CHICAGO, ILL. — Henry A. Wallace and Paul Robeson will speak at Wrigley Field on Tuesday night, September 14, to the largest paid political rally in the history of Chicago, it was announced today by George Cermak, chairman of the Cook County Progressive Party.

"Up to the present time the biggest paid political rally in Chicago was one put on by the Progressive Party earlier this year in the Chicago Stadium," said Cermak.

The smashing success of this rally, coupled with the phenomenal growth of the Progressive Party in Cook County, has made such an indoor rally no longer practical. In order to accommodate the many thousands wanting to hear Wallace and the other Progressive Party candidates, we had to turn to a place the size of Wrigley Field."

Plans for Wrigley Field meeting are not settled as yet, but it is definite that local Progressive Party candidates and local issues will have a prominent spot on the program.

Entertainment for the program will be furnished by both the Arts Committee for Wallace and top radio, stage and screen talent.

"Wrigley Field packed to its capacity of 48,500 will serve warning to the Republican-Democratic coalition bosses that their rule of Cook County will end as of November 2nd—election day," said Cermak.

Frisbie to Speak at Wallace Meeting Here Friday Nite

Walter Frisbie, formerly Secretary of the State Industrial Union Council and currently a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Indiana on the Progressive Party ticket, will be the featured speaker at a conference of Steelworkers For Wallace Friday evening, September 27, at Local Union 1010's headquarters, 3436 Michigan Ave., Indiana Harbor.

Main business before the conference is the setting up of departmental committees of the Progressive Party to organize the decisive pro-Wallace sentiment of Lake County's people into campaign activity.

Selection of a date and place for a mass rally in Lake County, to take place within six weeks time, is a second point on Friday evening's agenda. Speakers of national prominence, quite possibly Lee Pressman among them, will address the rally for which preparations are now going forward.

Discussion from the floor will form a part of Friday night's meeting. All steelworkers of Lake County are invited to attend.

MacARTHUR BANS CRITICISM OF SELF

TOKYO—(ALN)—Freedom of the press suffered another jolt here when Gen. Douglas MacArthur's censors barred publication of a New York Post article by Harold Ickes, former U. S. secretary of the interior, calling for the general's removal.

Published in the U. S. Aug. 6, the piece described MacArthur as "conducting himself like an Emperor." It strongly ridiculed the "endeavors of our number one military-missionary, to lead the benighted Japanese into the green pastures of democracy."

"Whereas we of the homeland have been feeling satisfied with our emancipation of Japanese slave labor after 2,000 years of feudalism, we now discover a dictatorial representative of our democracy ruthlessly repressing

organized movements for betterment of workers in Japan by issuing an edict to deny them the right to strike." Ickes was removed, MacArthur should be ousted.

MARSHALL PLAN AT WORK

VIENNA—(ALN)—Discouraged by the Marshall plan, the matches in many Austrian match factories are going out.

This charge was made by workers here who pointed out that shipment of American matches under the Marshall plan has resulted in the closing of a number of match factories.

The most recent victims are workers in a plant near Salzburg who have been laid off "definitely" because of lack of business.

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Unit Set on Negotiations Gillies Nixes Money Now

If Inland Steel is still refusing to pay off back pay on Thursday, September 16, Local Union 1010 will request President Murray and the Executive Board of the International Union to sanction strike action and compel management to live up to its agreement.

Less than three months ago, Manager F. M. Gillies refused to authorize payment of back pay claims as quickly as settlement of production classifications was reached, apparently ignoring that comments, however, Gillies told the Negotiating Committee Friday, August 27, that substantial agreement on Mechanical, Electrical and Maintenance jobs could also be reached before payment of retroactivity was made to those whose classifications have been adjusted.

Because the Company stalled over agreement as a basis for bargaining MM&E classifications for more than a year it was due, adjustment of jobs will require another month.

Company strategy is plainly one which they tried unsuccessfully to use in adjusting production job classifications. To force the Negotiating Committee into accepting revised classifications by use of the membership's right for payment of retroactive claims,

rafting the demand upon the Company for long overdue payment of retroactivity to Union representatives, management also strives to extend the contract within the Local Union by the Inequity Program for another indefinite period.

Following telegram, indicating the top Officers of the International Union of the circuit and requesting that Local Union 1010 be relieved of contract obligations because of the Company's refusal by its agreement, was President Murray and Director Germano by President Powell immediately after the meeting between Negotiating Committee and Gillies on Friday, August

August 30, 1948

Philip Murray, Pres.
International
Steelworkers of
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Commonwealth Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

In negotiations on the Inland Steel program with the International Union for over a year an agreement was reached with the Company that the balance of back pay, 1946 and parts of 1947, would be paid if the Company and Gillies could agree that classification of eighty-five percent of all production jobs were satisfactorily. After agreement on about 90 percent, Gillies refused to complicate this Com-

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Fiesta Patrias Joined by 1010

Esther Ramirez, chosen Queen of this year's Fiesta Patrias at the climax of a closely contested competition for that honor among Lake County's most popular Latin-American daughters, will begin her three-day reign at eight P.M. Wednesday, September 15. Princess of the Fiesta is Alice Quintanilla who emerged from the enthusiastic balloting at the pre-Fiesta Ball Saturday, September 4, in second place.

Ladies of the Court are Nellie Hernandez, Jovita Varela, and Mary Esther Lopez. The Coronation, a colorful ceremony which officially opens Fiesta Patrias, will take place at the Fiesta Grounds, Penn Ave. and Steward Street.

A squadron of motor cyclists, who, a generation ago, would have been mounted on curving Spanish horses, are riding up from Torreon and Monterrey to exhibit what the sons of Mexico have to offer in the way of nerve, skill, and dash. Preceding the Coronation by a few hours, the motor cyclist's exhibition will begin at 4:30, Wednesday, in Block Stadium. The public is invited to attend.

In addition to a band, a float and 1,000 pennants, Local Union 1010 has its two office girls Dolly Hutira and Suzy Arredondo, entered in the Fiesta Parade. Fifty and twenty-five dollars are offered as prizes, incidentally, for the best decorated car in the parade, and ten dollars for the best decorated bicycle. The parade, to many, the high point of the Fiesta, is scheduled for five o'clock Thursday, the second day of the celebration.

Principle address will be made Wednesday evening by Consul Salvador Duhart. Although most of the speeches on this 127th Anniversary of Mexico's Independence will, of course, be made in Spanish, enough of the proceedings will be in English to retain the interest of non-Spanish speaking people as well.

All Stewards, Grievers, Assistants, and Local Union Officers who plan to attend District No. 31's Conference at the Hotel Morrison, Chicago, may still register as delegates.

No lost time is allowed, but expenses of five dollars for each day of attendance will be allowed those who register at the Financial Secretary's Office.



ESTHER RAMIREZ



ALICE QUINTANILLA

Beer, Softball and Pony Rides on 1010 Picnic

Although no outstanding stars of stage and screen have been booked for Local Union 1010's picnic at Wicker Park Sunday, September 19, that seems to be the sole item of diversion overlooked by the Recreation Committee.

For the kids, all rides and concessions have been obtained for exclusive use of 1010 picnickers.

For older picnickers, soft ball, between 1010's team and the Gary Osagas, boxing, wrestling, and a full list of other events are being lined up. Dancing in the Park Casino is scheduled for the evening.

It will not be necessary for union members to contact the Financial Secretary's office for blocks of concession tickets. As they arrive at the park, members of the Local will be given identity cards for their children which will pass them on to the rides without charge.

No picnic is complete without some pointing with pride and viewing with alarm. So the Rec. Committee has invited any or all candidates for office in this year's general elections, who are also members in good standing of Local Union 1010, to present their positions. Those wishing to speak will contact the Financial Secretary or a member of the Recreation Committee in advance.

CIO Top Officers OK Truman Ignore Anti-Labor Record

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The CIO executive board formally endorsed Pres. Truman for election in November by a 35 to 12 vote at its Aug. 31 meeting. CIO Pres. Philip Murray said the endorsement "was rendered for the purpose of guiding our members in the coming elections."

After nearly five hours of debate the board adopted a statement recommended by Murray which said: "We are conscious of the fact that the candidates of both major political parties run on and are committed to the platforms of their parties. The platform of the Democratic party is one that can command our enthusiastic approval. The platform of the Republican party condemns itself."

The statement praised Truman for his civil rights program, veto of the Taft-Hartley law, pleading with Congress for housing legislation and advocacy of "many other measures designed to bring security, health and wellbeing to the people."

While no one at the board session spoke for the Republican Dewey-Warren ticket, several members backed a statement presented by Pres. Donald Henderson of the Food Tobacco, Agricultural & Allied Workers, a supporter of Henry A. Wallace. Henderson called for "complete political freedom of CIO unions, units and members to make their own election choices." He attacked Truman's use of the Taft-Hartley injunction procedure, and asked for joint Democratic-Progressive action wherever possible to elect a better Congress.

Voting on the Truman endorsement followed the lines which (Continued on Page 6)

1010 to Decide Migas Case Thurs. Sept. 23

Whether witch hunting, Un-American Committee style, in the United Steelworkers of America-CIO will get a "go" signal or be voted a quick death by the membership will be decided Thursday night, September 23, when LU 1010 judges the case of Nick Migas.

Trial Committee report and both majority and minority recommendations, as published below, were read before the Local Union meeting of September 2. In accordance with action passed at a previous LU meeting, decision by the membership on the Trial Committee's recommendations was deferred to a subsequent general meeting.

Majority Report, Trial Committee on Nick Migas

In passing judgment on the case of Nick Migas in compliance with the Steelworkers' Constitution, basing our guidance on the fundamental principles of our Nation and our Union, from all evidence presented to this Committee we find the following as briefly set forth herein:

The accusers in this case have (Continued on Page 2)

Wallace at Wrigley Field Next Tuesday Nite

CHICAGO, ILL.—Flanked by huge nine foot letters spelling out the names of Wallace and Taylor, Henry A. Wallace, Progressive Party candidate for President of the United States, and Paul Robeson, world famous singer and actor and now co-chairman of the Progressive Party, will speak to the largest paid political gathering in Chicago's history at Wrigley Field on the evening of Tuesday, September 14th.

The huge lighted names of the two Progressive Party candidates will be mounted on a four foot platform on the edge of the infield by second base. The speeches and entertainment will be given from a specially erected platform built high off the ground in between the two names.

In announcing the proposed production of this monster rally, George Cermak, Cook County Chairman of the Progressive Party, declared:

"There is every indication that Henry Wallace's appearance in Chicago will draw a tremendous demonstration from the people here. They know that Wallace is unrelentingly committed to a policy of peace, international cooperation and prosperity for all."

Among those appearing on the program with Wallace and Robeson will be Mrs. Pauline High Reed, Negro leader, who was recently named as the Progressive Party's candidate for the office of Secretary of State for Illinois.

Also scheduled to talk at the rally will be Grant Oakes, International President of the United Farm Equipment Workers (CIO) and Progressive Party candidate for Governor, and Judge Samuel Heller, who just returned from Paris in order to appear at the meeting. Judge Heller is the Progressive Party's candidate for State's Attorney.

September 9,

'Had to Hold Job' Schacht Forgiven Nazi Speeches

By Allied Labor News

STUTTGART, Germany — Iljmar Schacht, Hitler's financial brain, has been acquitted of collaborating with the Nazis by a German appeals court in the Anglo-American zone.

The decision reversed a 1947 ruling by a German denazification court which had sentenced Schacht to an 8-year prison term. In 1946 the Nazi financial wizard was freed by the Nuremberg international tribunal, over the Soviet Union's objection, on grounds that he did not know of Hitler's war plans.

The appeals court declared that Schacht had taken part in the opposition movement against Hitler since 1936. It explained away Schacht's pro-Hitler speeches after that time as necessary because he had to make them to hold his job. Expanding on the shocking whitewash of one of the top-ranking Nazis, the court slurred German anti-fascists, saying: "None of the civilians who participated in the resistance movement did more than Schacht."

In Berlin, the Soviet-licensed news agency ADN charged that "the acquittal was a classic example of the denazification practices in the western zone."

While supposedly serving his 8-year prison term, Schacht was given favored treatment. He was moved from a German camp to a U.S.-run compound near Frankfurt, where he was reported to have been one of the top advisers to the U.S. Military Government in its recent currency reform program. At the time of his transfer, in late 1947, U.S. officials admitted that Schacht was aiding the German Finance Directorate, whose members had requested his advice.

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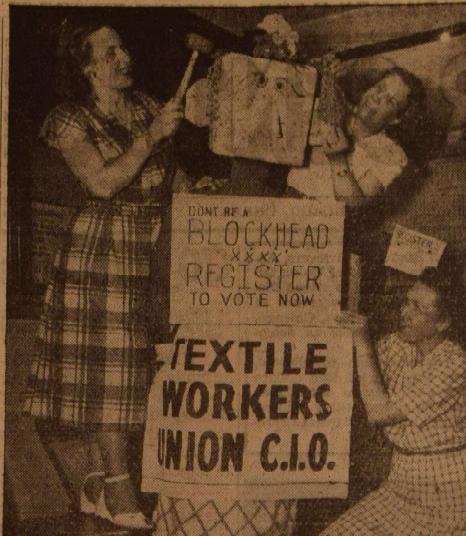
Schacht has long had links with top U.S. bankers, lawyers and industrialists. The year that Hitler seized power Schacht met with John Foster Dulles, now top Republican foreign policy expert, who was developing lucrative German connections for his law firm at the time.

Dulles' brother Allen, director of the New York branch of the Anglo-German Schroeder bank, worked closely with Schacht's associate, banker and S. S. leader Baron Kurt von Schroeder.

In 1944 Schacht sent friends to Allen Dulles, then heading the U.S. Office of Strategic Services branch in Switzerland, to discuss the basis for postwar cooperation. Schacht suggested a "soft peace," indicating that on these terms the U.S. could move into the German economy. Later John Foster Dulles elaborated on Schacht's suggestion and urged that the Ruhr be rebuilt as the main U.S. arsenal in Europe.

Schacht's release adds to the ever-growing number of high-ranking Nazi industrialists who are now free to go about their business in the Anglo-American zone.

An American military tribunal recently acquitted 23 top-rank I.G. Farben officials of plotting and waging aggressive war. The leaders of this giant chemical combine which nourished the Hitler war machine were freed along with heads of the Krupp munitions firm, who were acquitted previously because of alleged insufficient evidence.



MEET BESSIE BLOCKHEAD

Members of the Textile Workers' Union (CIO) add the finishing touches to Bessie Blockhead's toilet before taking her to promenade through the streets of Minneapolis, Minn., to remind citizens to register and vote. (Federated Pictures)

'Wages Raise Prizes' Charge a Phoney-- CIO Research Dept.

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Industry is trying to use labor as a scapegoat to justify price increases, the CIO charged in its September Economic Outlook.

Early in 1948, the Outlook said, corporation leaders had decided to try to hold fast against any further wage increases in spite of the fact that continuously increasing prices were eating into workers' pay envelopes further each month.

This decision was based on the assumption that no more price increases could be made during 1948. The corporations were determined not to absorb wage increases out of profits.

"If prices could not be raised, no cent of their exorbitant profit were to be sacrificed to prevent workers' living standards from declining further," the Outlook said.

The big shift in Wall Street strategy came in March, said the Outlook. It was then realized that prices would keep on rising. The reasons for the continued price rise, according to the Outlook, were armament production, shipments to Europe through the Marshall plan and the passage of the Knutson tax cut bill.

Besides recognizing that price increases would be possible, the CIO bulletin said, "business also recognized that prices could not be raised without an excuse — and a scapegoat. Each time in the past when industry groups raised prices, they used increases in wages as an excuse. And they always raised prices far above the amount necessary to offset increased wage costs."

As a result, the Outlook said, "Corporations that had branded wage increases impossible and disastrous were willing to raise wages."

But, price increases also followed, with the pay raises as an excuse. And once more the price increases went far beyond the extra pay given to workers. Actually, according to the CIO analysis, no price increases were needed because "the present all-time high profits could absorb wage increases and still leave ample profits."

2 of 3 Safety Laws Broken by Mines Krug Report Shows

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Two-thirds of the violations of the federal mine safety code reported by federal coal mine inspectors during the year ending June 30, 1948, still exist. A report by Interior Sec. J. A. Krug admitted Aug. 27.

In Krug's report the point was made that one-third of the violations were corrected and some progress was made in correcting violations in 15% of the remainder. Nevertheless, the fact remains that on the basis of the Interior Dept.'s official statement, two-thirds of the violations needed whole or partial correction.

Behind the dry statistics of the Bureau of Mines report was the fact that what were called "violations" involved the killing and crippling of coal miners in mine fires, explosions, roof falls and other mine accidents.

In the course of the year covered by the report, inspectors examined 2,184 mines. From these mines comes an annual production of about 448 million tons of coal, the product of 315,000 men.

Krug said that the record of the year showed "that some progress has been made in reducing hazardous conditions in the nation's underground bituminous coal and lignite mines." But he added that "further emphasis is necessary to ensure greater safety and to remove the principal causes of accidents."

During the year warnings were sent to the governors of 12 states—Alabama, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Arkansas, Kentucky, Montana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia and Wyoming—that "disaster hazards existed or were developing," according to Krug's report.

Krug also said that larger mines complied with safety regulations more readily than smaller mines.

CIO CONDEMN'S ASSAULTS ON WALLACE

WASHINGTON—(FP) — A statement condemning lawless assaults on Henry Wallace during his trip through the South was unanimously adopted by the CIO executive board Aug. 31. The CIO affirmed its support of free speech for all Americans.

Murray Boots Out Elected Officers of Wayne Co. CIO-- Puts Right Wing in

DETROIT — After several years of conflict between the parent CIO and the Wayne County CIO Council in Detroit, Pres. Philip Murray empowered CIO Rep. Adolph Germer to take over the council if it continued to ignore his instructions. This Germer did Sept. 4 at the close of three days of noisy debate and altercations by delegates to the county CIO convention. Germer the following day supervised setting up of a new council under rightwing control which has the blessing of the national headquarters and is expected to gain control of the council offices and property.

The new officers of the recognized council are Pres. Mike Novak, Sec-Treas. Al Barbour and Org. Dir. Alex Fuller. Novak is president of UAW Dodge Local 3 and an international UAW trustee. Barbour belongs to Chrysler Local 7 and Fuller to the United Steelworkers. Officers of the old council are Pres. Tracy M. Doll, Sec-Treas. Samuel Sage and Org. Dir. Coleman Young.

The technical issue on which Germer prepared to step in and supersede the old elected officers at Murray's orders was whether the council by-laws, which had been approved by the national CIO, could be overruled by a subsequent national regulation of the CIO. Murray said they could while the council officers denied this.

The issue came to a head on the credentials committee report. The committee unanimously upheld the local council officers, refusing to give more than 1 delegate and 1 vote to locals who had not paid the required 3 months per capita tax to the council, in addition to the current month's tax. The national CIO required that full voting strength be given to such locals if they paid the disputed 3 months tax to the national CIO in escrow, to be turned over to the new council officers to be elected after the delegates from the disputed locals were seated.

A rollcall vote on this issue was taken on the third day, but before the results were announced Germer set the machinery in motion for the superseding council. As was revealed on the fourth day, the vote even without the disputed delegates delegates, was in favor of the national CIO's instructions.

The defeated group, the last important CIO leftwing body in Michigan outside of some local unions, is expected to hang together in some fashion and perhaps play a part in the new opposition caucus to Pres. Walter Reuther in the UAW-CIO which met on a statewide basis in Flint Aug. 29.

CIO OK's Truman

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one specific charge, that is the political affiliation of the Communist Party, as set in the amendment to the constitution at the convention in Boston. "Article 3, Section 1, have divided the CIO on all matters all year. Many newsmen after the election, when asked about the position of all CIO members along with the endorsement, "There is no more than heretofore."

The resolution was brief, saying he admitted to his own personal interest platform, his stand with the Roosevelt leadership of the 30th Congress. He is the candidate of business."

Of the new Progressive resolution said it "had disunity and has won the forces of liberalism in the country." It emphasized the board had decided officially last January "to move from and discourage any in the direction of that at this time," and still was at that position.

Henderson's statement of remarks made by Murray in the past three years concluded anti-labor actions by the Roosevelt liberals from the administration and replaced consistently with men of brass, big banks, and business."

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Detroit Labor Came to See Pres., Not to Hear Him

Detroit—(FP)—Greeted by cordial crowds elsewhere in the country on Labor Day, President Truman found the Detroit community AFL and CIO audiences only half responsive as he addressed rally responsive as he addressed the speakers stand in front of the antique city hall for an hour. Truman received more applause than either Frank X. Martel of the Detroit & Wayne County Federation (AFL) and somewhat Labor Pres. Walter P. Reuther than Pres. Walter P. Reuther the UAW-CIO, the labor spokesman who preceded him on a national radio hookup. Truman said:

"In unity there is strength. The strong people have need of strength. If you have an administration and a Congress that are friendly to labor you have much to hope for. If you have an administration and a Congress that are unfriendly to labor, you have much to fear."

Truman lauded the late President Roosevelt and reminded his audience that he himself had vetoed the Taft-Hartley act, which, he said, was leading to a condition that might "totally enslave labor." The crowd continued listless.

He attacked the high cost of living, saying, "My sympathy is with the wives and mothers of this nation. I tried to help them out but got absolutely no help from this so-called 80th Congress."

Most of the audience had apparently come to see the President rather than hear him and began drifting away before he finished.

The meeting closed with the singing of Solidarity Forever, led by Mrs. George Edwards of the com-

mittee council.

Martel called on the voters to

elect every representative and senator who had voted for the Taft-Hartley act.

"We fought a bitter war to end fascism," he said.

He said it is coming now us in

the Taft-Hartley act. There can be no genuine collective bargaining under that law."

Reuther called for greater unity of labor, attacked Wall Street and Congress and explained the connection between, as he put it, "the breadbox and the ballotbox."

The workers have to build up their power and their own campaign for a better world, he said.

Both Martel and Reuther praised Truman for his civil rights cam-

paign and his veto of the Taft-

Hartley bill.

The AFL had the largest turn-out in its history. During the war AFL parades had been suspended. The CIO parade was considerably smaller than top turnouts of previous years. Both parades had numerous signs condemning strikebreaking injunction — an attack without naming him on Truman's actions in the railway, mining and other industries. Placards in both parades attacked the Republicans.

Briggs Local 212 (UAW-CIO) and a float with Wall Street in a Republican standardbearer, on a platform. Briggs Local 742 drove an armful of a truck with the slogan Let's Change Models. Cadillac Local 22, whose officers are for Wallace for President, hired a crew of bagpipers who played the march.

Wallace signs were absent in the columns, even in such strong labor locals of the UAW as 174 and Dodge 3. Some Wallace shirts among AFL marchers, especially among the printing press.

The AFL teamsters and building structural ironworkers had a banner on their float urging people to vote for Truman.

GOP-Demos Unite to Keep Wallace Off Illinois Ballot

CHICAGO, ILL.—The decision of the Illinois State Electoral Board to rule the Progressive Party off the State ballot in November was termed "a shocking violation of the free election system" in a joint statement issued Wednesday, September 1, by C. B. Baldwin, Henry Wallace's Campaign Manager, and William H. Miller, State Director of the Illinois' Progressive Party.

Mr. Miller announced that the Illinois Progressives will go before the State Supreme Court. They will ask for a review of the Electoral Board's decision, and at the same time will appeal the constitutionality of the statutes upon which the decision was based.

"The unanimous decision of the Illinois' three-man Board," said the Progressive Party leaders, "is a great indication of what sheer nonsense is the ancient claim that the Republicans are quietly encouraging our campaign. The fact that the Republicans on the Board voted with the Democrats shows that they are just as frightened as the Truman bunch by the growing millions rallying to the Wallace-Taylor ticket."

Baldwin and Miller cited the Illinois decision as "another proof of the fact that the Democrats and Republicans are but two factions within a one-party set up."

"It's a two-headed monster we're out to bury for keeps," they said, "and the old parties know it. Illinois and the rest of the country will have a genuine two-party system only when we put the Progressive Party on the ballot everywhere."

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Lutes' Carriers Cop Cups Again at Lake County Fair

Whatever it takes to breed cup and medal winning pigeons, Don Lutes seems to have in abundance. In a field of three hundred entries, birds from the Lutes cote were judged the nine best homers.

Best bird of the entire pigeon show was one which Brother Lutes considered to be young to try. His kid took it out of the coop by mistake.

Lutes says he owes it all to clean living — the birds' clean living.

John Gadocik, Blast Fee dept. and Gil Opperman, Roll Shop, also did quite well with their pigeons at the Lake County Fair. Both had several winners in various classes.

Democrats Bad, Republicans Worse Vote Record Shows

WASHINGTON—(FP)—An attack on the voting records of both Republican and Democratic congressmen was issued here by Washington representative Luke Wilson of the Progressive party.

Wilson released an analysis showing that while the Republicans record in the 80th Congress was worse, the Democrats as a whole also showed up poorly on such key labor votes as the Taft-Hartley law.

In the Senate, according to Wilson's breakdown of tabulated votes, the Republicans divided 47 to 3 for the Taft-Hartley law. The Democratic Senators split 21 to 21 on passage of the anti-labor law. In the House majorities of both old parties voted for Taft-Hartley, although the Republican majority was larger.

Key votes on social security and weakening of Labor Dept. functions followed the same pattern.

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GM's Cost of Living

Raise Still Less

Than Chrysler's 13c

DETROIT—(FP) — Beginning Sept. 1 General Motors workers belonging to the United Auto Workers (CIO) and the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) get 3c an hour additional to the 11c raise negotiated last spring. Granted under the cost-of-living clause, the raise went in effect as the U. S. bureau of labor statistics climbed to 173.7 July 15. Starting with the index at 169.3 wages are to go up 1c an hour in the index, adjusted quarterly.

If there is no further rise in the index the raise will bring the GM wage increase for the contract year to 12½c, compared with the straight 13c won by Chrysler, Ford and most other UAW members.

It was said in Detroit financial circles when the GM contract was succeeded by the Chrysler contract and the straight 13c pattern that GM executives were gambling on a fall in the cost of living so they could cut wages while their competitors were stuck with the 13c. Chrysler was said to be gambling on higher living costs that would force GM wages above competitive levels.

So far it is close to a stand-off, with a ¼c difference for this contract year.

"General Motors workers are not kidding themselves as to the true significance of this wage increase," said Dir. T. A. Johnston of the UAW-GM Dept. Aug. 25. "They know it does not raise their living standard."

"GM workers cannot be bribed with the wooden nickels of inflation into withdrawing from the fight against the greedy industrialists and subversive politicians who caused and condoned the price rises which are undermining the living standards of millions of families."

"Since GM has not yet put in effect a second car price increase this summer, let it be noted that the 3c wage adjustment which the corporation is now required to make will furnish no legitimate excuse for

Speaking of Greece at his last press conference, Sec. of State George C. Marshall refused a reporter's request that he say whether King Paul's U.S.-supported Athens government was or was not "democratic." Marshall did, however, speak of the royalist regime sympathetically as "a coalition that has its difficulties." Marshall revealed that he was personally following the anti-guerrilla tactics of King Paul's American-advised troops in the Grammos mountains, and that he wished them success. He complained that "harmful propaganda had been directed at the Greek government in a rather subversive fashion," though he did not say by whom.

The reports of Marshall's rather subversively-fashioned statement made it clear that the criticisms which he resented were those condemning U. S. aid to the Greek government under the so-called Truman doctrine. Ferreting out spreaders of "subversive" propaganda is a flourishing industry nowadays, one in which many newspaper columnists are getting in on the ground floor. This column now proposes to take a hand in the game by pointing out some "subversive" spokesmen on the Greek question, whom Sec. Marshall failed to call by name.

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When the Truman doctrine of aiding Greek royalists against their own people was first announced, a top U. S. politician said: "Arming the Greeks regime will be a tragic mistake." He was a card-carrying Republican. His name was Harold Stassen.

Another American who had been permitted to reach high office spoke even more strongly. Senate, said after first hand surmised Greece," he said. His name was Fiorello LaGuardia.

A third, who sits in the U. S. fact everybody knows we are very of the Greek fighting late in 1947: "I was shocked to learn that the Greeks call it our (America's) war." He was Owen G. Brewster, Republican of Maine.

Walter Lippman, commentator, wrote in one of his columns in the New York Herald Tribune: "There is no doubt that this is intervention in the internal affairs of Greece. What is the use of pretending that we are not intervening, while in fact everybody knows we are intervening?" Joseph and Stewart Alsop are on record in the Saturday Evening Post: "If you were to tell the average American that his government was in the business of breaking and making foreign governments, he would not believe you. Yet precisely this was the first astonishing sequel of the Greek-Turkish Aid Bill." The Alsops then described exactly how U. S. Aid Administrator Dwight Griswold "made" the present government of Greece.

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As to whether this government is "democratic," a question which Sec. Marshall found it hard to answer, we have the

testimony, subversive perhaps, of many others.

Homer Bigart, New York Herald Tribune correspondent, accused the Greek government of cold-bloodedly killing trade unionists and others. He also charged U. S. authorities in Greece with encouraging these massacres and pressing newsmen "to avert their eyes from the suppression of basic liberties, from mass arrests and mass executions." The late George Polk, CBS correspondent for whose murder most impartial observers blame the Greek royalists, called King Paul's regime a "police state" in dispatch after dispatch.

The French, Norwegian and Danish governments all lodged strong protests in Athens last May, after hundreds of arrested Greeks had been done to death. Only the U. S. government, through Administrator Griswold, expressed conviction that "justice had been done." The CIO, like practically every other trade union body in the world, condemned an Athens regime decree laying down the death penalty for strikers.

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Almost the entire press of western Europe (we are not quoting east European sources today) has made plain what it thinks of the Greek government and who it blames for its continuance in power. Commenting on Greek political executions, which have not stopped yet, the Paris paper Combat said: "What is left in all this of Greek Premier Sophoulis and his 'liberal' policy? What is left, Mr. Marshall, of your policy?" The international affairs survey of the Dutch government radio said: "Methods such as are now practiced in Greece are unacceptable . . . But nothing has yet been heard from Washington and, after all, the Americans have far more influence in Greece nowadays than the British ever had."

For lack of space, this concludes our exposure of rather subversive statements concerning the Greek government, and of some of the suspect characters, both American and alien, who have given them voice.

LABOR 'Round the World

INDONESIA

JOGJAKARTA — (ALN) — Firing wildly, Dutch-led police attacked a campfire meeting of Indonesian boy and girl scouts, killing one child and wounding six others. The youngsters were sitting outside Indonesian Republican headquarters celebrating the third anniversary of the founding of the republic when the brutal shooting began. Mass demonstrations and protest meetings throughout the land are assailing the assault on the children. The Indonesian Scout Assn. has appealed to the Int'l. Scout Congress demanding that swift action be taken against the Dutch for "committing such inhuman acts."

JAPAN

TOKYO — (ALN) — In protest against police attacks on sitdown strikers at the Toho movie company, members of the Motion Picture & Theatrical Union struck other companies as well. U. S. tanks, armored cars and armed GIs backed up Japanese police Aug. 18 when they forced out the Toho strikers. The walkout began March 31 after the studio fired close to 300 workers.

GERMANY

BERLIN — (ALN) — Special food rations for former concentration camp inmates have been cancelled in the Anglo-American zone. The Nazi victims had been receiving the extra rations to supplement their regular issue. Military government officials is suing the order said the victims "do not need this."

GREECE

ATHENS — (ALN) — Refusing to bow to government force, Greek postal workers won a 3-day strike for higher wages. During the walkout the government arrested leading officials of the union on charges of being "deserters" from war work.

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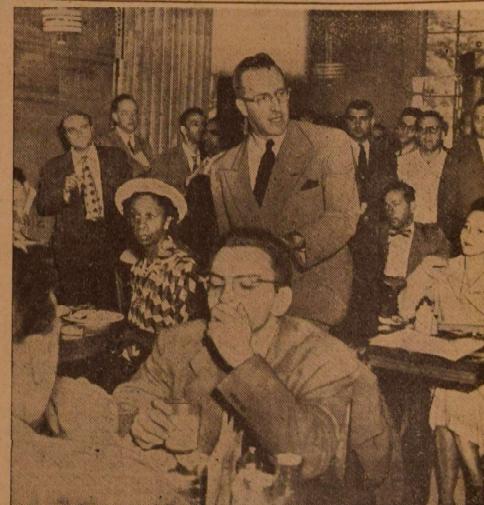
MOSCOW — (ALN) — For the fourth time this year, cooperative societies have cut prices on

any further price increase which may be in the works.

This wage adjustment, with corresponding adjustments for salaried workers, is less than the profits after taxes the corporation makes in 7 working days. Applied to GM's second quarter financial report, this wage adjustment would have meant a decrease of less than 1 percentage point in the corporation's 30% annual rate of profit.

BRITAIN

LONDON — (ALN) — The British Board of Trade has adopted a plan permitting U. S. business interests to set up plants in England. Standard Co. of New Jersey is the first of the American companies to disclose details of its capital investment. The company plans to build an oil refinery at Ley to handle petroleum from the Middle East.



CIVIL RIGHTS SITDOWN

Negro and white trade unionists staged a sitdown strike against Jim Crow policies at Childs restaurant in Washington, and sat pat till they were served. The group was part of the delegation of 5,000 who lobbied for civil rights legislation during the special session of Congress. Speaking to the group (standing center) is Albert Kalin, author and candidate for Congress from New York on the American Labor Party. (Federated Pictures)

Injunction Act by Pres. Barred in Coast Tie-up

PACIFIC COAST WATERFRONT SHUT DOWN AS LONGSHOREMEN DIG IN FOR LONG STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO—(FP)—From Puget Sound to San Diego, along 1,800 miles of coastline, port operations were at a complete standstill Sept. 3 and only activity on the docks was the picket patrols of CIO longshoremen and other maritime strikers.

The long-threatened maritime strike had finally become a reality as over 30,000 workers walked out shortly after expiration of an 80-day Taft-Hartley injunction, the first such walkout under the law. (In Washington, Pres. Truman said he had no emergency power left under the Taft-Hartley act to stop the strike.)

Predictions of a long strike came from Pres. Harry Bridges of the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union in San Francisco, who said the walkout might last six months.

The San Francisco phase of the stoppage began at 10:30 A.M. Sept. 2 following the collapse of negotiations after some sort of last minute settlement had seemed imminent. Cause of the breakdown, Bridges charged, was that "every concession made by the union only increased the adamance of the operators and made them more arrogant as to behavior and demands."

In addition to the estimated 14,000 longshoremen on strike, about 16,000 members of four other maritime unions were participating in the walkout. The Marine Engineers Beneficial Assn. (CIO) came to a tentative agreement with the Pacific American Shipowners Assn. but was withholding completion of the pact until the other unions settled.

The other unions still at loggerheads with the shipowners are the Nat'l. Union of Marine Cooks & Stewards (CIO), Marine Firemen Oilers Watertenders & Wipers (unaffiliated) and American Radio Assn. (AFL). They indicated the employers' proposals on the hiring hall wages and conditions were all unsatisfactory.

Meanwhile, noting the ILWU rank-and-file's complete boycott of NLRB balloting on the shipowners' final offer, Bridges said: "I would very much like to hear how Taft or Hartley will explain this 'no' vote."

Protest Against Increasing Police Brutality

NEW YORK—(FP)—A protest against the increasing incidents of police brutality was sent to Mayor William O'Dwyer by Sec. Saul Mills of the Greater New York CIO Council Sept. 3. Latest incident, Mills said, was the brutal beating of a CIO bus driver by two uniformed patrolmen. "Strongarm methods have been employed to halt gatherings" of minority political and racial groups, he charged.

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Gates' Gestapo Rides Again--at Evansville

EVANSVILLE, IND.—(FP)—The Taft-Hartley unionbusting pattern, injunctions plus state troops, has failed to break a strike of 1,200 members of Local 813, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers (CIO) against the Bucyrus Erie Co.

On strike since July 28, the workers were attacked by 150 state troopers Aug. 31 after the company got a stay injunction barring mass picketing and preventing strikers from interfering with scabs.

A federal court also slapped an injunction on the local, claiming that workers picketing a construction company building a plant on Bucyrus Erie property were engaged in a secondary boycott.

Viewing the case as a threat to all labor in the area, local CIO unions have gone on record for a labor holiday to protest the use of militia. Thirty-one strikers have been arrested during the 5-week walkout.

Company efforts to spark a back-to-work movement with newspaper ads and personal postcards has failed as more than 600 workers brought cards back to union headquarters to show their determination to continue the struggle.

The strike started when the company insisted on keeping wage rates at the plant 22c to 25c below the going UE rate in community plants.

Boycott T-H Poll

SAN FRANCISCO—(FP)—First vote ever taken by the NLRB on an employer's final offer as required by the Taft-Hartley law before a strike can be legally sanctioned laid a tremendous egg here when not a single vote to accept was cast by 16,000 longshoremen eligible to vote.

Observers noted that nowhere did any important commercial newspaper or news agency play the story with even the routine treatment customarily given to "first" stories despite the fact that it was an integral part of a nationally important news story.

Limit Set on Negotiations as Gillies Nixes Money

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cent of all production jobs. When demand was made for payment of final reactivity the management relented on its agreement and insisted that mill mechanical, electrical and maintenance jobs must also be approved.

In the first place no contract covering these jobs has yet been bargained, second, we are faced with another years delay, third in the present position no satisfactory agreement could be reached, finally, management has reneged on their agreement.

Under these circumstances, the negotiating committee sees no alternative but to request we be released from contractual obligations on grounds that management has failed to bargain in good faith and that we be allowed to strike the plant in order to force management to live up to their previous agreement.

Staff representative Jeneske agrees that Inland has changed rules in middle of the game and states that Company and Union have reached an impasse.

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Gary Mayor Declines Action Against Sluggings by Police

As far as Mayor Eugene Swartz and Police Chief Matkovina are concerned, Gary police may go right on beating up Negro citizens without fear of discipline.

In an interview Friday, August 27, Chief Matkovina told a committee of twenty-six citizens that his men were justified in using any methods they chose in dealing with any person in custody who showed even the mildest form of resistance. Repeated instances of police brutality, for which the committee's spokesmen cited proofs, failed to alter the police head's declared attitude.

Headed by Jake Blake, LU 1014 USA-CIO; Arthur Darnovsky, Chairman of the Lake County Progressive Party; and Reverend L. K. Jackson, the committee obtained an interview after weeks of effort to protest the police station slugging of Hosea and Delores White. The couple were severely beaten and kicked by cruise car officers Slezovich and Zeviski Sunday, August 1.

Neither the Mayor nor the Chief of Police denied that the Whites were brutally assaulted in the police station. They defended the officers' actions on grounds of White's alleged resistance to arrest.

CAMPAIN COMMITMENTS FORGOTTEN

Mayor Swartz, elected to office largely with the support of the Central District, Gary's Negro ghetto, apparently feels no obligation to investigate and correct mounting terrorism of citizens of that area.

He brushed aside the committee's insistence that he call a meeting of the City Commissioners, officers involved in cases of alleged brutality, victims, and representatives of the committee. After a thorough sifting of the charges, the committee contends, city officials are responsible for seeing that officers who are found guilty are suspended and prosecuted on criminal charges.

The Mayor, however, gave no indication that he would use his power of office to probe this situation which is restricting the lives of a third of his constituents.

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Initiative and most of the work, he countered, lies with the citizens themselves. After gathering evidence, they are privileged, the Mayor informed them, to submit it to the City Attorney. If that official decides that the case merits action, he may prosecute the officers involved before the Police Commissioner.

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Trial of Hosea and Delores White on charges of intoxication, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest, postponed for the second time, is set for September 9.

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Church, fraternal, labor, and civic organizations are, meanwhile, being contacted by the

Committee Against Police Brutality to press the City Administration to act against unwarranted police attacks upon Gary's citizens.

Republic Gets Gov't Blast Fce

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry (R., Neb.) and Rep. George H. Bender (R., O.) Aug. 26 moved in on a wrangle among three major corporations to determine control of a government-built blast furnace in Cleveland.

The blast furnace was built by the government during the war as an extension of the Republic Steel Cleveland works. Republic continued to operate it after the war, though it was under the control of the War Assets Administration.

When the WAA tried to dispose of the property, Republic assumed it had an inside track and demanded highly favorable terms for leasing the property. Most of the other warbuilt plants have gone to their wartime users at startlingly low percentages of the cost to the government.

1010 to Decide Migas Case

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No member shall be eligible for nomination or election or appointment to, or hold any office, or position, or serve on any committee in the International Union or to serve as a delegate therefrom who is a member, consistent supporter, or who actively participates in the activities of the Communist Party or of and Fascist or other subversive organization which opposes the democratic principles to which our Nation and our Union are dedicated."

This eligibility requirement shall be in addition to any other eligibility requirement imposed by any other article or section of this Constitution.

STANDS ON RECORD

The defendant in this case Nick Migas, makes his defense on the basis of political freedom, his record of union activities, and his freedom from subversive acts.

The Communist question today and since the ending of World War II on a national

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scale, to say it in a few words, has been kicked around in such manner as compels this Committee to avoid it for a basis of consideration of this case.

Likewise, according to the records and the reports of Local Union 1010 delegates on the irrational action of the delegates to the Boston Convention, compels this Committee to make the same decision.

In accordance with our nation's Constitution, the Communist Party is a legally constituted political organization, conforming to the democratic processes that gives it recognition in our democracy.

For the purpose of clarification of the issue involved linking the Communist Party to Fascist, totalitarian or other subversive organizations as inferred in Article III, section 4, this Committee referred to Webster's Collegiate dictionary, fifth edition, which clearly sets Communism apart from Fascist or other subversive organizations.

CONTRADICTORY

In our Union Constitution we find the Communist Party and its supporters condemned in a stituation as amended at Boston, part of one section of the Constitution affording them full recognition and all privileges of participation under Article III, section 1:

"All working men and working women, regardless of race, creed, color, or nationality, employed in and around iron, steel, and aluminum manufacturing, processing, and fabricating mills and factories, or in any other place now under the jurisdiction of the International Union, in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland, or officers, staff representatives, or employees of the International Union are eligible to membership."

Let it be said with all sincerity, that we make our decision without bias as near as humanly possible, and hope that our decision in relation to the prevailing circumstances, finding the charges against Nick Migas unwarranted, will be to the best interests of our Local and the International Union and to the democratic principles of our country.

The Committee's recommendations are as follows:

To protect and extend our democratic ways. It prevails upon us as a great International Union of steel workers to settle this question by use of full and complete democratic procedure that will not leave any doubts in the minds of our membership and all who look upon us. That we hold fast to the democratic principles upon which this union was built.

A referendum vote on so vital an issue, that involves minorities and civil rights is a procedure recommended in the opinion of this Committee that will bring about conclusion of a better understanding for the best interest of our International Union.

signed

William Mattoff, Chairman
Walter Szpeich, Max Luna,
Merced Velasquez.

Charged of Being a Communist

The new constitution of the United States Steelworkers of America, Article III, Section IV, that no member shall be eligible for nomination or election, or appointment to or to hold any office, or position or to serve on any committee in the International Union or any Local Union or to serve as a delegate therefrom who is a member, consistent supporter, or who actively participates in the activities of the Communist Party or any Fascist, Totalitarian or other subversive organization which opposes the democratic principles to which our nation and our union are dedicated.

This eligibility requirement shall be in addition to any other eligibility requirement imposed by any other article or section of this Constitution.

Nick Migas proudly says that he is a member of the Communist Party.

By my own humble interpretation of Article III, Section IV of our Constitution, Brother Nick Migas should not be allowed to hold any office in our Union and also not be allowed to serve on any committee.

During the hearing, Walter Leonard, counselor for Nick Migas, entered the above clause (Article III, Section IV) into the minutes of the proceedings and followed this with a petition as Exhibit D addressed to

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Time was, out at Republic Steel's South Chicago plant, when sluggings of union men were strictly company stuff. You don't have to be a hundred years old, either, to remember way back when the company also dragged members of Republic Local 1033 into Chicago's courts on trumped-up charges of "disorderly conduct," "assault and battery" or whatever they thought sounded prettier.

These things were fairly regular occurrences when the steelworkers' union was being built and all forces within it were united in the fight to emancipate Tom Girdler's wage slaves. That was in 1936 and 1937; it's 1948 now, and things are different.

Next week a member of Local 1033 appears in the Felony Court down at 26th and California in Chicago to stand trial before a jury on charges of assault. The complainant? None other than your friend and my friend, Norman Harris, USA-CIO staff representative.

Eyes Can Deceive

The unionist up on trial is Jim Krause, mentioned in these pages several months ago as having been fired from Republic Steel Corp. and with his case due to go to arbitration.

No one held out much hope for Jim at that time. First of all, he had just filed charges against Bro. Harris for alleged constitutional violations in his activities in Republic local (Harris claimed that local union election judges have to meet same eligibility rules as candidates, thus eliminating several anti-Harris judges and tellers). Second, Krause was active in the Steelworkers for Wallace drive in Republic. All told, a snowball in hell had better prospects than Krause's arbitration did.

Krause, it might be said, is a mild-mannered, soft-spoken, slender lad of medium height, 24 years old or thereabouts, wearing glasses and looking more like a student than a steelworker. Harris' personal appearance and general manner are well enough known in these parts to make further description in these columns unnecessary.

Local Union Trial

To get back to the storm at hand! Shortly after Republic Local held its annual elections in June, some of the right (and we do mean right) thinking boys in the local filed charges in 1033 against Krause and the defeated, anti-Harris candidate for presidency of the local, Walter Griffin, long-time, well-known Negro leader.

Krause and Griffin were charged with slandering the union and its officers in their election campaign material, and (hold your hats) creating a racial disturbance.

Although trial committees are "objective . . . impartial" the five-man board set up to hear evidence and rule on the charges was termed by rumour-mongering critics as "three to two for Harris". Not that Harris was directly involved, you understand, but it was considered that he had a deep spiritual interest in the matters.

Stormy Weather

On August 13, the night of the trial, everything was proceeding normally and, it is said, even favorably for the accused, when one of the Harris-ites became enraged at a defense witness and swung on him. Krause stepped between the two and before one could say "innocent bystander" Harris, say witnesses,

LABOR SENTINEL

Pension Plan Simmers at Meeting of Grievors and Management

For the present, LU members taking part in the Company's pension plan are advised by the Grievance Committee not to make any change. Pensions were discussed in detail at the Grievance-Management meeting of Tuesday, September 7, but there are still many points to cover before agreement is reached.

The letter concerning pensions, signed by Wilfred Sykes and mailed to policy holders in the present plan, has been forwarded to CIO Chief Counsel Goldberg for analysis.

Fuller comment on the whole pension situation will be made in the next issue of the Sentinel when Local Union heads have had time to discuss outcome of Tuesdays' meeting and make recommendations to the membership.

Overtime lunch slips were raised from 65c to 70c by agreement arrived at in that meeting.

Although Company again agreed to start the new canteen for the Blast Furnace, they did not commit themselves to a definite date.

Another bus stop for the 44 inch mill was OK'd, and an investigation of a dangerous walkway in the 100 inch mill promised.

Griever Sopko was referred to the Safety Department for payment on a rigger's clothes which were lost in an inside laundry.

Full report by the Grievance Chairman will be made to the membership at the next regular business meeting.

When one witness answered, "I dunno, I dunno even what a Communist is," the judge yelled, "That's good enough for me!" Before you could say "collusion" Harris was free . . . and guess what! He asked the judge to place Krause under a \$500 peace bond (don't get technical here and ask why) and the judge speedily did just that.

Just don't duck

That evening was Republic's local meeting night. Krause, interested in hearing what the local did with the trial committee's findings (which were, incidentally, to expel Krause for life, put Griffin under probation for two years and fine him \$100) went over to union headquarters.

He was standing on the sidewalk in front of the Union hall when Harris charged onward. He came up to Krause, shook his finger under his nose, and shouted "What are you doing here? You'll get worse than you did the last time." And, of course, he swung.

Krause ducked, an involun-

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Progressives Hurl Debate Challenge at Opponents

Because Lake County voters have a right to hear all candidates state their own and their respective party's position on issues in the coming elections, Arthur Darnovsky, Chairman of the Lake County Progressive Party, has challenged candidates on opposing tickets to a series of public debates.

Members of the Progressive Party will arrange to share the platform with Democrat and Republican speakers before lodges, union meetings, or other groups who are interested in having controversial matters threshed out by those who propose to settle them.

Arrangements for a debate may be made by calling Progressive Party headquarters, 1126 Madison Street, Gary.

Typical of the break Wallace supporters are getting from the free press of Lake County, the Gary Post-Tribune, the Hammond Times, and the Calumet News, to whom this challenge to debate issues was submitted for publication, all ignored it.

September 9, 1948

Delegates' Election to State Convention Slated Sept. 16

Election of eight delegates to the tenth Constitutional Convention of the State Industrial Union Council will be a principal piece of business taken care of at the meeting of Thursday, September 16.

The convention, which opens at South Bend October 2, will last three days.

Those accepting nominations as delegates are: Floyd Roubuck, Walter Kulg, Joe Gollin, Nick Olenik, Sam Krupsaw, Don Lutes, Dewey Moore, E. C. Johnson, John Durcho, Ed Ritz, Carl Stanley, Joe Gyrko, and Walter Szpeich.

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MM&E Agreement Nears -- Last Step to Back Pay

With agreement reached upon all but twelve Mechanic, Maintenance, and Electrical classifications, between the representative Jeneske, Griever Chairman McKinsey, and management, outlook for final payment of the long deferred back pay is good at this point.

Neither the Inequity Committee, the Grievance Men nor MM&E departments, nor the men themselves have, however yet accepted the classifications as agreed upon by the Committee, Brothers Jeneske and McKinsey, and the company's engineers.

Last major step to buttoning up the Inequity Program is referring the proposed classifications to the men in these occupations for ratification. In order to take care of the matter as quickly as possible, and still insure that the classifications are acceptable to those whose pay is determined by them, a meeting of all MM&E employees will be called within the next week.

The Company has committed itself to payment of all back pay due within twenty days of the date of the MM&E classification's acceptance.

An overflow attendance of Local 1010's members at the meeting of September 16, and the grudging consent they gave to further negotiations before voting with their feet to end stalled on the issue, is the factor underlying the brass tack dealing to which the Company has gotten down in the past week.

Agreement to a 5% bonus applying to all standing rates involved one sticking point: hourly rates proposed by Inland which are slightly lower than those paid by U. S. Steel and GM for comparable jobs. The bonus brings total income of Inland men on these jobs no line and, in some cases, as much as 8¢ an hour higher.

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Another point which may yet give trouble is that of standardizing classifications for similar jobs on a plant and industry wide basis.

Arguments have been advanced that various craftsmen, pipefitters, for example, in some departments are required to have a higher degree of skill than pipefitters in other parts of the plant. The more highly skilled men, it is contended, should be paid accordingly.

Although there is some reason for that argument, attempting to split the three classifications agreed upon for MM&E employees into finer distinctions will defeat the purpose of the whole program: to equalize rates throughout the industry and to bring the lower ones up to the highest level. Bickering on this issue will also delay payment of back pay claims for another extended period.

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At the meeting of September 22 it was voted to ask the International Union's OK on strike if Inland had not agreed to pay off on production jobs by 10pm. Because substantial progress has been made toward winding up the program, the membership did not press further for direct action.

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Any member of the Local Union who wishes to find out exactly what job classification he is under and the rate for overtime in the Staff Representative in the International Building. He is usually there every week day morning at 6 o'clock.

7000 Attend 1010 Picnic

Seven thousand 1010ers, some of them dues paying members, some members by marriage, but most of them the Inland Local's coming generation, rode the ponies bowlegged, drank beer, watched base ball, wrestling and boxing, danced, racketed, and, what with one thing and another, had more fun at Wicker Park last Sunday than the Hearst papers with a new spy scare.

"The biggest crowd at Wicker in six years," the Park cop, who ought to know, judged.

Even the weatherman cooperated with the hard working committee which arranged 1010's history making picnic. With wind and rain on his agenda for this area, he held it off 'till Monday.

1010's Soft Ball Team did their bit by beating YS&T's aggregation 7 to 6.

Three bouts of boxing and two wrestling matches, promoted by Red McGregor, climaxed the day for those who like their fighting done by other people.

7,200 bottles of beer and 5,400 bottles of pop slid down the throats of thirsty picnickers, during the day's festivities. Ice Cream bars and Cracker Jack, three thousand of them rivaled the merry-go-round and pony track for the picnic's best collection for the kids.

A platoon of 1010's most union spirited members directed by Financial Secretary Conway put in a hectic double shift to insure that everybody had a good time.

Soldoms shifting out of high gear, the crew of the beer and pop stand worked in relays. The wives of some of the boys pitched in on that detail too.

None of the people on the picnic committee and working details were paid; they just kicked in their time and energy for the good of the whole membership.

Lombardo Barred From U.S. as 'Red'

MEXICO CITY (ALN)—Pres. Vincente Lombardo Toledano of the Latin American Federation of Labor (CTAL) has been barred from entering the U. S. The labor leader was advised by the American Embassy here that he would not be granted a U. S. visa.

Lombardo sought to enter the U. S. when he was invited to address a meeting of American workers in California Sept. 19. American spokesmen said he was barred under its policy of excluding "Communists and other undesirable persons."

Lombardo has frequently been critical of the activities of American corporations and the support they have received from the U. S. government in seeking to hold down the living standards of Latin American work-

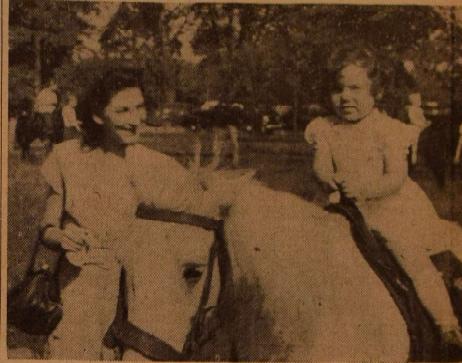
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WALLACE ON AIR

Chicago, Ill. — Henry A. Wallace, Progressive Party presidential candidate, will make a series of seven 15-minute radio broadcasts every Monday night beginning September 13th through the 25th, over the National Broadcasting Company network. The broadcasts will be from 9:30 P.M. to 9:45 P.M. Central Standard Time. Radio time for the series of Wallace talks was purchased by the Progressive Party.

Local Union 1010 will vote upon the Trial Board recommendations concerning Nick Migas tonight (Thursday). Majority report recommends that the Local Union take no action to remove Brother Migas, from the Grievance Committee, while the minority report declares for his ousting because of the USA-CIO's constitutional amendment allegedly barring Communists or suspected Communists from office.

Decision of the issue by the membership of the Local is a special order of business called for tonight's meeting.



Everybody, except, possibly, the ponies, had a wonderful time at Wicker Park. This one looks resigned.

We didn't ask the moppet or her mother their names, but they are the wife and baby of one of the thousands of 1010 members at the picnic.

White Trial Blows Up Alibi of Gary Gops

All pretense of "necessary violence" for the savage beating of Hosea and Delores White in Gary police headquarters August 1, evaporated with acquittal of the couple September 9 of resisting arrest, intoxication, and disorderly conduct.

Attorney Ben Wilson, who represented the Whites, said last week that so far he has filed no suit against the city for damages to his clients.

Action against the Officers, Slepcevich and Zevinski, who slugged and kicked Mr. and Mrs. White, may, however, be further demanded by the Committee Against Police Brutality.

The Committee, an organization of Gary's leading white and colored citizens, visited City Hall August 27 to demand an investigation of the assault upon the Whites and other cases of unwarranted police violence against Negro citizens. Although they cited detailed circumstances to Mayor Swartz and Police Chief Matkovina, both officials upheld the officers' conduct.

Ignored by the Gary Post Tribune, Gary's only daily news paper, the station house slugging of Hosea and Delores White became publicly known only after it was headlined in the Gary American, a progressive weekly read, mainly, by Negro people.

Organized by the Lake County Progressive Party, a mass meeting to defend the Whites was held in Roosevelt Auditorium, August 16. The Committee Against Police Brutality was formed at that meeting.

UN Spy Story Spiked

WASHINGTON—(FP) — Robert C. Alexander, State Dept. aide who spread unfounded stories that United Nations representatives included large numbers of subversive agents, was formally charged with misconduct by his department Sept. 15.

Alexander's charges were widely circulated by a Senate judiciary subcommittee but were refuted by a special investigating board set up by Sec. of State George C. Marshall.

Senator Taylor at Gary Rally Thursday, Oct. 14

Senator Glen Taylor, whose one man, eight hour filibuster against passage of the Taft-Hartley act set the pitch for the Progressive Party who chose the fighting Senator for its Vice Presidential candidate, will be the principle speaker at a Progressive rally in Gary's Memorial Stadium Thursday night, October 14.

Leader of the Senate battle to unseat the infamous Senator Bilbo, Taylor is, perhaps, best known for his unrelenting fight for civil rights of Negroes and other minority group people.

Unlike spokesmen of the Democrat and Republican Parties who limit their activities to pious speeches from well guarded platforms, Taylor carried the fight against the lynchers into their home territory.

This will be the Vice Presidential nominee's first appearance in the Chicago area since last April's giant turn out for Wallace & Taylor in the Chicago Auditorium.

WALTER FRISBIE, TOO

More familiar to Lake County people, many of whom have known him personally since the earliest days of the CIO, is Walter Frisbie, Progressive Candidate for Governor of Indiana. Brother Frisbie, whose handling of the Secretary's post in the State Industrial Union Council kept labor busting by the State Government at a minimum, will also address the rally of October 14th.

All candidates on the Progressive ticket in Lake County, including 1010's Bill Maihoff, who is running for State Assembyman, will be introduced from the platform.

As usual with Progressive Party meetings, a program of incidental entertainment by top artists will also be presented.

Tickets, at \$1.50, \$1.00, and \$.50c will be available in advance at Progressive Party Headquarters, 1121 Madison, Gary; and Broadway and Elm St., Indiana Harbor. They will also be sold at the Memorial Auditorium entrance on the night of the rally.

Wages, Speed Up, Pension, and Safety Soft Pedaled at District Conference as Leaders Hail Truman, Damn Wallace; Staff Goons Slug Sentinel Editor

Resolution No. 3, passed at the Conference of District 31, USA-CIO, Saturday and Sunday, September 11th and 12th, protests use of injunctions (voluntarily issued by President Truman—ed.) to break strikes; condemns NLRB Administrator Robert Denham (a Truman appointee—ed.) and censures the President's loyalty purging of government employees.

Resolution No. 8 endorses Harry S. Truman for the Presidency of the United States "on his good labor record."

The Resolution indorsing Injunction Harry was withheld until the final hours of the Conference. By that time, all but a half dozen delegates besides the large contingent of Staff and "Ja" men, mustered by District Director Joe Germano to insure that the Conference went right, had left the Morrison Hotel in disgust with the Fascist atmosphere and proceedings. Harmony maintained—or else.

STRICTLY "JA"

No one but members of the International Union's Staff and Democratic politicians was permitted to speak. Participation of rank and file union members was rigidly restricted to listening and heckling. Double squads of Germano's muscle men patrolled all aisles and foyers eying every one who might be suspected of asking for the floor.

Top brass who monopolized the microphone about evenly between frenzied attacks upon the "Communists" (a general term covering Wallace supporters and everyone who dares criticize last spring's wage deal) and syrupy praise of Harry S. Truman and the Democratic Party. Few of the points which less seasoned delegates expected to hear discussed in detail were on the conference agenda.

Wages, an industry wide retirement plan, discrimination, a safety program, were, however, touched upon lightly. Great stress was laid upon obtaining election dates as paid holidays in coming contracts.

Sped up and the inevitable unemployment which it generates was not touched upon at all.

BOSTON RE-ENACTED

Hugh McGilvery, Sentinel Editor, was selected by Germano's Board of strategy as the peg upon which to hang this meeting's abuse of all non-kow-towing elements in District No. 31. In the manner tried and approved in Boston with Nick Migan cast as the heavy, Germano led off with a diatribe against the Daily Worker, the Chicago Star, the Labor Sentinel, and Local Union 1010's Executive Board. All but two—who may be facing charges as this is written—of the subsequent speakers added to Germano's initial slander to

the limit of their respective imaginations and vocabularies.

McGilvery was warned early Sunday afternoon by Staff Representative John Dorwalski and by a colored member of Germano's own goon squad that plans were afoot to get him,

"Wallace and Taylor are speaking out for my people," the speaker Sergeant-at-arms told McGilvery, "So I don't want to see you get hurt. But I can't do anything about it. The best thing you can do is take that Wallace button off and leave here now."

McGilvery thanked the brother for his advice but decided to run from Germano's goons or remove the Wallace button from his lapel.

ELEVEN TO TWO

As he and Rufus Camacho, Tie Plate Griever Steward, left the Morrison's Clark St. exit as the Conference ended, a detail of ten, headed by Sam Taylor, Staff Representative attached to sub-district No. 3, South Chicago, scurried up behind them. Directing obscene epithets at McGilvery, they closed in with the tactic apparently in view of chasing him down a side street before proceeding with the business at hand.

Aware that the delegation was not approaching to wish him Godspeed, however, McGilvery blasted away with both hands as soon as they came into range. Shortly thereafter, one ill-starred slugger reclined against the sidewalk spitting teeth and another was well on the way when two more pinned McGilvery's arms from the rear.

Taylor, who had been urging his goon detail on from a discreet distance until McGilvery was safely pinioned, then stepped in and repeatedly smashed the helpless man in the face. As the knot of struggling men went to the walk, several boots, in-

tended for the Sentinel editor's ribs and head, found their marks on his assailants instead.

Forty and Eighters Declare In

Attracted by shouts of "Kill the goddamn red" and like exhortations, several American Legion conventioners, assembling for Sunday afternoon's parade, converged to add their efforts to those of Germano's sluggers. Because of the confusion of the moment, McGilvery is not certain that all the fury violently applied to his ribs were attached to the legs of his Union Brothers.

A police officer, summoned by Camacho, broke up the slugfest but made no effort to arrest the attackers as soon as they explained that their victim was a "Communist."

"Get outta' here," the cop snarled, jerking McGilvery to his feet. "I oughta' run you in; I would if it wasn't Sunday."

McGilvery expressed gratitude for the officer's piety and left. Although Johnny Durcho, Tin Mill Safety Man, who defiantly wore a Wallace button, and a handful of other 1010 men stayed to the close of the Conference, they were not aware of the attack on McGilvery until after it had taken place.

Bittner Butters Strike Busting

A tirade by Van A. Bittner, USA-CIO Vice President, closed the Conference at a pitch of hysteria which could be relieved only by violence. Red baiting, however, though he surpassed even his own record for venom on that subject, was only incidental to the vice president's prepared talk. First priority went to building up Truman.

"President Truman," he declared, "took an oath to uphold the law. The Taft-Hartley act, although the President vetoed it, became law, so the President has on choice but to apply it."

Vice President Van Bittner failed to append that Truman refused to organized Democratic strength to uphold his veto, or that issuing an injunction, as Truman has repeatedly done against the miners, the railroad workers, the packinghouse workers, and the seamen, is purely optional; the President of the United States issues an injunction solely at his own discretion.

LABOR'S 9½ ALIBIED
Explaining the wage deal which discriminates against part of the union membership for the first time in USA-CIO history, fell to Al Whitehouse, Director of District No. 29. To-

do Ohio.

"There is not enough spread between pay for top and bottom jobs," Whitehouse alleged. "The raises which your union has won for you in the past twelve years have continually narrowed the gap between the pay of men who study for their jobs and those who merely push shovels and brooms."

"This year's wage increase," he said, "is calculated to balance that inequality."

Circumstances that the touted Wage Rate Inequity Program has been under negotiation for the past two years precisely to eliminate genuine inequalities; and that Negro and Mexican workers, a sizeable proportion of the USA-CIO's dues paying members are, even after twelve years' union history in the steel mills, still largely restricted to pushing brooms and shovels were not noted in the remarks of Director Whitehouse.

Bittner Loses Weber

Joe Weber, who defied jails and deportation to give a big hand toward unionizing the steel mills back in the early thirties, was characterized as "an organizer for a foreign power, the Soviet Union," by Vice President Thimmes in his opening remarks.

Thimmes told the delegates that "the 8½ wage pattern, set by the left wing UE this spring" was broken by President Murray's negotiations with Alcoa for a 10% increase. The Chrysler strike, which broke the NAM front against all wage increases, was among several significant points included out of Thimmes' hour long talk.

Belatedly recollecting that a bid for the votes of Negro union members was indicated for this point, on the Conference agenda, Thimmes concluded with a glowing tribute to President's Civil Rights Program (unimplemented — Ed.) and to the benefits accorded Negroes under the USA-CIO's present leadership.

Not a single Negro sat on the platform as Vice President Thimmes delivered his address.

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TRUMAN WOULD IF HE COULD, SAYS BRIDGES

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Commenting on Pres. Truman's announcement that he would not strike after expiration of 80-day federal injunction, Harry Bridges of the Int'l Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (CIO) said:

"Pres. Truman has everything in his power to help our union and to help the shipowners. For the press to say some have said that he is taking further action in order to gain CIO votes, is to me Truman far too much credit. He could think of anything more to do to help the shipowners he would do it. However, he knows that he can't sell to him little good now to serve American industry."

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Jacqueline and Carolyn, two of Brother Edgar Smith's four dependent children.

Galvanize Steward Held for Criminal Court Following Fracas With Abuse Foreman

If Brother Edgar Smith, Galvanize crane man and one of Local Union 1010's best Steward's, hadn't consistently stood up against the arrogance and abuse of turn Foreman Tony Klonowski for safe and reasonable working conditions in Inland's 'smoke house,' he would still be going home at shift ends to his wife and four dependent children.

As things have developed in this sector of management's war against labor, no less grim because it's undeclared, Brother Smith is in Crown Point jail, charged with criminal assault.

Conviction means a death sentence for Brother Smith. Paroled after serving seven years of a fifteen year sentence on an Alabama prison farm, he will undoubtedly be murdered upon his return. For Edgar Smith, a Negro, accused of striking a white man. That, regardless of guilt, provocation, self defense, or any other circumstance, is a capital offense in that part of our democratic land in which a Negro citizen was shot dead last week—with sanction of the law—merely for voting.

WITNESS: "SELF DEFENSE"

The incident which climaxed Peterson Klonowski's persecution of Smith and provided the basis for his arrest on charges of assault occurred at two A.M. Wednesday, September 1.

According to Smith and Inspector Jake Patterson, the only witness close enough to both see and hear what took place, Smith had just finished showing two crane hookers how to properly adjust blocks preparatory to landing a heavy load. As he passed near the foreman, Klonowski snarled "Get back up in that crane or I'll kick your—."

As the crane man halted and turned to face Klonowski, the foreman seized a pickling pin, a three foot long iron bar, and

raised it menacingly. Smith contrived to get a hand hold on the pin and in the struggle that followed, Klonowski was struck on the forehead.

Witnesses, testifying under oath in Judge Calahan's Court Friday, September 17, disagreed about what happened then.

One asserted that Klonowski ran about twenty steps with Smith, the pickling bar up railed in both hands, in pursuit. Overtaking Klonowski, this witness related, Smith smashed the bar down upon the fleeing man's head and back. Neither the back of Klonowski's head, shoulders, nor back seem to be injured, however.

Other witnesses testified variously that Klonowski staggered only a couple of feet before collapsing, that he ran all the way to the office, about fifty feet, before collapsing, and that he didn't collapse at all.

KLONOWSKI DENIES ENMITY

The foreman deposed that he had never had an altercation with Edgar Smith other than routine orders about work. He had merely asked the crane man, he declared, what he was doing there on the morning of the first. Smith then seized the pickling pin, according to Klonowski.

ski's story, and attacked him savagely.

Several other employees of the department bear out Smith's allegation, however, that the foreman has been riding Smith for several months. Klonowski, they agree generally, although surly and unpleasant with everybody under his supervision, has been especially abusive toward Smith. The two have had several arguments arising from unsafe conditions, wash up time, and like matters which the Steward insisted upon having the Foreman correct.

DEFENSE BADLY HANDLED

Attorney Anthony Filippiak, Brother Smith's Counsellor, made little more than a gesture toward defending his client. Although abundant testimony is easily available that Klonowski has a long standing grudge against Smith, and that the foreman is a man of violent temper, none of this evidence was introduced under Attorney Filippiak's handling of the case.

Neither Doctor Wood, Inland medic who attended Klonowski after the alleged attack nor any of the staff of St. Catherine's Hospital, where the foreman was taken, were subpoenaed to establish the extent of his injuries. For wounds allegedly inflicted with a heavy iron bar, they were suspiciously light.

JUDGE DECLINES VERDICT

Judge Calahan, declining to rule on the evidence presented upon Smith's guilt or innocence, bound the accused man over to Criminal Court under \$1,000 bond.

Brother Smith's wife hasn't got \$1,000 or any part of it. With four kids to buy shoes for, working men aren't likely to be more than one lap ahead of the weekly bills, even with a couple of overtime shifts a week. She borrowed \$300 from neighbors and friends for legal fees already paid for Friday's effort.

"I don't know how we're going to get along," Mrs. Smith told the Sentinel Saturday evening. "Ed was a good, steady man; he took care of his family. As soon as he knew he was fired by the company (Inland) he went right out and got another job. But he only made two days before the trial—" She looked away for a moment. "I just don't know what we're going to do now."

LIVES DOWN WRONG START

In 1923, Edgar Smith became involved in a brawl in Alabama following which a man died. Thirteen years later, he was arrested in Gary, returned to Alabama, and convicted of second degree murder.

In 1943 he was paroled. Coming back to his family in Gary, Brother Smith found employment at Inland where he worked without interruption or incident until the morning of September 1.

Easy going and good natured, Smith is like in his department as well as respected for his union activities in behalf of the workers' common interests.

Tony Klonowski, an Inland employee for fifteen years, left the Grievance Committee of Local Union 1010 in 1945 to take a salaried job with the company.

LU contributes To Pulmotor Fund

Local Union 1010's budget Committee approved a \$100 donation to purchase a new pulmotor for the City Fire Department. The donation was approved in answer to a request from Fire Chief Joseph Willard.

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Kills Himself of High Prices

MIAMI—(FP)—Samuel Porter Young is dead—a victim of the high cost of living.

Young, a 47 year old Miami hardware clerk, shot himself to death because he "just didn't have enough money to take care of my family with even the necessities of life."

With no union behind him, Young was afraid to go to his employer and ask for a decent living wage. Since the death of OPA, he had lived in fear and despair. Every increase in the

price of milk, eggs, clothing and rent made his life a nightmare.

Police found the following note beside his body:

"I have the sweetest wife and children, but EXPENSES ARE TOO MUCH for our income. Trying to make ends meet makes me so sick, tired and nervous that I can't sleep. The high cost of living is too much for me."

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THE MARSHALL PLAN for Europe has been running into serious trouble. The 17 countries slated for aid, which were supposed to agree on its allocation and use through their joint Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC), have consistently squabbled instead of cooperated. The chief bone of contention has been the amount of assistance to one of these "countries" which is not a country at all—the combined U. S. British occupation zone of Germany known by the zoological-sounding name of Bizonia.

Bizonia, or in other words western Germany, has both no voice in the OEEC and the strongest voice of all. This sounds like nonsense but is actually a fact. Since Germany is still an enemy nation, no peace treaty having been signed, no German votes in the OEEC deliberations. Speaking for Bizonia are American officers representing Gen. Lucius D. Clay who commands the U. S. occupation, the same man who now seems to have it in his power to decide for peace or war at Berlin. Thus it comes about that west German claims are made with authority that brooks little opposition.

The same gimmick injects a U. S. representative directly into inter-European planning for the internal use of Marshall plan funds, despite Sec. of State Marshall's repeated assurances that the west Europeans would be allowed to work out these things for themselves. Moreover, the American representative in these supposedly purely civilian discussions does not speak for U. S. civil government. He speaks primarily for the U. S. armed forces and Brass Hat strategy for World War III.

What worries former U. S. allies in western Europe about this arrangement, apart from the infringement of former promises, is that—within Europe—these officers plump for rebuilding Germany. The Marshall plan, which was supposed to help nations invaded by Nazi Germany get back on their feet, now assumes quite a different shape. Eastern neighbors whom Germany devastated, such as Czechoslovakia, Poland and the USSR, of course get no aid at all. And the Germans are getting priority over their western victims.

This principle was established by a decision to which all 16 non-German Marshall plan countries, under double-barreled U. S. pressure, were finally forced to agree to on Sept. 11. It was supposed to represent a compromise between U. S. claims for Germany and the claims of non-German countries. U. S. Marshall plan Administrator Paul G. Hoffman made the final "impartial award."

The nature of the pressure can be seen from the declaration of one of Clay's officers,

supposedly representative in OEEC. He said that "if Bizonia did not get what it wanted, the U. S. Congress could not be expected to continue appropriating funds for European recovery" (New York Times, Sept. 12, 1948).

The content of the "compromise" between Clay and Hoffman, which Europeans had no choice but to approve, was that Germany will get a direct Marshall plan dollar grant of \$414 million for 1948-49, apart from other forms of aid. In return, she must ship \$10 million worth of goods to the remaining Marshall plan nations. That is a profit of \$404 million for west Germany, a direct subsidy to reconstruction totally unmortgaged by any obligation on the part of Germany to repair the damage she did in World War II. Who is getting preference? The Germans or their victims?

Even the New York Times, a great Marshall plan defender, was so shocked by these procedures that it asked on Sept. 12: "Will the U. S. which on the one hand lectures to Europeans on cooperation, be a continual obstruction to cooperation through its German administration?" Is the European Recovery Program or the special problem of western Germany the primary consideration of American policy . . . It seems very likely that the present difficulties are leading up to a major political crisis . . ."

In other words, both the hapless Marshall plan countries of Europe and observant conservative Americans have come to the conclusion that the plan has turned into something quite different from the product originally advertised. Instead of aid to Europe as a whole, it makes Europe into a base for rebuilt Germany. It is plainly strategic. Instead of being held to European standards to help themselves, it is a form of dictation.

Yet to listen to bipartisan election speeches in this country, the scheme is still a giant piece of philanthropy, a matter of the heart which only the heartless and subversive can criticize at all, a lofty undertaking on which no two men of goodwill can possibly disagree.



Queen Esther Ramirez holds Court as Latin-Americans Celebrate Fiesta Patrias

Color, Music, and Fraternity Mark 138 Fiesta Patrias

Reaffirming the friendship that endures between the people of Mexico and the United States, Mayor Frank Migas and District Director Germano, respectively representing the City of East Chicago and the United Steelworkers of America, CIO, shared the rostrum with Mexican Consul Salvador Duhardt and leading members of the Latin-American Community in the opening ceremony of this year's Fiesta Patrias.

LU 1010's President, Harry Powell; and Staff Representatives Joe Jeneske and George Michau were also presented from the platform among other guests of honor. Financial Secretary Tom Conway, who was one of the Union delegation invited to the official banquet which preceded the Coronation, was compelled by pressure of work to leave before the rest of the program began.

Always colorful and inspiring, this year's patriotic festival was given an unprecedented dash and tone by the delegation of motor cyclists from Torreon and Monterey. Far more than being mere exhibitionists, these neatly uniformed, dignified young men were highly creditable envoys of good will.

In accordance with the generations old custom, Juanita Arredondo, last year's Queen of Fiesta Patrias, placed the crown upon Esther Ramirez, this year's winner of that distinction.

Presentation of the red, white, and green flag of Mexico to the Patriotic Committee by the cyclist's Squadron Leader was another high point of the Fiesta's program. Mayor Migas also received an exquisitely woven serape, a token of regard from the Mayors of Monterey and Torreon.

Formal proceedings are, however, only a part of the Independence Day Celebration. Beginning with the exhibition at Block Stadium, which suspended regular breathing in Indiana Harbor for an hour and a half, the Fiesta was plopped to entertain and good feeling rather than to somber eloquence upon past glories and current political developments.

Under the magic mood of Fiesta, the tawdry avenue called Penn in this cramped, cosmopolitan city became, for a couple of nights, the plaza of a Mexican village. Girls in the exotic holiday costumes of that land strolled about in groups casting occasional provocative glances at youths, some of whom wore intricately embroidered, bell bottoms trousers and bolero jackets that seem molded to their lithe bodies.

Guitars throbbed accompaniments to the impassioned folk songs of old Mexico as the juke box generation, Stan Kenton and Al Trae forgotten for the moment, recaptured the earthy verve of their forbearers.

Whole families clustered about gaily decorated booths to buy and enjoy tacos and tostadas.

Diplomat Insulted U. S. Embarrassed By Wash. Jimcrow

WASHINGTON—(FP)— unknown bigot and an anti-Semite usher joined forces to embarrass the U. S. government and the American Academy for the Advancement of Science by barring Minister Ras H. Imru of Ethiopia from Constitution Hall during one of scientists' meetings.

The meeting was a major function of the scientists' conference and was addressed by Pres. Truman. Members of the diplomatic corps were invited. The Ethiopian Minister seated in one of the diplomatic boxes.

A woman whose name is not learned but who evidently made racial hatred a guiding principle asked the usher to bar Imru to leave the box because he is a Negro. Rather than admit his government to indignity, Imru left the hall.

The scientists only learned of the incident through a representative of the Yugoslavian Embassy. Their president, Elmer W. Sinnott, said: "We were entirely unaware of this grave occurrence which is most shocking since it violates all traditions of science and our organization and so profoundly humiliates us."

A letter of apology was delivered personally to Minister Imru by Dr. Forrest R. Morton, administrative secretary of the scientists' organization.

the items with which 1010 helped make this year's Fiesta Patrias an outstanding event.

Members of the Patriotic Committee, composed jointly by the Quatemoc and Benito Juarez Societies, who lavished time and energies upon organization of the celebration are: President—Acineta Castañeda; Vice President-Alberto García; Secretary—Salvador Tristán; Asst. Secretary-Aurora V. de González; Treasurer-Heriberto Aguayo; Asst. treasurer-José González. Other members of the Committee are: Rufina Gómez; Adolfo Gallardo; Pablo Espinoza; Carmen F. Castillo; Adelio Baez; Hilario R. Silva; Teban Diaz; Jose Cornejo; Vicente Porras; and Miguel Andrade.

Frank Kretz Better

Brother Frank Kretz, M. B. B. S., surgical Griever and member of the Arbitration Committee, expected to return to action within a few days. A gall bladder inflammation, for which he is still undergoing treatment, had Brother Kretz confined to Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, for more than a week.

**Prog. Party Spikes
Division' Lie--
Withdraw Rival
Candidates**

LOS ANGELES—(FP)—The endorsement of Democratic Rep. Chet Holifield, up for reelection in the 19th district, was announced here by the independent Progressive party, thus removing one of its most frequent criticisms leveled at the new party.

At the same time, the Progressives announced withdrawal of their candidate, Dick Berman, and said their decision was made after consultation with many non-political groups in the district who are interested in progressive issues."

Berman entered the race after Holifield turned down an invitation to cross-file on the Progressives' ticket in the primaries. While the Progressives declared they were forced to endorse their own candidate to prevent a Republican from capturing the nomination under California's complicated cross-filing system, Berman's candidacy brought repeated charges that his new party would split Holifield's vote.

The Progressives' decision to campaign for Holifield was believed to foreshadow similar action in the 4th district where Democratic Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas is running for re-election. IPP candidate Sidney Wallace was named to oppose Mrs. Douglas in the primaries as she joined Holifield in signing down the new party's invitation to cross-file.

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First announcement of the indorsement was made by Berman at a meeting of IPP members, AFL and CIO members and also attended by Holifield's campaign manager and other labor, political and community leaders, including some Democratic and Republican affiliation who are backing Wallace. Previously, Berman and other leaders had met with Holifield to discuss the indorsement. In an official statement, the 4th district executive council said: "To protect the integrity of our party nomination against outside elements, to guarantee that there would be a candidate in the field who would be certain to raise the basic issues on which the people must choose, and to provide an organizing center around which our new party could be built, we urged Berman to file on our ticket."

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It was then called for support of Holifield and cited his "fine record" including "a strong battle against the Munn-Nixon draft legislation . . . (and) unequivocal position favoring repeal of the Taft-Hartley

Berman's withdrawal followed New Jersey action in Pennsylvania, the Progressives withdrew four congressional candidates and announced they would support "all congressional proved liberals," regardless of party label. Only one remaining in the Pennsylvania race is Magistrate Joseph Bailey, prominent Philadelphia Negro liberal.

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In New Jersey the Progressives withdrew four congressional candidates, leaving six in the field, and declared their action clearly shows that the Wallace movement is splitting the progressive vote is deliberate distortion."

Use of Troops Strikebreaking Dockers Declare

SAN FRANCISCO—(FP)—The army's threat to use troops to move strikebound cargoes brought a strong protest from the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (CIO) and other striking maritime unions here.

"If any union regardless of its political views," the ILWU said, "stands idly by while the army engages in strikebreaking on behalf of arrogant employers who will bargain with the union only if they can select its officers, then organized labor and collective bargaining are on the way to extinction as free institutions."

Army Sec. Kenneth C. Royall announced he was contemplating the use of troops after the army's first day of recruiting strikebreakers netted only 30 longshoremen instead of the desired 250.

Before Royall made his troop threat a joint meeting of all the striking west coast maritime unions unanimously agreed that the army's decision to bypass union hiring halls in recruiting workers was strikebreaking.

They branded the army's action "an attempt to achieve the shipowners' desire to destroy the longshore and seamen's hiring halls" and warned that all army program would be considered strikebreakers and all work applicants for work under the would be considered scab work.

At the same time the unions repeated their previous offers to work and sail all army cargoes under conditions which prevailed prior to the strike."

Meanwhile, the ILWU received its first response to an earlier appeal to longshoremen overseas to refuse to unload scab cargo. Secy. Toby Hill of the New Zealand Waterside Workers Union announced that "hot" cargo from the strikebound Pacific coast area would not be touched by New Zealand waterfront workers.

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Billy Young Hit By Car

Billy Young, Jr., five-year old son of 1010's Vice President,

narrowly escaped death again September 14th. Knocked down by a car as he was crossing the street near the Young home on Adams St., Gary, Billy fell between the wheels instead of under them. He got out of that

GRAY LADIES STILL ACTIVE

Though the war has been over for some time there is still a shortage of nurses in our hospitals. The Gray Ladies of the East Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross realize this and have tried to help wherever they could. During the war they served faithfully giving many hours of service. Even now there are still a few who continue to help at St. Catherine Hospital. At least 12 are serving their sixth year in the corp. Some continue to give one and even two days a week at the hospital others give only a day or so a month.

At present there is a great deal of sewing and marking for the Gray Ladies to do and all that can be urged to come to the Hospital Thursday, September 23rd. The sewing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., but they may come in any time during those hours and help as long as possible.

Kay Farrelly Havran
Gray Lady Chairman

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Several members of Group 3 recall a breathless minute one Sunday morning last spring while Billy was being coaxed off the extension of the Union Hall fire escape.

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St. Catherine's has visiting hours in both the afternoon and evening and the boys certainly would like to see there friends. Get the idea?

Father Shot As Family Looks On — HIS CRIME - HE VOTED

MACON, GA.—A state investigation of the murder of Isaiah Nixon, 28-year-old Negro of Alston, Ga., who was shot when he insisted upon voting in the Georgia Democratic primary election Sept. 8, has been demanded by Larvin Marshall, Negro leader and Progressive party candidate for U. S. Senate.

Nixon was shot in front of his wife and six children, according to Sheriff R. M. McCrimmon of Montgomery County, by a white man, M. A. Johnson, who went to Nixon's home the night of the primary.

Marshall accompanied his demand for a state investigation with an appeal for state protection of witnesses. Johnson is being held on a murder charge.

Progressives Roughed Up

At the same time, Marshall and James L. Barfoot, Progressive party candidate for governor, issued a sharp denunciation of the roughing-up and jailing of Progressive party canvassers on Atlanta's downtown streets. The incidents took place Sept. 11—one day after Barfoot was arrested in Atlanta while making an outdoor campaign speech. According to Barfoot and Marshall, canvassers were attacked by hoodlums who seized their petitions and tore them into shreds. Police then arrested the canvassers and held them "for excessive amounts of bail."

The two Progressive party candidates described the incidents as "the first fruits" of the victory of white supremacy candidate Herman Talmadge in the Democratic primary.

According to Sheriff McCrimmon, the murder of Nixon took place after he went to a polling place in Alston and asked if he could vote. He was told he had the right to vote but was advised not to try it. When he insisted, he was allowed to cast a ballot. Nixon was the only Negro in his county to vote. That same night, the sheriff said, Johnson, accompanied by his younger brother, Johnnie, went to Nixon's home and fired the three shots which proved fatal.

Johnnie Johnson, held for a week as an accessory to murder while his brother was being sought, admitted his brother did the shooting but said it was done in self-defense after Nixon

Donors Deposit 3 Patient Draws 1 in Local Blood Bank

"Racketeering" is a harsh word to be used in association with humanitarian institutions. But there doesn't seem to be any other term that covers the enterprise in blood as it is conducted by St. Catherine's in common with almost every hospital in the United States.

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The arrangement is the same for blood users who require the RH negative, or rarer type, blood except that he must furnish five donors for every pint which he receives.

Not all of the blood so drawn from donors is useable. Some cannot be used at all and some is good only for conversion to plasma. Donors who eat within four hours of the time they contribute their blood are wasting it and the technician's time. Although the question is asked as routine, some donors thoughtlessly lie about it rather than be inconvenienced by a second trip.

After twenty days, whole blood loses its value as such. It is then reduced to plasma and reserved for local use or shipped elsewhere. St. Catherine's authority, queried by the Sentinel, did not know what the market price for plasma is.

Despite the blood bank, which has been in operation for several months, St. Catherine's frequently has to buy blood from other hospitals. Especially for patients who need other than common types. The Sister who heads that department of the hospital also said that a considerable percentage is used for patients who are unable to pay anything for it.

Despite those circumstances, the blood trade, operating on a three for one basis in a sellers' market, is undeniably a heavily paying business.

Union Blood Bank Set Up on West Coast

PORLTAND, ORE. (FP) — Pres. Thomas of the House unAmerican activities committee demanded that the committee "halt its union witch-hunts" and "make a contribution to American democracy by exposing hate groups and individuals in those sections of the country where constitutional rights and liberties are being consistently and ruthlessly stamped out."

Members of Lodge 1005 and Lodge 1432 have donated 50 pints of blood to the new blood bank at Emanuel hospital for use of members and their families and in addition have 165 members typed and registered as prospective donors.

The blood given is used to build credit in the two locals' joint fund for transfusions. Under the plan the fund is credited with \$25 everytime a member donates a pint of blood to the hospital. Any member needing a transfusion may have his bill for plasma and service charges paid from the fund. The union also pays one month's dues to each donor and reimburses him for time lost from work if he is called in an emergency.

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Greek Gov't Jails More Union Leaders

PARIS—(ALN)—The World Federation of Trade Unions has sent a new protest to the Greek government against the "unjust" trials of union officials, among them Demetrios Paparigas, elected head of Greece's labor federation.

Paparigas was forcibly removed from his post by the government and replaced by an appointed union official. All other elected leaders of the Greek labor federation and of major Greek unions were similarly deposed. These leaders are now being tried by military courts on trumped-up charges, all based on their opposition to the dictatorial methods of the royalist regime.

The WFTU issued a call to all its affiliates to send similar protests against the military trials.

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Reference from page 2**Hoberty Leaves No Doubts**

At the point of Regional Director John Hoberty's speech was continued call upon the members to purge Communists from their ranks.

He can always have differences of opinion so long as they are honest differences in the interests of our union and our country," he conceded. Differences of opinion on advertising of the USA-CIO leadership's week acceptance of the Taft-Hartley's "no raise" ultimatum support of a President who has broken more strikes and recommended more union busting legislation than any other president in the United States' history, and continued white busing and arming of the Nazis for suppression of workers and hanging strikers is nothing to do, apparently with the best interests of our union and our country.

Director Hoberty left no man by error about whom he was by "Communists."

"There is anybody who criticizes President Murray or the leaders of the United Workers," he exhorted the delegates, "throw him out."

NEW BILL DRAGGED IN

Although somewhat embarrassed by having to admit that on Scott Lucas (Democrat) had voted for enactment of the Taft-Hartley act, Senatorial candidate Paul H. Douglas concedes nevertheless to get in his long plug for the Democratic cause in '48. Democrat state of the Case Bill, an earlier and slightly less vicious anti-labor bill which was defeated by mass labor lobbies in Washington, was leaned upon heavily by Candidate Douglas, congratulated the United Workers for not striking this spring.

John E. Boyle, Democratic candidate for Cook County Atty. was also allotted a large share of the speaking at Saturday-morning's session.

WAGE COMMITTEE

Harry Heath, Local Union 1132, and Stanley Blida (incumbent), Local Union 1132, were named as Wage Policy Committee by sub-District No. 10, both William Young and Peter Calacci, Local Union 1132, who were nominated, decided to run.

Rank and File Resolutions Unwanted

Three resolutions to the Conference, adopted by Local Union 1132 members Thursday night, September 9, at the recommendation of the LU Executive Committee were ignored by the Conference Resolution's Committee, were both other Committees, Credentials and Rules, the Conditions Committee was small and largely composed of men's nav rollers. Oakley, sub-District Director from Chicago chaired the Resolution Committee of which George Michael, Staff Representative, South Chicago was Secretary.

In an endeavor to get existing concerns of District 1132's 115,000 members before the Conference for discussion, 110 submitted the following:

(a) On Departure From Principles of Industrial Unionism.

WHEREAS: We have seen in which its officials and members have sought and utilized every evidence against their political opponents within the

AND WHEREAS: The purpose of political opponents by wielding official power of the union has inevitably led, in some instances, to a serious legitimate union; every man fighting every common benefit of working people,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That District No. 31, United Steelworkers of America, CIO, in conference assembled, reaffirm the founding principle of industrial organization that every member is entitled to hold and practice the political philosophy which his conscience and understanding dictate.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That no member of the USA-CIO be restrained from depriving of full participation and privileges guaranteed all members, including leadership at all levels, because of his political convictions and practices.

Resolution No. 2—No Indorsement of Presidential Candidates.

WHEREAS: The United Steelworkers of America, CIO, have indorsed no candidate for President of the United States,

AND WHEREAS: Harry S. Truman, indorsed by a majority vote of the CIO Executive Board is, nevertheless, no fit candidate for labor's support for the following outstanding reasons:

(a) His failure to make a sincere fight against passage of the Taft-Hartley act;

(b) His repeated use of injunctions to break strikes of miners railroad workers, and seamen;

(c) His demonstrated policy of not carrying out his own words in deeds; notably his speeches deplored the Taft-Hartley act coupled with his ready application of it to break strikes; his promises to the Negro people to protect their civil rights, and his refusal to end Jim Crow in the army by official edict and his failure to investigate or to speak out against the lynchings of Negroes and denial of their right to vote;

(d) Repeated, public condemnation of Truman by the official CIO in general and by President Murray in particular of Truman's abject appeasement of big business;

(e) His record of granting price increases after every round of wage increases won by labor, desertions of duty which have insured the drop of real wages below the 1939 level.

AND WHEREAS: Indorsement of any Presidential candidate by the USA-CIO at this time will divide the membership of our union and seriously weaken our political unity in support of genuine anti-Taft-Hartley candidates for the Senate, Congress, and for state and local offices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That District No. 31, United Steelworkers of America, CIO, in Conference assembled, indorse no candidates for President or Vice President of the United States in the 1948 elections.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That District No. 31, unite in support of such candidates whose records prove them sincere representatives of the working people and who may be relied upon to work for a program of social legislation after they are elected.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3—
WAGE POLICY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS: The Wage Policy Committee of the United Steelworkers of America, CIO, has not drawn up demands upon the steel mill owners in accordance with instructions from rank and file steel workers to a majority of the Wage Policy Committeemen, some of these demands being:

(a) Double time for Saturdays and Sundays.

(b) An industry wide retirement plan similar to that won by the UMWA.

(c) Extension of the number of holidays.

(d) Ratification by the Local Unions of all contracts before they are signed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That District No. 31, United Steelworkers of America, CIO, officially remind members of the Wage Policy Committee that they are elected to express the wishes of the membership

of the USA-CIO and to refrain from contenting themselves with merely rubberstamping policies already laid down by the International Executive Board.

Jimcrowning Druggists Have to Face Judge

ECORSE, MICH. (FP) — The Loveland drug stores in Ecorse, Detroit industrial suburb, were slated to appear in Wayne county circuit court in Detroit Sept. 17 to tell Judge Miles N. Culver why they refuse to serve Negro customers. The judge intends to enjoin them from violating the Michigan civil rights act unless they show him good reason not to issue the injunction.

Haled before a justice of the peace last spring the Lovelands got away with their discrimination and felt confident of escaping further judicial attention. The new case was brought by Atty. George Crockett, for men UAW-CIO fair practice director, on behalf of Mrs. Doris Lampley of Ecorse and Tom Neusom of River Rouge, who had been refused service at one of the drug stores.



ONE OF THE LOUDEST VOICES to urge delegates to the 31st District's Conference to defeat Republican reactionaries and elect sincere Democrats to all offices this year belonged to Director James Robb, District No. 30, Indianapolis.

Director Robb, third from the left, is pictured shaking hands and beaming warmly upon the guests of honor at his daughter's wedding reception last September.

The guests are Senator Homer Capehart, whose record of support for anti-labor measures is 100% wrong, and Mrs. Capehart.

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1011 Charges Pres. Combs With Misuse of Authority

Taft-Hartley tactics essayed by the dubiously elected President of YS&T Local 1011 to raze all opposition to the Germano forces in that Local and sow the ground with salt, were given a definite heave by the membership Thursday night, September 16.

By an overwhelming majority, 1011 voted that President James Combs must stand trial on charges, signed by 103 rank and file members, that he refused to carry out the mandate of the Local Union and reinstate two of the twelve Representatives whom he had previously removed from office unconstitutional.

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As in the case of 1010's Nick Migas, against whose removal from the Grievance Committee for political reasons, 250 men from his own department signed a protest, strongest support for the YS&T purges, Ralph Hyndman and John Starcevich, came from their own departments. Third man to sign the charges against the LU President for his arbitrary actions is Clinton Meyers, the man whom Combs appointed to replace Hyndman as Machine Shop Representative.

Overriding the President's ruling that the USA-CIO's Constitution provides that Trial Boards must be appointed rather than elected from the floor, 1011 elected the following members to hear charges against him: Bill Hammond, Bill Brown, John Nolan, Chatman Wailles, and Lloyd Burton. Time for the hearing has not yet been set.

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A committee to supervise election of a Grievance Committee, Steel Side, to replace Geo. Cushman, and two trustees, who resigned, was also set up at the meeting of September 16. The election is set as the first order of business at the regular meeting of Thursday, September 30.

Cushman, who was also Chairman of the Grievance Committee, tendered his resignation to the meeting of September 2nd as a gesture for a vote of confidence. The membership accepted his resignation.

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Filing of charges against President James Combs is the latest in a series of climaxes at which 1011's members have reacted against the barring of Dan Kokot, Charles Fizer, Ralph Hyndman, and other time tried leaders of the Local from the elections of last June.

With the active support of sub-District Director Lester Thornton and his staff, and with the covert aid of YS&T's management, no one but stalwarts of the Germano machine in District No. 31 were permitted to run for major office in Local Union 1011.

Co. to back Union Safety Men on Enforcement

If department heads do not confer seriously with union Safety Committeemen and act upon their recommendations, Inland's top Safety Department heads will see that they do.

That commitment, made by Jake Ridinger, Inland's Safety Chief, and tacitly agreed to by Superintendent Luellen, marked the major step forward in the first regularly scheduled meeting between 1010's reorganized Safety Committee and management, Tuesday, September 20.

As in the general procedure of handling grievances, management's representatives said, safety violations, hazards, or other complaints must first be taken up in the departments in which they occur. If, however, the foremen or supervisors do not co-operate, the union Safety Man is advised to contact the office of Jake Ridinger without delay.

Of the seven general points on the agenda, three were settled favorably and the others agreed upon in part or conditionally.

1. Safety boxes for the reception of written suggestions and criticisms. Company agreed to procure these boxes and place them in the various departments without delay.

2. Department wide safety meetings, joint management and union leadership.

Company turned this down on assertion of Ridinger that fifty group meetings were being held each twenty-four hours.

3. Inspection tours and reports of safety items daily by millwrights, electricians, and maintenance men.

Management asserted that this was a standing order to all such employees at present. When Chairman Al McLain pointed out that turn foremen and others were not following through on these check-ups, management agreed to institute a program of enforcement of this regulation.

4. Time off once a week for a tour of each department by the Union Safety Committeeman, Company Safety Man, and turn foremen.

A compromise of monthly instead of weekly tours was reached upon this point.

5. Safety Committeemen to be notified of all accidents and all hearings. Attendance of Union Safety Committeemen on paid time at all hearings.

Agreement was reached on all parts of this point on the agenda except payment of time for hearings.

6. Time and date of monthly meetings, Safety Committee & Management. Written copies of minutes to be furnished each Committeeman.

Agreed to third Tuesday of each month; minutes to be furnished as requested.

7. Top management to inform department management of all decisions reached at meetings of Management-Union Safety Representatives.

Seventeen members of 1010's Safety Committee were present at Tuesday's meeting. Supt. Luellen, Jake Ridinger, and six of management's Safety Department personnel represented the company.

LABOR SENTINEL

Tin Mill Shears Up Production -- Of Scrap Metal

With the Black Plate shears cutting 60% scrap, as contrasted to 5% scrap before the scabs took over last May, bad tin is piled so far back that one door of the Tin Mill locker room is blocked off.

Some of the scabs are still clinging to the jobs which they stole from honest working men last May, but several have slunk back to their original departments or left the mill altogether.

The scabs have been replaced with new men, who, of course, are not to be bracketed with those sweet smelling gentlemen.

THE RIGGERS ARE A SOLID GANG

Johnny Federenko, Plant 1 rigger has lots of bad luck but he's got lots of good friends which evens the tally somewhat.

Johnny got shot up quite badly serving with the armored infantry back in '44. Coming home after the war, he turned to at Inland and, within a few weeks, wrenched his back, an injury which has caused him considerable lost time ever since.

Three weeks ago, Johnny got his chops in the way of a snatch block which carried away under strain.

So far, that's all bad.

The boys in the gang held a tarpaulin muster for Johnny, not that he's desperate for money, but to show that they were with him. Besides, the day after he was hurt, his ticket took the base ball pool; a couple of the boys brought the money over to St. Catherine's and gave it to him.

Johnny, although suffering a broken jaw, is making a nice recovery — you can't kill an old dough foot — and expects to be back in the gang shortly.

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September 22, 1948
Delegates Elected To Ind. Convention

Eight delegates and two alternates to the State Industrial Convention were elected Saturday, September 18, with little of the sound and fury usually attendant upon Labor Union 1010's voting.

The Convention, which began Saturday, October 2, is scheduled for three days. Those elected by the membership to attend are: Floyd Roebuck, Big Furnace; James Flynn, Co. Plant; Dewey Moore, Co. Mill; Carl Stanley, Trans. H. McKinsey, New Castle; Don Lutes, 76 inch Mill; John Durcho, Tin Mill; and C. Johnson, Plant 1 Mills. Falusi and Joe Gulick were named as alternates.

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M&E Men Okay Proposal With Condition on Disputes Agreement Up to Co.

Although approving the general pattern for classification of Mill Mechanical, Maintenance, and Electrical jobs was proposed by management and recommended by the Negotiating Committee, a capacity meeting of men in job brackets reserved the right Wednesday night, October 29, to withhold a number of disputed classifications from the general agreement.

Inland Steel balks at reserving the disputed categories for later negotiating, the way is now cleared for settlement of the Inequity Program and distribution of pay checks.

As quickly the Program will be concluded rests, with the degree of resistance which Grievors and assistants will encounter to adjusting jobs to the positions in the various departments.

Signature from the new pattern up in U.S. Steel and in the industry, first citizens in M&E occupations will be paid at severance levels under the agreed Wednesday night.

Advances to accepting this Wage Inequity Program (a) agreeing to a flat for approximately all Mill, Mechanical, and Maintenance employees, and (b) setting up final back pay as well as medical department men while involved negotiations went on.

Negotiating Committee's choice but to recommend its settlement of the pattern. Demand of production workers, who are particularly concerned with kind of classification set up for mechanical service men, for final settlement of their back pay is the one factor forcing the committee's recommendation, which could be compelled by Inland Steel claims on those classifications that have been adjusted. It is virtually certain, based by the International.

Proposed M&E classifications with those, on production, will be taken as regular grievance procedure to and including arbitration.

HIGHER CORPS.

Bonus, based upon the scale existing for the job rate for all classifications of the proposal which M&E men voted to accept, becomes by which the rate brings the total wage level for the inmates of Inland's craftsmen hiring hall.

Classifications and rates are to be applied both for the contractors which fall below the level will not be increased by the Inequity

Classification rates are for all workers, 1st Class: Premium Rate-\$1.77 (1st Leader), \$1.65 (2nd Leader).

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USA EXECUTIVES INDORSE TRUMAN

PITTSBURGH—(FP)—The United Steelworkers (CIO) has voted formal support of Pres. Truman's candidacy.

Philip Murray, president of the 950,000-member union and of the CIO as well, made the announcement here Sept. 28 on behalf of the steel union's 35-member international executive board, which issued the Truman-Barkley endorsement.

The steel union's action had been expected since Truman won endorsement of the national CIO executive board.

EXCERPTS SPEECHES

Excerpts from speeches by President Philip Murray in relation to industry's arrogant refusal to bargain on higher wages and the Truman Administration's anti-labor attitude; Dec. 5, 1945:

"The sole answer of the Federal Administration is to seek legislation against labor."

"To all this arrogance the Federal Administration yields in abject cowardice. Its rancor is confined to labor."

"The Federal Administration . . . is embarked upon a policy of continued appeasement of American industry in the face of its contemptuous attitude toward the American people and the government itself."

"It is within this framework that the proposed legislation of President Truman must be viewed and its real intent understood."

"The design of the specific legislative proposal is to weaken and ultimately destroy labor union organizations. It can be but the first step to ever more savage legislative repression."

When Truman hysterically appealed to Congress (May 24, 1946, at the time of the railroad strike) for powers to jail, fine, and deny job rights to strikers and draft them into the army, President Murray denounced both those proposals and the Case bill which was then coming up:

"The Case bill and the President's proposal repeals for all practical purposes the benefits which labor has gained in the last 13 years. Through the threat of injunctions, criminal penalties, and the draft into military service, this legislation savagely attacks labor and imposes the equivalent of involuntary servitude."

"These measures constitute a beach head for those sinister forces in American life which seek to use the military power as a means of crushing labor."

"I urge you . . . (the message was directed to Senators) . . . to reject President Truman's anti-labor and anti-democratic proposal . . ."

and pleaded guilty to "voluntary manslaughter," did not take the stand in his own defense. His lawyer read a prepared statement from the murderer in which he pleaded for mercy on grounds that New was pro-Communist, pro-Wallace and pro-Negro. Serreo's denunciation of New included such statements as this: "He (New) wanted me to go to the colored church . . . we have a Communist meeting and also a Wallace rally at the same time."

A Few Good Facts As I See Them Now

By GEORGE SOPKO

BACK PAY—You'll get it all. When? — Don't know. Ask Gillies; he could have paid it off months ago. Why doesn't he pay it off?—Because, as he admitted, he is using it as bait to get your Local Union Inequity Committee to approve rates for some jobs that we consider too low.

Did we agree to all of the Mill Mechanical, Electrical and Maintenance Classifications? — No. We will only approve those that are satisfactory to the employees on the job involved, the grievance committeeman, and your Local Union Inequity Committee.

HOW about the Trade And Craft jobs and all the Mechanical Shops in the plant? Many employees on these jobs definitely have upward adjustments coming which should be fully retroactive, and, although we have not yet reviewed these classifications, we will do so soon.

'I Hate Communists' Murderer Explains; Given Three Years

CHARLESTON, S. C.—(FP)—Richard Serreo, confessed killer of Nat'l Maritime Union (CIO) port agent Robert New, got off with a 3-year sentence after a trial here in which Serreo's hatred of communism was accepted as evidence "mitigating" the murder.

Serreto attacked New with a butcher knife last May 7 after a political argument with the NMU leader, who was also chairman of the local Wallace-for-President committee. The murder took place in the NMU hiring hall.

Seven eye-witnesses gave evidence at Serreo's trial that the murder was premeditated. Accepted as "mitigating" evidence rather than as proof of Serreo's intention to kill was testimony that Serreo had called the police the afternoon of the murder, telling them to send an ambulance to the NMU hall because "we are tired of having this communism and niggerism jabbed down our throats."

Serreto, who waived jury trial

Migas's Right to LU Office Upheld by 1010's Membership

Witch hunting in the United Steelworkers of America, CIO, was kicked in the teeth Thursday night, September 23, by the membership of Local Union 1010 who upheld the right of Nick Migas to remain as Grievance Committeeman for No. 1 Open Hearth.

The first test of the alleged anti-Communist amendment, adopted to the USA-CIO's Constitution at the high tide of anti-red hysteria during the Boston Convention, Brothert Migas's trial and its outcome is being attentively watched by CIO members and leaders from San Diego to Kennebunkport, Me.

INT'L STEPS IN ON MIGAS CASE

Unwilling to accept the verdict of their Local Union's membership, Don Lutes and Pete Calacci appealed to the International Union last week for a review of the charges against Nick Migas.

With praiseworthy dispatch, three Directors were temporarily relieved of less pressing duties in their respective Districts and sent to Indiana Harbor to hear the case rehashed.

The Board of Review, composed of Directors A. F. Kojetsky, District 34, St. Louis; James Thomas, District 15, Dickenson, Pa.; and James Dickenson, District 37, Texas; held the hearing Tuesday morning, October 5, in Sub-District 2 Headquarters. Notices were mailed to Migas and his accusers, Calacci and Lutes, on Thursday.

The Board of Review will report its findings to the International Executive Board who will then act upon the matter.

No Alibis Slated By Glen Taylor Oct. 14 Rally

Senator Glen Taylor won't have to evade steelworkers' questions on his labor record when he comes to Gary Thursday, October 14. There isn't an anti-labor vote on it.

Aside from the last ditch fight which he, together with Senators Pepper, Kilgore, and Morse, waged against passage of the Taft-Hartley act, he has voted or paired against every piece of labor busting legislation to be proposed in the Senate since he's been in it.

Outstanding for viciousness among the measures which Senator Taylor opposed with vigor are the Case Bill, the bill against Portal to Portal pay, and President Truman's bill to outlaw strikes in plants seized by the government.

Walter Frisbie, Progressive Party candidate for Governor, will also be one of the main speakers at the Memorial Auditorium rally next Thursday night.

Originally a Hammond oil worker, Frisbie's long experience and unimpeachable record in the Indiana State CIO Council are a guarantee that union labor's concerns will be dealt with bluntly and in detail. Use of State Police by Democrat and Republican Govs. to break strikes, Richmond, in 1941, and Evansville last month are two circumstances which the Progressive Party candidate will probably touch upon.

Although the Amendment was forced into the Constitution purportedly to suppress Communists, both left and right wingers are aware that the trial of Nick Migas under Article III section four is a gauge of the rank and file membership's submission to the gathering drive against all progressives in the CIO.

Majority report of the Trial Committee, signed by four of its five members, recommended that no action be taken against Brothert Migas until union-wide referendum vote on the widely disputed anti-Communist Amendment has determined the feelings of the USA-CIO's entire membership.

Minority report, signed by one member, recommended Migas's removal under provisions of the Constitution as amended. Admit's Amendment's Danger, But—

"It's very possible," Pete Calacci, minority member of the Trial Committee, conceded before the Local Union Thursday night, "that the anti-Communist amendment will be used against members who are not Communists. Even those who proposed the amendment and who support carrying it out to the letter may have it turned against themselves."

Brother Calacci stated further however, that the conduct of the Communists, particularly at the Boston Convention where they maneuvered for a showdown on the wage question is responsible for adoption of the objectionable measure.

"If the Communists are as good union men as they claim to be," Calacci proposed as a solution, They'll abide by Constitution as it is amended until the next Convention (1950)."

PORK CHOPS, NOT POLITICS.

"I was not brought up on these charges because of my political convictions," Nick Migas said in a brief summary which he made of the case and its background events.

"You members of the Local Union sent us to the Convention last May to work for a policy of fighting for higher wages, and, in general, to make the real interests of the rank and file membership known to our leaders and to the delegates of Local Unions from other Districts of the USA-CIO."

"That is what I did to the best of my ability; and that is why I was slugged in Boston and, later, brought up on charges preferred here by a handful of Germano's pay rollers and stooges."

"The real reason behind these actions is that some of our leaders find it easier to make deals with the companies than it is to organize and lead a determined fight against them as upon.

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MM&E Men

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1.725 for the coke plant; 36" Bloomer; 40" Bloomer; Plant No. 2 mills.

1.767 for 46" Bloomer; No. 1 O.H.; No. 2 O.H.; Blst. Fee. 1.809 for Tin Mill; No. 1 O.H.; (turn) (days); No. 2. O.H. (turn) (days); Blast Fee. (leader).

1.85 Cold Strip; 76" mill; 44" mill; Coke Plant (leader).

1.892 CS (leader); 76" mill (leader) 44" mill (leader) T.M. (Leader).

Millwrights:

Corporation Rate-\$1.77 (1st class) \$1.86 (leader).

Inland Rates:

\$1.767 for Galvanizing; No. 2 bar Mill (plant No. 2); rail finishing (plant No. 2); track accessories (sb. & tp); track accessories B&S; coke plant; blst. fee; 28" whse. (plt. No. 2) (19" & No. 1 billet dock (plt. No. 1).

\$1.809 for 10" mill; 24" bar mill (plt. No. 1); 36" bloomier; 46" bloomier; No. 1 open Hearth; No. 2 open hearth; 40" soaking pits; Sheet mill Gen't. and Roll train; 14" mill; BF mach. opr.; 32" and 28" mills (plt. No. 2); pow. coal 100' mill; 100' mill.

\$1.85 for CS; TM; 40" mill; mlwght. & opr. 19" & No. 1 mills; maint. & mch. opr. 100' mill; mlwgtrt. grease system, 100' mill. \$1.892 for CS; TM; MM&E Men Okay Proposal; 40" mill; mlwgtrt & opr. 19" & No. 1 mills; maint. & mch. opr. 100' mill; mlwgtrt. grease system, 100' mill. \$1.892 for leaders in CS; 44" HS; TM; 40" 76" HS; plt. No. 2 rail finishing.

Welder:

Corporation rates-Gas & Arc: Combination \$1.77.

Inland Rates:

\$1.767 for Gas & Arc welders in No. 1 O.H.; No. 2 OH; 46" bloomier; Bl. Fee; 32" & 28" mills (2nd class); 100' mill; coke plant.

p.1.809 for combination welders in No. 1 OH; No. 2 OH; 14" mill; track accessories (SB & TP).

\$1.85 TM; 44HS; CS; 76" HS; CS (plowfitter welder); 32" & 28" mill (plt. No. 2).

Crane Machinists:

Corporation rate-\$1.86 (1st class) \$1.85 (leader).

Inland Rates:

\$1.809 for 40" bloomier (turn) 36" bloomier; 44 HS; 24" mill (plt. No. 1); 10' mill.

\$1.85 for 76" mill; 40" bloomier (days); CS; 100' plate mill.

\$1.892 for No. 1 OH; 44" HS (leader); CS (leader).

Motor Inspectors:

Corporation rate \$1.77 (1st class) \$1.86 (leader).

Inland Rates:

\$1.69 for yard.

\$1.725 for No. 2 billet dock (plt. No. 2); 28" whse.

\$1.767 for rail mill; SB & TP; 14" mill; Galvanize; blst. fee; blst. fee. (ore bridge).

\$1.809 for No. 1 OH; No. 2 OH; 32" & 28" mills; 19" & No. 1 billet mills; plant No. 1 mills; 10" mill; 46" bloomier; 100" mill; coke plant (plt. No. 3); 44" mill (fin. end); 76" (fin. end).

\$1.85 CS; 40" bloomier; TM; 36" mill; sheet mill; 44" mill; 76" HS; blst. fee. (sr.).

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'All or None' Union Answers Company's Splitting Offer; Coast Strike Solid

SAN FRANCISCO—(FP)—Strikebound west coast shipowners have invited the Marine Firemen Oilers Waiters and Wipers (unaffiliated) to make a separate agreement with them, but have flatly announced they will not negotiate so long as the marine firemen honor their pledge to stay out until four other striking maritime unions settle.

MFOWW Pres. Vincent Malone, who has signed Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavits, responded with a suggestion that the shipowners stop whooping up the Communist issue and start negotiating with all the unions involved. He further proposed that union leaders, including himself, step aside and let rank-and-file committees handle the negotiations.

Malone's proposal brought an immediate No from the shipowners who a day before also said No to Mayor Robinson's offer to mediate the strike, which began Sept. 2. There is "no authority high enough to get a pledge which could be honored from Harry Bridges," the shipowners told the mayor, whose mediation offer had been accepted by the strikers.

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The employers are obviously set to break the two unions which have voted in membership referendums not to sign Taft-Hartley affidavits—Bridges' Int'l. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the Nat'l. Union of Marine Cooks & Stewards (both CIO).

Expensive newspaper advertisements taken by the shipowners claim that "irresponsible party-line leadership" in these unions has caused some 1,400 contract violations in 14 years.

"To get those figures they must have counted every time a man went home sick," commented ILWU public relations director Morris Watson. "The fact is, we've had fewer strikes than

GOP, Demo Rivals Use Same Speech

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(FP)—Laboring men in Kentucky are wondering whether senatorial candidates get their speeches from the same pot—such as the Nat'l. Assn. of Manufacturers.

Listeners were struck by the similarity between talks delivered by Sen. John S. Cooper, seeking reelection on the Republican ticket, and Rep. Virgil Chapman, Cooper's Democratic opponent. Both men voted for the Taft-Hartley act. It sounded like a broken record when they discussed the act.

Cooper said in his opening campaign speech: "If experience gained or changing conditions indicate injustice to labor, I will vote to eliminate the injustice. I will also vote for increased appropriations for the Dept. of Labor and for the Nat'l. Labor Relations Board."

Chapman said in his opening campaign speech: If experience proves that the law is unjust to either labor, management or the American people generally, such injustice ought to be corrected as soon as practicable by amendment. It will continue to support adequate appropriations for the operation of the Dept. of Labor and the Nat'l. Labor Relations Board."

any other union—and with the most difficult employers in the country."

The ILWU officially answered: "When a union complies with the optional provisions of the Taft-Hartley act, it begins to crawl. When it begins to crawl it gets kicked, and becomes a company union."

"The only unbiased figures on work stoppages come from arbitrators. Since 1934 there have been only 25 cases on the entire coast in which the arbitrator said the union stopped work in violation of its contract. These have been hot cargo disputes, protest stoppages (sending scrap iron to Japan, the killing of OPA), and due to changes in work methods without consulting the union. On the other hand, arbitrators have ruled that the employers have closed up an entire port in violation of contract.

Toledano Beats Ban by US Envoy; Radics Talk to La Fiesta Patrias

LOS ANGELES—(FP)—Thousands of Mexican-American workers here Sept. 19, heard the voice of Pres. Vicente Lombardo despite a ban on his entry American Confederation of Labor Toledano, Lombardo's Latin to this country by Walter Thurston, U. S. ambassador to Mexico.

The voice of Lombardo went out over electrical transcriptions brought by special couriers who traveled night and day from Mexico City to get them here in time.

Lombardo's appearance here was to have climaxed the 3-day Freedom Fiesta staged by the Los Angeles CIO Council in commemoration of the 138th anniversary of Mexico's independence from Spain and in honor of this city's Mexican-American union membership, largest anywhere outside of Mexico City.

In his recorded speech, Lombardo declared: "The prevention of my entry into the U. S. does not offend me. It honors me because I well know that the democratic forces of your country. Instead it comes from those who

Migas—

(Continued from Page 1) we did when the United workers was a fightin' man.

"Any union man, whether a Communist, a Socialist, a Republican, or something else who threatens to rail Joe Germano's gravy is needed for the deal the union's big shots are trying to stop it right now. It gets too big and powerful. The fascists in the Germanians got too big and powerful to be handled by the men.

Debate on the issue was limited until it was closed motion of one of the seeking Migas's removal.

The meeting, which had been widely advertised as the case would be submitted to the membership, was fully attended and orderly.

would like to make Mexia abject colony of the imperial monopolies." The Los Angeles CIO linked the barring of Lombardo with "official fears of influence on the current oil strike here. Lombardo, more than any man, can influence the oil front and oil field workers other nations to support battaled American strikers."

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Red Light Against Jimcrow Bowling and by LU 1010

With Jimcrow barriers broken down in baseball and professional golf, Local Union 1010 is leading the admirable lead of the United Auto Workers (UAW) to end segregation in bowling too.

Upon the recommendation of Local Union 1010's Anti-discrimination Committee, the Education Committee is seeking facilities in Indiana Harbor which do not discriminate against Negro bowlers.

At the Leo Peter's nor Sam Bowl lanes, heretofore used by Local Union 1010, are available except with the exception against Negroes still in effect. The American Bowling Congress under whose sanction these lanes operate, rigidly bars participation by non-white bowlers.

Arrangements for the use of lanes at 3451 Michigan Ave., by Negro teams are being considered.

Although withdrawing patronage from alleys which discriminate is a quick solution of the problem in 1010, it will do little to hammer down the prejudice which bars Negro citizens from equal participation in sports.

An effective means of rooting out this phase of discrimination in our community would be organized withdrawal of support from all places which bar Negro participation by all CIO covered bowling leagues in District No. 2. The matter can easily be handled through Lake County Industrial Council, or simply by convincing among the recreational clubs of sub-district No. 2's local unions.

Although District Director Bruno and Sub-District Director Thornton have not been consulted upon this point, they will undoubtedly give their full approval to an effort in this direction.

The All American Bowling Association, set up last year in Chicago and Detroit under sponsorship of the United Auto Workers, CIO, met with success in its first year. It astounded even its most ardent exponents. More than seventy teams from all over the United States took part in the season's end tournament.

The All American Bowling Association was brought into existence to provide a national organization for bowlers who do not care to participate under the narrow, racist minded American Bowling Congress.

More Top Nazis Added To Bizonia Main Trust

BERLIN—(ALN)—The top panel in the I.G. Farben dispensary was set up by Anglo-American officials to handle properties of the giant chemical company. Once was a director of Deutsche Bank and associated with 42 other companies when Hitler ran the land.

He is Herman Abs, who in 1935 was named high on a U.S. Justice Dept. list of bankers and economists who had most definitely contributed to Hitler's

success. In 1935, he was termed "indiscreet" by British officials and refused to turn him over for prosecution. Later he became financial adviser to the Nazi Military Government, and member of the "dissident" unit is Herman Buecher, who was a top official of the party that made heavy electrical equipment for Hitler's war industry. Buecher also was a director of the Krupp munitions

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It is our job as your Safety Committeemen to insure that you work safely. As you can understand, however, twenty-one men cannot protect fourteen thousand in every detail of their jobs. That is why we are asking your cooperation in making our Safety Program go over 100%.

Your Safety Committeeman is not acting like a snitch or a company stooge when he tries to correct you on an unsafe practice. He is just trying to save you from possible injury, time lost from your job, and, in many cases, from being killed.

Our main job, of course, is seeing to it that the Company corrects unsafe working conditions, speed up, lack of protective devices, and similar items. If you know of such conditions, you should either drop a note pointing them out in the Safety Suggestion boxes in each department, or, better still, look up the department's Safety Committeemen and tell him to get busy on it.

Fraternally yours

AL McLAIN
Chairman, Local Union 1010
Safety Committee.

Mexican Workers Answer CTM Purge with New Union

MEXICO CITY—(ALN)—Delegates representing 50,000 sugar workers and small planters set up a new national federation of sugar workers, affiliated with the Confederation of Workers & Farmers of Mexico (COCM) here.

The COCM is one of a number of central union bodies now organizing a new national organization to replace the Mexican Confederation of Labor (CTM). The CTM was repudiated by the great bulk of Mexican workers earlier this year when CTM Gen. Sec. Ferdinand Amilpa climaxed a number of unpopular actions by trying to link the CTM to his political party, the Revolutionary Institutional party.

At that time Amilpa expelled three CTM executive board members, including Pres. Vicente Lombardo Toledano of the Latin American Federation of Labor (CTAL), to which most Mexican unions belong.

Addressing the closing session of the founding convention of the sugar union, hit the sugar monopoly which, he charged, has raised prices to consumers and kept sugar workers under a "veritable dictatorship." Lombardo accused some former CTM leaders, politicians and "greedy owners" of uniting against the people.

SOVIET UNION

MOSCOW—(ALN)—A demand for the release of Greek union leader Demetrios Paparigas, jailed by the Athens government, has been issued by the Soviet All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions. The union body also appealed to the World Federation of Trade Unions to fight for Paparigas' "speedy liberation."

Clases En Inglés

Han principiado las clases en inglés con el estudio de la historia y prácticas del CIO. Veinte hermanos de habla español están tomando oportunidad de estas clases que son proporcionadas por el Local de la Unión 1010, para aprender el idioma y algunos costumbres del país donde hace poco acaban de llegar.

Aunque la asistencia en estas clases es buena, más personas pueden ser fácilmente acomodadas. Deseamos que las esposas, hermanas u otros parientes de los miembros de la unión asistan a estas clases para que aprendan el inglés.

Los días de clase son cada Martes a las 7:30 P.M. y los viernes a las 2:45 P.M. Estas clases son gratuitamente, y el Local 1010 presta los libros y demás material necesario para estos estudios.

Hitler Should Never Have Killed Himself

MUNICH—(ALN)—Another top ranking Nazi, Col. Gen. Franz Halder, one-time chief of the German General Staff, is free to go about his business.

A Bavarian denazification court in the Anglo-American zone decided that Halder was not a major Nazi offender because he took part, it said, in anti-Nazi activity in 1936.

The fact that he served on the General Staff during the war didn't bother the court. As he left the courtroom, with tears in his eyes, Halder said: "There will be a lot to fight for in the future."

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Man Bites Dog

MOSCOW—(ALN)—Anyone who has ever wanted to talk back to cop now has his chance here.

Reviving a practice interrupted during the war, the Ministry of Interior is calling meetings where policemen answer questions—and criticism—from the people.

One mother complained that the police failed to guard children properly at street crossings, another felt the cops weren't showing enough courtesy. One woman wanted the police to make certain that loud radios weren't blaring at late hours.

Talk at the meetings is a 2-way affair. After being put in the dock by the public, the police have a chance to air their complaints.

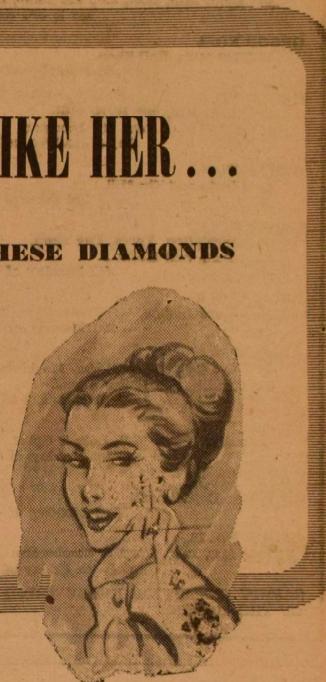
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U. S. Taxpayers Stuck Another 21 Million For Chiang's War

SHANGHAI—(ALN)—Deaths are expected to mount sharply in China's civil war, which is being fought mainly with American arms, as a result of dramatically increased U. S. military shipments to Chiang Kai-shek for which Chinese ports are now being readied.

The greatest increase in victims is likely to be among civilians, including factory workers. Chiang has been trying to make up for land warfare losses by bombing the rear bases of the Communist-led People's Armies, which have no planes of their own. The U. S. supplies to Chiang, which will be provided under a new procedure secretly devised in Washington, consist largely of planes (P-47D, P-51D and other types) and high octane gas.

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Due to arrive in October is enough air fuel to keep Chiang's planes in the air for almost a year at the consumption rate of 4 to 6 million gallons monthly. Chiang's government previously had to buy and ship its own gas. Now purchases will be made by U. S. Defense Dept. procurement officers and carried to China in U. S. army and navy transports.

Since requisitions by Chiang's government will have to be countersigned by his U. S. military advisers, supplies to the Chinese civil war will thus be handled in practically the same way as those for outposts of the U. S. armed forces themselves.

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Another batch of supplies being shipped to Chiang contains 300,000 rifles. Most of these are brand new, but they are being "sold" to China at a price only 10% of what U. S. taxpayers spent to buy them. Over \$21 million worth of military items will be carried by U. S. vessels direct to Chinese government combat troops on the North China front by way of the port of Tientsin.

In addition to what comes directly from the U. S., the State Dept. is now permitting the Chinese dictator to call on Gen. Douglas MacArthur in Japan for supplies he needs quickly. A high Chinese Air Force official recently arranged all the details on a trip to Tokyo.

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The immediate significance of these events is that U. S. armed forces will be handling arms for China all the way to their destination and that MacArthur has a key role in the scheme. Chinese observers think the way is thus being paved for actual operations in the area by U. S. soldiers commanded from Tokyo.

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PRAGUE—(ALN)—Czechoslovakian workers have received an increase in their food rations. The amount of flour, fat and potatoes will be raised 5%. As incentives to increase production, textiles and other goods in short supply will be given to outstanding workers.

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"All four individuals are being held for deportation because of their political and trade union activities," the committee declared. "The arrests at this time smack of political persecution since all involved have lived in this country for many years and their activities were publicly known. In this pre-election period these arrests can only create fear and intimidation in the foreign born communities of the country."

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GROUP NO. 2

No. 1 & No. 2 Open Hearths.
1st Friday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 3

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1st & 3rd Sunday—10:00 P.M.

GROUP NO. 4

10", 14" Mills, Roll Shop.
2nd Sunday of Month—2:00 P.M.

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GROUP NO. 6

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1st & 3rd Tues. of Month—8:00 P.M.

GROUP NO. 7

Transportation, Yards, Car Shop,
Engineers, and Hotellers.
4th Monday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 8

New Construction.
3rd Monday of Month—4:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 9

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Blacksmith, and Boiler Shops.
1st & 3rd Monday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 10

Galvanize, Plate Mill, Bolt & Spike, Sheet Mill.
1st Sunday of Month—4:00 P.M.

GROUP NO. 11

Power Department.
2nd Monday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 12

Lab, Met, Insp. No. 1 & Combustion.
2nd & 4th Friday of Month—7:30 P.M.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE EVERY THIRD TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH.**

Truman and ERP Hailed by Schact No. 1 Nazi Financier

BERLIN—(ALN)—The Marshall plan provides the basis for rebuilding a strong big business-dominated Germany, Hjalmar Schact, Hitler's financial brain, declared in a newspaper article here praising the "wisdom" of the U. S. program.

Adjusting his old theory of domination by the Nazis to current conditions, Schact said in a long article in the Schwäbische Zeitung that supreme American influence and investments would be good because it would lead to a unified direction of the world economy."

Schact, recently acquitted by collaborating with the Nazis by German appeals court in the Anglo-American zone, urged more U. S. investments for western Germany. This, he said, would secure work and bread for German workers. At the same time, he asked that all restrictions on German big business be lifted "in the interests of recovery."

Praising Pres. Truman for the "humanitarian and wise policy" of the Marshall plan, Schact declared it would "soothe capitalist friction" in the search for overseas markets.

Schact defended American foreign policy, claiming it is often misunderstood as "dollar imperialism." It is criticized, he said, by those "who fail to see that there is no well being without capitalism."

Schact hinted that German foreign trade should be revived. He did not say exactly what his plan was but in the past he has suggested that the U. S. completely re-equip western German industries. This retooling would permit the sale of old German equipment to March plan countries.

The newspaper Schwäbische Zeitung was granted a special paper allotment by U. S. officials to permit publication of the Schact article.

Two small brothers upon entering school for the first time were asked their names by the teacher.

"Taft," replied the first.

"Hartley," said the second.

"How strange," mused the teacher. "And your last name?" put in the teacher.

"Duno," came the answer, "ask maw. She knows."

The teacher immediately got in touch with the mother and revealed the story the boys had told.

"And may I ask, madam, your last name?"

"Skunk" came the quick reply.

"How utterly queer," the teacher shot back.

"Well, teach," the mother answered, "if you can think of a better name for two skunks than Taft and Hartley, I'd like to know about it."

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We froze with Hoover
Truman gave us a cold war
Why not warm up with Wallace?

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"When an organization of working men reaches a certain stage where capitalists cannot control it, their next move is to shatter its ranks by causing dissension which will ultimately lead to its destruction,"—Pres. Ed. Boyce, Western Federation of Miners, 1900.

\$80,000 Goal For Chest Drive

Two hundred enthusiastic volunteer workers met at the First Congregational Church to receive instructions and to launch the East Chicago



Drive Chairman, E. J. Higgins, in his address to the Silver Anniversary meeting of the East Chicago Community Chest, presents a double challenge to them and the community.

"It is squarely up to Mr. Higgins said, "to prove East Chicago's proud record of always meeting its goal." However, admonished Mr. Higgins, "you are confronted by the greatest goal in the Chest's history and you will be successful if you each and every one of you, work harder than you have before."

In commenting upon the get Mr. Higgins noted the amount to be raised be evenly distributed the amount to a very small contribution per family and easily raised.

"However," he argued, "are some who are unable to give and a few who fully recognize their community responsibility. Therefore, who are able to give just more this year?"

The Chairman noted the very definite plan he had opted which, if followed, assure speedy success. Industrial employees are asked to increase their contributions by at least ten percent and the plan contemplates solicitation of every home in the block workers thorough follow-up by workers.

By way of briefing the leaders as to the specific areas of the beneficiary organizations, the head of each organization gave a brief statement of its past work and their plans for the coming year. The Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Salute Army, Katherine House, Nursing Nurse Association and Carmelite Orphanage are beneficiaries of the Chest.

The Industrial Committee, both company and employee, the Initial Gifts Committee, various special gifts committees, including the City Employees, Federal Employees, Labor Organization, Public Utilities and Chain Stores preliminary reports. At this time these figures had not been tabulated, but they will be released immediately upon tabulation.

The closing remarks of the meeting were directed to citizens of East Chicago. Chairman pleaded for greater participation with the unpaid workers who are giving time and energy going door-to-door to raise the necessary to carry on vital activities of the beneficiaries.

WALLACE RACE ASSURES TOP VOTES FOR LIBERALS; PP PULLS OPPONENTS TO PRO-LABOR CAND'S

WASHINGTON—(FP)—By his Presidential candidacy this year Henry Wallace is insuring that millions of American voters will come to the polls who would have otherwise remained at home, C. B. Baldwin, Wallace campaign manager, told the press Sept. 30.

He added that the Progressive party policy of supporting worthwhile Democrats in some places and putting up its own candidates in others, added to the drawing power of Wallace, would result in a better Congress.

"Whenever there has been no incentive to bring out the liberal and independent vote," Baldwin said, "Democratic candidates have been defeated because the Republican vote has always remained stable while the Democratic vote has dropped."

Baldwin appealed for wide labor and liberal support for progressive congressional candidates where they are the only alternative to an out-and-out reactionary. Several of these are in the South, where the Democratic nominee is a clearly unacceptable labor-baiter. Others as in California and New York City, show the Democratic and Republican nominee as the same person in most cases through cooperation between the two major parties.

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Surveying the action of the progressives to date in congressional races, Baldwin said:

1. Of 48 congressional candidates who scored 75% or better in the 1948 CIO voting chart, 31 are actively endorsed or unopposed by the Progressive party.

2. Of 35 close districts where Democrats were elected with less than 55% of the vote, the progressives are contesting only 11.

In Minnesota, Baldwin said, the Progressive party is not going to oppose Hubert Humphrey in this race for the Senate seat of the viciously anti-labor Joseph H. Ball. In Connecticut, he added, the Progressive candidate for governor has withdrawn so as not to hinder the chances of Chester Bowles, Democrat, even though Bowles has said he wants no Progressive support.

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Baldwin said that Bowles, like Helen Gahagan Douglas (whom the Progressives in Los Angeles are supporting), "have been subjected to great pressure" to repudiate third-party support. He said the important test in all the congressional races is whether a Progressive party candidate would help insure the 81st Congress.

Asked about the chances of a Wallace withdrawal, Baldwin replied: "Not a chance." He would not be pressed into making any predictions on the possible or electoral vote of his man, but did say: "It will be a vote which will astound many people, including the talkers of public opinion polls."

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He said that Wallace is now on the ballot in 29 states, and expects the total to reach 44 states before election day. He said flatly that Pres. Truman ruined his own chances of re-election within two months after Roosevelt's policies, Baldwin added, were the decisive factor.

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US HIGH COURT DEFIED BY SOUND TRUCK BAN

NEW YORK—(AP)—The New York city council voted new restrictions on the use of sound trucks on city streets that it was curbing free speech Sept. 21, over-riding charges and flouting a U. S. Supreme Court decision.

Republicans combined with the Democratic majority to pass the bill after a public hearing which saw the ALP, Communist party, Natl. Lawyers Guild, civil liberties groups and other civic organizations denounce the sound truck curb as an attempt to defy the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision in the Lockport case. The Lockport decision ruled that loudspeakers are indispensable instruments of free speech and held police curbs on their use unconstitutional.

ALP Congressman Leo Isaacson later issued an appeal to Mayor O'Dwyer (D) not to sign the bill. "The old parties," he said, "have nothing to say to the people. They are ashamed of their record. Little wonder that they are placing obstacles in the path of members of the ALP who would expose the failure of the old parties to meet the needs of the people."

1,000 Union Men Protest Indictment of Communist--See Attack on Labor

WASHINGTON—(FP)—A petition protesting federal prosecution of communist leaders as at heart an attack on labor was delivered to a White House aide Sept. 22 by a group of nine unionists. Leading the group was New York State Sen. Kenneth Sherbell, a member of Local 65, Retail Wholesale & Dept. Store Union (CIO).

Residential assistant Philip Nash received the delegation and petition, which bore more than 1,000 names. He said he would communicate the message to Pres. Truman and promised that the President would reply. The group stressed the fact that a recent federal grand jury indictment of 12 communist leaders was made because of an anti-communist drive by the Justice Dept., of which the head, Atty. Gen. Tom Clark, is directly responsible to the President.

The same day the Civil Rights Congress, sponsor of the petition and delegation, said it was launching a drive for a quarter million signatures to the protest petition. A CRA statement said:

Trade unionists of all political affiliations cannot forget how often they have themselves been described as "communists" for seeking to advance the legitimate ends of labor; how often they, like the communists, have been accused of resorting to violence when the real menace came from company-hired strikebreakers and trigger-happy cops."

NEGRO LEADERS ASK RELEASE OF COMMUNISTS

WASHINGTON—(FP)—A petition signed by more than 400 Negro leaders was delivered to the Justice Dept. Sept. 24 asking Atty. Gen. Tom Clark to end the government's attempt to prosecute 12 Communist party leaders for violation of the Smith act. The appeal was presented by a 3-man delegation under Campbell listened to the stone. Asst. Atty. Gen. Alexander and Paul Robeson, noted baritone and said he would discuss the matter with Clark.

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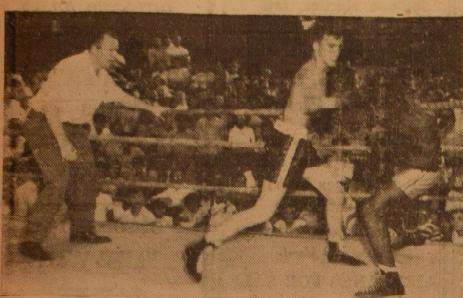
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If you were at 1010's Picnic a couple of weeks ago, you know what these pictures are about; maybe you're even in one of them. In case you didn't attend, these'll give you an idea of what you missed.

At the top—A few of the seven thousand picnickers picking up their beer chips.

At the bottom — Ray Zale charging in on Luther Richards to take a close decision in one of the day's three boxing bouts. The slightly bulgy gent with his mouth open is Red McGregor.

(Photo by Walter Huttle)

Left and Right Unite In General Strike Against Inflation

PARIS—(ALN)—United in opposition to the economic policies of the new government of Premier Henri Queuille, more than six million French workers went on a 2-hour general strike Sept. 24.

All business activity was paralyzed at 4 p.m. as factory workers, government employees, transport workers, department store personnel and even shopkeepers quit their jobs.

Left and right-wing unions set aside differences and unified in the strike. The General Confederation of Labor (CGT) and the anti-Communist Force Ouvrière (Workers Strength) and Con-

federation of Christian Workers took the joint action to spearhead their drive for immediate 33% wage boost bonus payments, a cost-of-living indemnity and government cuts in business profits to bring prices down.

Queuille's offer of a 15% wage increase was rejected by the unions as insufficient by a day before the general strike demonstration. The raise was part of a package program which called for a 100% boost in Paris subway fare, a 60% increase in railroad fares and higher coal, electricity and gas prices.

As the token general strike ended, thousands of workers continued striking in their local long-term strikes unless the industry employees warned of areas. Miners and electrical industry workers restored the purchasing power of their wages.



THIS SOLID WALL of armed Indiana state troopers, who were sent against striking members of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (CIO) picketing the Bucyrus-Erie plant in Evansville, paved the way for a parade of scabs and congressmen. The congressmen, members of the Hartley labor committee, moved in after the strike was broken to investigate the union.

(Federated Pictures)

Bid for Votes Only Seen in FEPC Order as Government Ups

Jimcrow

NEW YORK — (FP) — Nothing is being done to carry out Pres. Truman's July 28 order creating an FEPC for government employment, the United Public Workers (CIO) executive board charged here Sept. 23.

After hearing a report from a special UPW investigating committee, the board said: "The question that had been raised by many people that the FEPC order was nothing but a campaign to secure Negro votes seems to gain credence by the situation found out by our committee."

The union's survey revealed instances of discrimination are increasing. Numerous government agencies which were supposed to name FEPC officers to handle complaints have failed to do so. In the south many government agency administrators denied ever having heard of the order.

The union cited the Bureau of Engraving, part of the Treasury Dept., as one agency that continues to foster a Jimcrow policy, refusing to hire Negroes except for menial work.

To effectively carry out the FEPC order, the UPW recommended creation of an independent board with powers of investigation. Under the Truman ruling, the Civil Service Commission is responsible for enforcing the order. The UPW also demanded that the new board be clothed with power to impose penalties on violators.

Pointing out that a vacancy exists on the 3-man Civil Service Commission, the union executive board called on Truman to appoint a Negro to the post.

As the most widespread example of government discrimination, the board pointed to the Panama Canal Zone where 20,000 so-called "silver workers" are employed under a rigid Jimcrow setup. Truman's FEPC order specifically exempted these employees.

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Signed **Joseph Germano, C.I.O.**

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Attempt to Jail Murray Part of War on Liberties CIO Editor Warns

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The attempt last year to send CIO Pres. Philip Murray to jail for having violated the Taft-Hartley ban on political expenditures is part of a broad attack on our civil liberties, CIO Publicity Director Allan L. Swim wrote in the Oct. 4 CIO News.

Swim noted that in the political expenditures case Murray was fortunate, in that he headed a powerful organization. "But," asked Swim, "how about the others who are not so fortunate? How about the employees of the federal government who believe, with considerable justification, that they will be fired if they express liberal thoughts?

"How about the scientists who work on 'secret government projects'?

"The red hysteria which was generated in Washington and has now spread throughout the nation is enough to make lovers of democracy shudder in their boots. Persecution has been substituted for persecution. 'Subversive' cases of doubtful merit have been tried in the headlines instead of in the courts.

"Rumor and unsubstantiated charges have been substituted for evidence. The accused have been denied the right to face their accusers. Guilt by association has replaced guilt by action."

Saying that he fears we are heading toward a regime where the party in power will permit no backtalk, Swim wrote: "The arrest of Murray, the discharge of government employees on flimsy charges, the wire-tapping law enforcement agencies, the public questioning of witnesses regarding their political beliefs and the effort to keep liberalism out of schools are all part of the same dirty pattern."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE—(ALN)—An agreement between Czechoslovak and Bulgarian unions will permit outstanding Czech workers to spend vacations at top-notch Black Sea resorts. The workers, who will receive the 2-week vacation with pay—plus payment of all expenses including travel—will be delegated by Czech unions. They will stop at leading villas and hotels in the famed resort area.

AVISO SOBRE CAMBIOS

Si usted desea cambiarse de un departamento a otro, consulte a el representante de la unión en su departamento, o al asistente, o al griever steward, antes de pedir este cambio.

Durante las últimas dos semanas han sido reportados varios casos de hombres que dejan sus departamentos y son mandados a otros trabajos y departamentos que ellos no desean.

Los hermanos que tienen estas dificultades serán los que no tienen suficiente entendimiento del inglés para hacerse entender con los mayordomos.

Secretary Royal Passes Buck On Army Freeing of Blond Beast of Buchenwald

WASHINGTON—(FP)—There is nothing that can be done now about changing the reduction of sentence of Ilse Koch, Nazi death camp sadist, Army Sec. Kenneth Royall wrote to Sen. Raymond E. Baldwin (R. Conn.) in a letter made public Sept. 24.

Baldwin, along with numerous members of Congress and other persons, had asked Royall to explain why U. S. army authorities in Germany had virtually freed the Koch woman. Convicted to a life sentence for participating in Buchenwald atrocities, her sentence was cut to four years. Because she has been behind bars since 1945, she would be freed in 1949.

Royall's answer, a typical piece of armed forces buck-passing, simply reviewed the steps through which the case had gone. He explained that the reviewing officer "recommended that the Ilse Koch sentence be reduced to four years imprisonment on the ground that the extent of her participation (in mass torture and murder) did not warrant a longer sentence." He added that Gen. Lucius Clay, commanding general in Germany, had okayed the reduction.

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In an attempt to put down

further protest, Royall's letter said: "This decision is, of course, final. Neither under procedure for these trials nor under the accepted policies of American military and civil courts could the sentence now be increased by any authority."

There was no attempt to explain in what the court which convicted her and her accomplices had made mistakes. Royall's statement claimed "there was no convincing evidence" that Frau Koch had collected articles made of tattooed prison

ers' skin, a fact widely known at the time of her trial.

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But William Dowdell Denson, a Birmingham, Ala., lawyer who was the prosecutor in the Buchenwald trial, told Federated Press Sept. 24 the tattooed skin episode was just an illustration of the woman's sadism—that it had nothing to do with her guilt in the trial.

In a letter written to several daily papers, Denson said "to cut Ilse Koch's sentence to four years is to make mockery of the administration of justice."

He said he had presented the court with only 10 witnesses against her so as not to prolong the trial, but he could have brought numerous others, adding: "Confessedly, the best witness to Ilse Koch's misconduct were not present at the trial—they had long since departed this life and had gone up the chimney of the crematory in smoke."

WARNING ON TRANSFERS

If you're planning to ask for a transfer from one department to another, consult your Grievance Committee, his Assistant, or a Grievance Steward before putting in for it.

Several cases of men leaving their own departments, only to be sent by officials of the Personnel office to jobs and departments to which they do not want, have been reported in the past two weeks.

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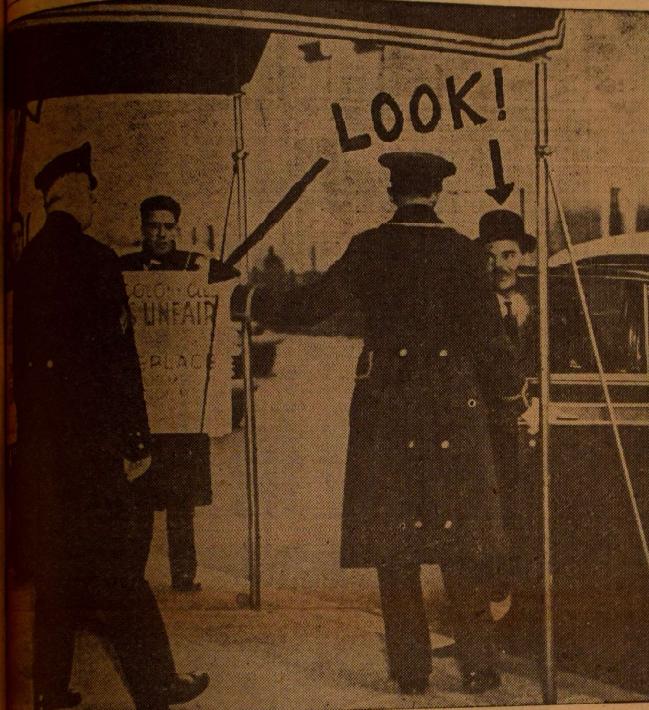
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Remember To Vote Nov. 2nd



WET LINE CRASHER. — Yup, it's Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican candidate himself, blithely ignoring a picket line of striking restaurant workers in New York City. After all he couldn't be kept from his lunch at the swank Colony Club.

1010 Presents Men of Regard Hero of Blast

The finest quality that exists in the character of working people is their loyalty to each other. Usually that faithfulness and other's well being calls for more than a refusal to work or for a couple of bucks extra for your last five spot 'til

the last April 30, the slag pot in No. 1 Open Hearth. Jimmy Smith's sense of loyalty was a more severe test. He

though he could have escaped with minor burns himself leaving the geyser of molten Brother Smith, instead had fallen under the dead hand of the men. Becker was badly burned that he died shortly after reaching the hospital.

The hope was held for Grammer's life, either, for the next two weeks. Although in St. Catherine's Hospital, Brother Smith did however,

on Saturday night, October 6, Secretary Tom Conner presented a watch, fitting the Union to Brother Smith and the membership stood to applaud him.

LOCAL UNION MEETS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY NIGHT

NC Pipe Shop Men Wins First Radio

Leonard Moore, new construction pipe shop, whose number won the first of the radios which 1010 is awarding as a door prize at each business meeting, says he can make good use of it.

The Moore's already have one radio in their home at 3408 Madison Ave., Lansing, Ill. But, Brother Moore relates, the son of the house usually cabbages that one for the programs he likes.

"But this one's mine," Brother Moore declared with satisfaction. "I'm going to take it up stairs and tune in anything I want to."

All members attending Local Union 1010's business meetings, first and third Thursdays of each month, participate without charge in the drawing for the radio.

Next business meeting will be on Nov. 4th.

Cards Stacked Against Labor

WASHINGTON—(FP) — The monthly NLRB reports, like the one issued Oct. 15, covering its activities in August, cannot conceal the fact that every hand in the labor relations field was stacked the bosses' way by the Taft-Hartley law.

For example, the NLRB received 373 charges of unfair labor practices during the month, but 97 of them (or 26%) were directed against unions. Before the Taft-Hartley law there was no such complete as anti-labor act by labor.

The NLRB found time to stage 16 decertification elections, a Taft-Hartley procedure which helps an employer get rid of his union. Eleven of these polls ended recognition of the union. How popular these votes are with employer is shown by the NLRB statement that it has petitions on file for 142 more decertification votes.

The board staged 489 collective bargaining elections during the month, when under the Wagner act in 1947 it averaged 575 elections monthly, with

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Union Labor Urged to Vote on November 2

Union leaders have warned that a small vote on Nov. 2nd is the hope of reactionary leaders in Congress. These reactionary leaders feel that if there is a small vote it will largely be directed toward those men who have supported anti-labor laws. Thus, the only hope for labor is that it turn out 100 per cent and vote for those men who have pledged to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act.

We must remember, union leaders have said from coast to coast, that all the weapons in the Taft-Hartley Act have not, as yet, been

used, and that management is only holding back until after the election hoping that no new faces will appear in Congress to upset the plans to destroy union labor.

In Indiana one of the major issues is the payment of the Soldiers Bonus. All Indiana voters are urged, by union labor and many civic organizations, to make good on the slogan that "nothing is too good for our boys."

The state legislator's suggestions as to the means of raising the fund to pay the soldier's bonus should be disregarded since it is felt that the cigarette tax imposed upon the voters should be adequate to meet the payment.

Get out and vote — Vote for the friends of labor.

ARBITRATION IN 1010 WINS 2 TO 1

By O. H. MCKINSEY

On September 14th and 16th the three following cases were presented for award to Mr. Harold M. Gilden, arbitrator.

Issue I—Case 16-B-38. This grievance requested retroactive pay for the Streine shear operators to July 10, 1946. The Union was represented by Joseph Jenesek, Harry Powell, O. H. McKinsey, John Sargent, Peter Calaceci and Harold Kraft. Through their evidence the operators of this unit won retroactive pay. The arbitrator's award reads as follows: "That the Streine Slitter day rate should be applied retroactively to July 10, 1946."

Issue II—Case 14-B-26. This grievance filed on May 16, 1947 reads as follows: "Agrieved (Victor Kaminski and Ezra Brady) ordered to stay home for the 4/12 turn Wednesday 4/30/47 while the 8/4 turn worked 16 hours. Union contends violation of Article 5 Section 6 (old agreement). Request lost time." In this case it was established by the Union that the company had five hours in which to notify Kaminski and Brady to report for work, but no attempt was made to notify either of these men. Instead, men on the preceding shift were ordered to double over. The Union contended that this was an indiscriminate schedule change in violation of the contract.

The arbitrator ruled in favor of the Union as follows: "That the Company forthwith shall renumerate Victor Kaminski and Ezra Brady for all loss of earnings on the 4/12 turn on April 30, 1947."

Issue III—Case 4-C-7. This grievance reads as follows: Immediately after the signing of the Agreement, without consultation together with the Union Representative of No. 1 Open Hearth, Management set up a revised seniority list of the floor sequence. Reshuffling

the entire seniority list and demoting men from the top of an occupation to the bottom.

"The Union feels that the setting up of this seniority list based on sequential seniority for promotions and demotions is a violation of the Agreement since it is clearly stipulated that demotions shall be made on departmental seniority.

"Union requests Management conform with the Agreement and set up a seniority list of sequential seniority for promotions and departmental on demotions."

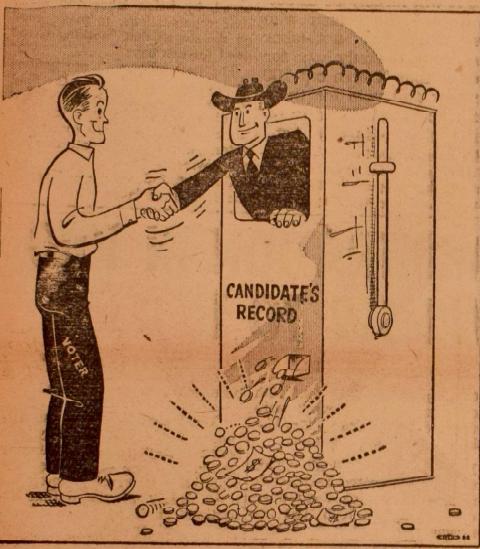
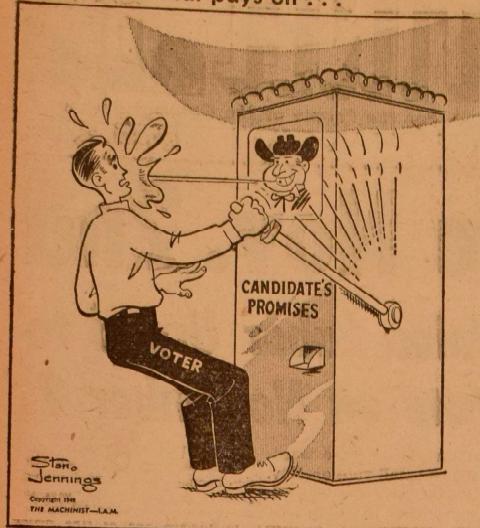
In this case it was charged by the Union that the company had intermingled sequential and departmental seniority according to best suit the interests of the company, and without sufficient consideration for the rights of the individuals who were being demoted. This is another one of those cases in which the Union, as always, argued in favor of human rights as opposed to those powers whose lust for profits is uncontrolled.

The arbitrator ruled, however, "That under the terms and provisions of the contract dated May 7, 1947, sequential seniority, and not departmental seniority, is the basis for determining demotions in multiple job sequences."

There are several other cases prepared for arbitration regarding schedule changes in alleged violation of the contract; requests for wage adjustments because of changed working conditions, and other cases which will be made known to you when the arbitrator's awards are given.

In conclusion let me emphasize the fact that the money which you pay in dues will be used by the officers of your Union in processing grievances and in collecting retroactive pay whenever possible.

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psychologically, one of the most interesting phases of the world series wasn't real- attached to it. 'Twas that of the Cle- swinging around of the Cle- stand Indians by Detroit, and for the play-off tuss- ling for the margin between the Fans and baseball writers on creating goats. How wavery the margin between the so-called goat and hero is worth pondering.

Had the Indians muffed the play-off against the Red Sox, who'd have been painted with horns and cloven hooves? None other than Rapid Robert Feller. They had put it up to him to out- went Newhouse, as he did a week earlier. Rapid Ro- naire failed. And even New- house's scintillating flipping wouldn't have saved Feller from the red hot coals of op- por-tu-nists fans and writers like were ready to unload on him.

Feller, it would have been argued, should have at least equalled or bettered Newhouse's mound magic. As it developed, the Indians won the pennant. And Rapid Robert's too. In the excitement of triumph, was it if had never happened,

How short is the fan's memory? A matter of minutes. Back only to the freshest blun- der or human error of a player that cost an important game. There is no real goat in baseball. The errors and failings of every member of the Yankees and Red Sox that lost a game—running back in April—were what?

Responsible for them not being one game in the lead at the end of the pennant race, it's true. But it takes imagination and a long memory to realize it.

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Long years ago a magnate urged: "Baseball is still in its infancy." It's still quoted as a shining gem of baseball wit, and it applies to baseball's of- ficialdom today.

Happy Chandler, baseball's Lord High Chancellor, is a down. Recently he dragged Dizzy Dean before him for questioning. Dizzy, an all-time great, now broadcasts games, and in an original, entertain- ing fashion. Someone, plotting to undermine him, unleashed the rumor Dizz was betting on Zeng stuff. Chandler had no moral, legal or any other kind of authority to question Dean. Dean is no longer in baseball, along with millions of other Americans — in office baseball pools and elsewhere — he has a right to bet on ball games if he chooses. Nothing wrong there.

Dean was a great and an honest ball player. The integrity of baseball rests solely on the honesty of the working players in monkey suits. So long as they don't bet on games, nothing else matters.

He's brought colorful, tower- skill to the game. Terrific enthusiasm, too. Wore himself prematurely overworking to games and pennants for Cardinals. Chandler is the remember the world series when Dean, winning pitcher, made a hit and stayed on as base-runner? How he was hit in the head running to second a throw ball. It bounced in the air off Dizzy's hand. Dean fell unconscious. Dean was up pitching the next inning!

Dean was a ball player's and a fan's hero. Then you think of Hall of Fame's High commissioner's seat in its infancy.

LABOR 'Round the World

(Based on dispatches from Al- lied Labor News correspondents throughout the world.)

BRITAIN

LONDON—(ALN)— Britain's first threat to overthrow the elected government by force and violence has come not from the rebels but from a right-wing Conservative spokesman of big business, Chairman J. Gibson Jarvis of the United Dominions Trust said here Oct. 4 that "the time will come, if the Socialists continue in power, when the country will rise against them." The fascist-minded Jarvis claimed he believed in constitutional methods but immediately added: "I also believe, and I make this statement quite deliberately, that there may come a time when the only possible course is to rebel if the country is to be saved."

FRANCE

PARIS—(ALN)—A new working-class political organization, the Socialist party, has been founded by a number of French left-wing Socialists who have either left or been expelled from the old Socialist party. The SUP executive includes former anti-Nazi underground leaders such as Elie Bloncourt, Jean Guignebert, and Jean Maurice Hermann. It calls for joint action with the Communists "to insure the defeat of re-emergent fascism and contribute to the establishment of a truly democratic government that would rely less on U. S. aid but open up intensive trade with eastern Europe."

GERMANY

BERLIN—(ALN)—Now that even notorious Nazi torturer Ilse Koch has had her jail sentence cut by U. S. Gen. Lucius B. Clay, German iron and steel magnates in the U. S.-British occupation zone are hopefully campaigning for the release of their colleagues who have been jailed for war crimes. A meeting of 2,000 such men, many of them prominent Nazis, asked freedom for Nazi steel trust chiefs Friedrich Flick, Herman Roehling and Gustav Krupp. Saying the sentences passed on these men were an "outrage," the chairman argued that "few German industrialists would escape punishment if tried for responsibility in mishandling foreign slave labor."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE—(ALN)—Workers in Czechoslovakia's nationalized industries, in whose management union committees participate, have been announcing their fulfillment of the Czech 2-year plan for increased production. Tesla radio plant workers telegraphed Prague that they had completed their schedule of 340,000 receivers. The famous Bata shoe works finished their plan Sept. 18 and the Gottwald steel plant on Sept. 20.

CANADA

VANCOUVER, British Colum- bia—(ALN)—The United Church of Canada, at its national conference here, went on record against shipping arms to foreign nations engaged in civil war. The church action is in line with recent refusals by Canadian seamen to carry weapons to China.

INDONESIA

JOGJAKARTA—(ALN)—The Indonesian republican government, now entirely dominated by right-wing Moslem landlords, has arrested many leaders of the Indonesia Labor Federation. Unions here have been supporting a revolt against what they regard as the suicidal government policy of capitulation to the Dutch. The revolt is led by Communists and by Socialist followers of ex-premier Sjarnifudin, who headed the government before the Moslem rightists took over.

LABOR SENTINEL**Cards Stacked**

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greater activity always showing up, in summer months. Unions won out in 71% of the votes, when under the Wagner act the average was 75%.

The NLRB also received 807 petitions for representation elections in August. Before the Taft-Hartley act, it used to receive over 1,000 at this season of the year. Also thanks to Taft-Hartley, 52 of the petitions were filed by employers, in most cases as a maneuver to stage the vote before the union is well organized. If the union loses such a premature election, it may not apply for another vote under the law within one year.

Four-fifths of the elections staged by the NLRB were the union shop polls, totally unnecessary under the Wagner act. As usual unions asking for them won overwhelmingly, 97% in August. Of five injunctions applied for by NLRB regional directors, all were directed against unions. And the NLRB issued 41 formal complaints during the month, a fourth of them against labor organizations.

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"THE GOOD COUNSELOR"**DISCRIMINATION**

The CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL Organizations and the United Steel Workers of America and its affiliates in their respective constitutions are against discrimination whether it be for race, political belief, or religion.

Local 1010 in its endeavor to carry it further in the field of sports: namely, Bowling has enlisted the aid of the Lake County Industrial Union Council. At the last regular meeting of the LCIUC an investigating committee to set up bowling leagues for All American Bowling Congress was initiated.

This action is to be highly commended since the ABC leagues have been found to be Jim Crow in the most vicious manner.

Org. Labor Takes Lead In Chest Drive
UNION WORKERS GIVE A DAY'S WORK TO COMMUNITY CHEST

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The annual community chest campaign here got to a flying start Oct. 9 as union workers under the leadership of the AFL Central Labor Union pitched in with a day's donated labor to renovate Barney Neighborhood House from roof to cellar.

The union job, for which local contractors contributed materials and equipment, brought out men of a dozen crafts from as many locals. They fixed up the settlement house an estimated \$3,000 worth as a demonstration of what one day's pay donated to the campaign can do.

Reuther Attacker

Detroit — (FP) — Six months after the April 20 shotgun attack on Pres. Walter P. Reuther of the United Auto Workers (CIO) in the kitchen of his home, Detroit police reopened the abandoned inquiry and Recorder's Judge Christopher E. Stein issued a warrant charging Carl E. Bolton with assault with intent to kill. It was issued Oct. 8.

Bolton, a former vice president of Ford Highland Park Local 400, is a gunman with a 20-year criminal record. When he had served almost half of a 20-year term for a holdup the Ford Motor Co., in accordance with Harry Bennett's policy of hiring ex-convicts, employed him as an inspector at the Highland Park plant in 1940. When the UAW 10-day strike unionized the Ford plants in April 1941 and won a union shop contract Bolton automatically became a union member.

The UAW convention proceedings show that Bolton was a delegate to international conven-

1010's Fight On Jimcrow Bowling Backed By District

Buster Logan and Paul Brauer representing Local No. 1010's Anti-Discrimination Committee contacted CIO subsidiaries in the Lake County on the question of their findings in the field of bowling activity.

Joe Jeneske, International representative USA, said: "I will do all in my power to bring the setting up of an ALL AMERICAN BOWLING LEAGUE in the Sub-District.

John Rusak, Gary Organizer USA, stated that he would back Brother Jeneske before the United Steel Workers of America. Next staff meeting in placing active support behind bowling and other sport activity.

Paul Brauer addressed the Lake County Industrial Union Council at its regular meeting Tuesday October 12th. The Council acted under new business and investigating committee composed of the following members:

Ronald Cochrell N. 1011 USA.
L. Pepin N. 1132 USA.
John Milasich N. 210 Oil Workers-CIO.

Canadians Battle For Living Wages

TORONTO—(ALN)—An income of \$3,795 a year or \$72.98 a week is now required to provide a Canadian family of four with an adequate standard of living, a new budget prepared by the Workers Education Assn. shows. Very few Canadian workers get enough wages to cover these high costs.

The WEA budget provides for no luxuries. While it is a little above bare subsistence, it does not allow for either a car, a telephone or a victrola. Picturing a family in which the father is employed, the mother takes care of the house and two children under 15 attend school, it shows that food alone costs \$1,102 a year. August prices, on which this estimate is based, went up still further during September.



tions, voting for Reuther for vice president in the 1944 convention and against Reuther for president in favor of then Pres. R. J. Thomas in 1946.

Police dope is that Bolton was to be paid \$15,000 by "two-union officials" to kill Reuther last spring. Reuther has reiterated that he knows of no one who would wish to kill him. When shot he mentioned suspicion of several groups.

Revival of the moribund inquiry—in which the \$117,000 rewards have so far gone begging—has renewed speculation on whether inspired by his recognized opposition or by disgruntled groups that had lined up with the victorious Reuther faction, hoping to win power or position that was then not forthcoming.

MEETING DATES OF LOCAL UNION NO. 1010 GROUPS
GROUP NO. 1

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2nd Tuesday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 2

No. 1 & No. 2 Open Hearths.
1st Friday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 3

40" Billet Mill, Rail, 28", Tie Plate, and Splice Bar.
1st & 3rd Sunday—10:00 P.M.

GROUP NO. 4

10", 14" Mills, Roll Shop.
2nd Sunday of Month—2:00 P.M.

GROUP NO. 5

44" H. S. Mill, 76" H. S. Mill,
44" & 76" Slab Yds, 46" Bloomer.
2nd & 4th Wed. of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 6

Cold Strip and Tin Mill
1st & 3rd Tues. of Month—8:00 P.M.

GROUP NO. 7

Transportation, Yards, Car Shop,
Engineers, and Hotellers.
4th Monday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 8

New Construction.
3rd Monday of Month—4:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 9

36", 19", 24", Mills, Stores, Machine,
Blacksmith, and Boiler Shops.
1st & 3rd Monday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 10

Galvanize, Plate Mill, Bolt & Spike, Sheet Mill.
1st Sunday of Month—1:00 P.M.

GROUP NO. 11

Power Department.
2nd Monday of Month—7:30 P.M.

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NLRB OK's Scabs' Vote In Fight For Union Recognition

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The union-busting formula written into the Taft-Hartley law was spelled out even more plainly for bosses who did not understand it before, by an NLRB decision announced Oct. 17.

The ruling came in the case of District 54, Infl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) and the Pipe Machinery Co. of Cleveland. Also in the picture was an outfit appropriately named the P.M. Co. Independent Union. IAM members had been on strike for a year at the firm, when a representation election was held in March 1948. The IAM challenged the ballots cast by workers scabbing on the strike, half the total, while the employer and the company union challenged the ballots cast by the workers. Under the Taft-Hartley law Sec. 9(c)(3) workers on strike who are not entitled to reinstatement are not eligible to vote. The heart of the matter, under the T-H law is not whether the IAM members have a right to vote, but whether they have been "permanently replaced."

The NLRB agreed with the company that the workers had been replaced because the company had assured the scabs they had jobs after the strike. Besides, the NLRB said the men on strike had not asked for their jobs back. The union argued that Sec. 13 of the law provides that nothing in the act should be construed "so as either to interfere with or impair the right to strike, or to affect the obligations or qualifications on either side." To prove this section was simply a phony piece of humbug, the NLRB said that the union should see Congress about it, it is the NLRB.

The decision, following the Times' case of six weeks earlier, makes it clear that the NLRB, like the T-H law, intends to smash a union at every step possible to smash a union on purely economic reasons. Once he can get scabs into plant through the picketline, the election is in his pocket.



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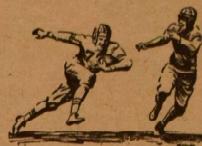
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THE Washington SCENE

LORAIN, O. — (FP) — In most of the towns you see, the honor rolls of World War II are written on billboards near the city hall. Here in this northern Ohio steel town the honor roll stands by a highway which runs along Lake Erie.

The billboard is in a little park. In the center of the park is a monument whose inscription after fifty years tells you to remember the Maine. Nothing tells you to remember the names on the board, but that should not yet be necessary.

Here are the names of dead soldiers taken from one panel of the board, in the order in which they were set down:

Blahay, Kachur, Jacoby, Nager, Huffmann, Paskvan, Cohen, Lavak, Kelly, Leonard, La Vrha, Kowalski.

A tidy soul might point out that the names are not in alphabetical order. That is appropriate enough. They did not die in alphabetical order.

Those are the names of men who make steel. They are also the names of men and women who live in steel towns and most of the other industrial towns which pour out the great wealth of America. Finally, they were the names of young men who fought in the war against fascism and were killed.

What stopped me as I looked at the board was the idea of where else these names might or might not appear.

You rarely, for example, see names like Blahay, Kachur or Cohen on boards of directors of big corporations. Neither do you find them among trustees of colleges or in the fancier country clubs. You seldom find them in the Congressional directory.

You might read a dozen stories in slick magazines without finding more than a handful of names like Paskvan or Kowalski. When you do find them they are generally attached to characters intended to be funny or villainous.

A beautiful American girl of Polish stock went to Hollywood and took the name of Landis. I cannot remember a Hollywood player who took a new name like Lavak or La Vrha.

But in towns like Aliquippa, Pa., or Steubenville, O., in Douglas, Ariz., or Detroit, you find names like these. You find them at the core of American industry.

The army in wartime thoroughly shuffled all the kinds of names and the men attached to them. And so in every roll-call at daybreak anywhere in the world soldiers answered to names like Smiljanich and Watkins, D'Allesandro and Mitchell, Levy and Curtis.

There is a great richness in all the names of Americans. It took all the different varieties to build the industries in which the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers takes pride. It also took all kinds to fight a war.

But some of the names are still voiceless in America. You cannot find them in the seats of power. You have to look for them on the roll of dead soldiers.

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SEN. CHAN. GURNEY, Republican of South Dakota, is chairman of the Senate armed services committee and one of the most powerful Americans on military matters. Gurney has just returned from a visit to Spain. On Oct. 5 he presented a plan for a U. S. military alliance with Generalissimo Francisco Franco to Defense Sec. James V. Forrestal, Army Sec. Kenneth C. Royall, Navy Sec. John L. Sullivan and Air Force Sec. W. Stuart Symington.

James A. Farley, now a Coca Cola Co. executive, is ex-chairman of the Democratic Natl. Committee and still a power in the party. Farley too has just come back from Spain, urging negotiations with Franco for "a common stand against Russia." The fascist Spanish dictator, Farley says, "could make some very pertinent and worthwhile observations to the leaders of the Allied forces and it might be well for them to have them." That makes it "bipartisan."

Finally, to cap matters, dispatches from Paris describe similar activities by Sec. of State George C. Marshall, in whose person bipartisan foreign policy is combined. Marshall, according to these dispatches, is trying to get the United Nations to rescind its outlawing of Franco as the last Nazi Axis satellite still ruling a European country. The UN General Assembly, on Dec. 12, 1946, had asked all member states to recall their ambassadors and ministers from Spain.

The spectacle of U. S. leaders not only making up to Franco but soliciting his advice for western "defense of democracy" is sickening. That it is made public now, with no apologies, is part of the same brazen reactionary drive that led Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. occupation chief in Germany, to extend clemency to Nazi financiers, militarists and torturers like Ilse Koch of Buchenwald. Clay, by the way, also visited Madrid last May—on his way home from the U. S.-British-French London conference which made western Germany a partner in the western alliance.

Although the U. S. public has heard little of it, Washington deals with Franco are old. The only new thing is that Americans are now deemed to be so punch-drunk from "red herring" headlines that frankness is thought safe.

The Taft-Hartley House of Representatives actually recommended including fascist Spain in the Marshall plan on March 30, when the proposal was quickly hushed by a House-Senate joint committee. The Republican United States News & World Report reported even further back, on Jan. 30, that

"if U. S. troops had to be rushed to Europe tomorrow they could land on Spanish airfields developed and equipped by Americans for American planes. Generalissimo Franco has signed an agreement to this effect." It is not the "Berlin crisis," or any other recent development, that led to flirting with fascists.

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What did? Some names may give us a clue. Myron C. Taylor has been chairman of the board of U. S. Steel Corp. and more recently U. S. envoy to the Vatican. Taylor, with War Dept. officials, saw Franco in April. At the same time a semi-official Spanish mission, composed mainly of bankers, came to the U. S. It was headed by Franco's foreign minister, Lequerica, who through his ties with Nazi cartels, was formerly Franco's contact man with Hitler. Lequerica, as ambassador to France in 1941, was go-between in the surrender of France to the Nazis.

Soon after Lequerica's Washington visit Westinghouse Electric announced it would modernize Franco's railways. Henry Ford II declared he would build factories in Spain. Facts began to fill out a statement made by Spanish economist Jose Barcelo back in 1945 that "there is complete harmony between the Spanish and American banks." U. S. Defense Sec. Forrestal, Air Sec. Symington, Marshall plan administrator W. Averell Harriman are all Wall Street bankers.

Franco still shoots republicans, liberals and unionists every day. Is this what he has to teach the Taft-Hartley men, who are so far only beginners at such games but want to play them all over the world?

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SAFETY

by GEORGE SOPKO

Safety is one of the most vital factors to be seriously considered by every employee in the steel industry.

Make it your business to know your Safety Committeeman in your group. Set aside all fear of criticism at your Safety Meetings and make the necessary recommendations to eliminate hazards. If your recommendations are not properly considered — report them to your safety committeeman.

The following is a communication covering this program from the chairman of the National Safety Committee.

To All USA District Directors, Staff Representatives and Local Union Recording Secretaries

Dear Sir and Brother:

The Union's National Safety Committee has had Form No. 263 (Safety Recommendations) and Form No. 264 (Local Union Safety Investigations Report) prepared for Local Union Safety Committees.

Form No. 264 should be used by your Safety Committee while making investigations of any accidents. Form No. 263 should be used to make recommendations to Man-

agement in regard to accidents, hazardous conditions, and unsafe practices.

The National Safety Committee recommends that you report all accidents incurred in the course of employment and which cause disability in excess of the working shift or turn in which the injury was received, be reported on Form No. 264 to your National Safety Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the accident occurs. Injuries resulting in a death of an employee shall be reported within one week from the time of the injury.

Fraternally yours,

Frank Burke, Chairman
National Safety Comm.

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Fay Smith, a former Griever from the Transportation Dept., will assist Paul Brauer, the Editor of the Labor Sentinel.

Hugh McGilvery was present and stated that he is satisfied with the decision of the members of Local Union 1011.

No Criticism



Around Donna Quigley there's absolutely nothing wrong with this glamorous bathing ensemble — satin black rayon latex shorts, side-zipped, and polka dot rayon jersey bra with middle drawstring.

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JAMES COMBS,
President, Local 1011

JOHN MULCAHY,
Recording Sec'y, Local 1011

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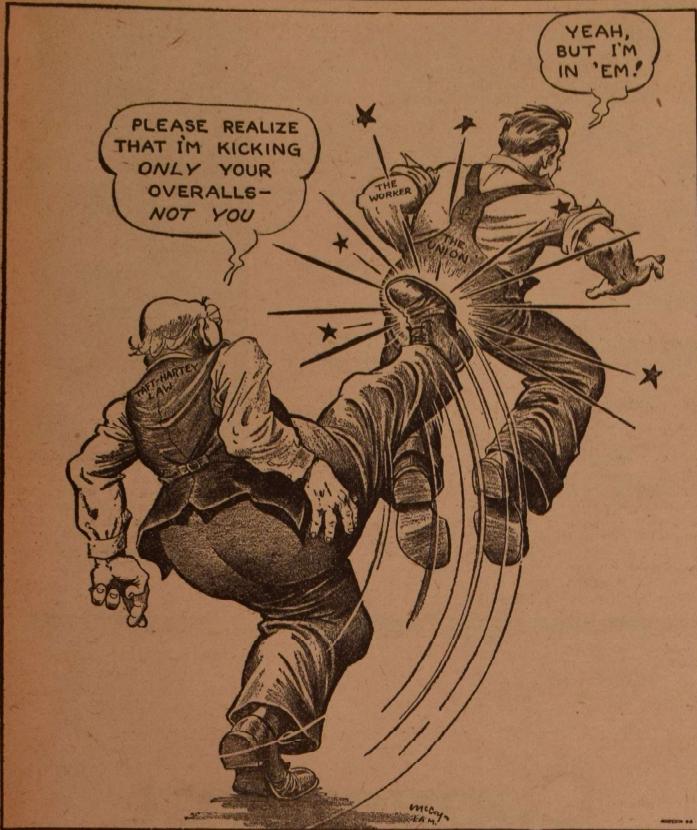
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\$115 Kicked Back To Local Tenant

Mr. William S. Kaplan, Chief of the Regional Litigation Section of the Office of the Housing Expediter at Chicago, announced today that he has filed an action in the United States District Court at Hammond against Mr. Louis Imre, 3419-23 Watling Street, East Chicago, Indiana, asking Imre to refund the sum of \$115.00 to his tenant, Charlie Thomas on account of overcharges for rent. The Housing Expediter's Office is also asking for a permanent injunction prohibiting Imre from further violations of the Housing and Rent Act and the rent regulation.

Election of Griever No. 1 Open Hearth

Local Union 1010's membership approved the action of the International Executive Board USA removal of Nick Migas from his job as grievance committeeman for the No. 1 O.H.

The meeting of October 21 also called for an election to fill the post of Griever in the No. 1 O.H. The Decision to elect the griever rather than the Assistant-Griever moving up and electing an Assistant-Griever was clarified by ruling of the International Union.

Nick Migas (on a leave of absence from Inland) was not present at this meeting. He plans to retire to his newly purchased farm in Wisconsin.

Anti-Noise Ordinance Held Unconstitutional

Gary's anti-noise ordinance violates the constitutional guarantee of free speech, Federal Judge Luther M. Swygert of Hammond has ruled.

In holding the ordinance unconstitutional, Judge Swygert, sitting in South Bend, has banned Gary from interfering with the use of sound trucks for political campaigning.

Issues Temporary Injunction

Judge Swygert in Hammond, a week ago issued a temporary injunction against the city. He set no date for hearing on a permanent injunction. The injunction had been asked by Walter Frisbie, Progressive party candidate for governor.

He and Jacob Blake of Gary, Progressive party nominees for state representative were arrested in Gary Oct. 13 on charges of violating the ordinance by using a sound truck at the gate of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Plant. A week earlier, Larry Meskinen of East Chicago, Lake county chairman of the Third party, was booked on a similar charge.

City court trials of the three are pending.

Judge Swygert ordered the Progressive party to post a \$500 bond to indemnify Gary for any harm which might result from non-enforcement of the ordinance.

Sees "Damage, Violence"

Samuel S. Dublin, Gary city attorney, told the court that "damage and violence" might result from voiding of the ordinance.

The U. S. Supreme court last summer handed down a decision giving a religious group in New York the right to use loud speakers. Judge Swygert's ruling, in effect, extended the principle of free speech, no matter how loud, to political groups.

Oliver Switzer of South Bend, attorney for the Wallace party plaintiffs, had argued that the Gary ordinance was invalidated by the high tribunal ruling. New York's code, he said, attempted to regulate use of sound equipment by political campaigners while Gary's law banned use of sound equipment for any purpose.

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Back Pay in December: Jeneske

Sykes not to
Retire at 65

Retirement depends
on who you are

Mr. W. Sykes, president of Inland Steel, will be 65 years old on Dec. 9 of this year according to WHO'S WHO, but he will not be retired on Jan. 1, 1949 even though the Board of Directors a few years ago set up a compulsory plan regarding the retirement of all plant employees at the age of 65 including company officers. The Board of Directors has now reversed its own ruling in favor of Mr. Sykes and has extended his retirement date to April 27, 1949 or to an even later date if the Board so determines. Thus Mr. Sykes is granted an indefinite period of time to work beyond the normal retirement date, while the average worker is kicked out of the plant at 65 years of age regardless of his financial condition. The facts of this case were explained to an eleven-year-old boy who exclaimed: "Why, that's cheating!"

In WHO'S WHO Mr. Sykes is listed as being president of Indiana Homes Co. and of several other corporations.

To THE PEOPLE OF EAST CHICAGO AND LAKE COUNTY:

As Mayor of the City of East Chicago, I wish to extend sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the loyalty shown me and the Democratic Party.

I want you to know that I did not forget the splendid work and cooperation which you gave

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the entire city organization, the precinct commissioners and women, all the political clubs, newspapers for their wonderful work and cooperation, and I send my best wishes of happiness and prosperity to all.

Frank J. Migas,
Mayor
East Chicago, Indiana

CHECK ON CO. DOCTOR PAYS OFF

Brother Jose Silvas didn't figure that the \$803 which Inland paid in exchange for a fine and a half, which he consumed a couple of months ago in Inland's No. 2 open hearth's furnace, was a fair exchange. Neither did Carl Stanhope's Compensation Commissioner, who during his coverage of the hospital, talked the deal over with Brother Silvas.

They liked even less the idea of subtracting the amount of Brother Silvas' compensation pay, a trifile under the final settlement. So they consulted a doctor who looked on Inland's pay roll and the details of Indiana's compensation laws. The outside doctor appraised



General Satisfaction at TRUMAN'S Victory

Although Pres. Truman's victory was received with a surprise there was general satisfaction expressed by the officers and members of Local Union 1010. "I am now convinced," said Harry Powell, union president, "that the poll takers tested hot air instead of the real opinion of the people."

The following are a few of the many comments expressed by union officers and members:

Joe Jeneske: With the help of the PAC organizations in East Chicago and elsewhere a tremendous majority was piled up for PAC candidates which gave labor a victory in the state and nation.

Tom Conway: I'm more than satisfied because the T-H Act is now to be repealed according to the Democratic platform.

Don Lutes: It's one of the greatest things that ever happened in America. It proves that the Communists supported candidates who will never control American workers. Truman was elected because of the bad record of the 80th Congress and

because of Dewey's support of the T-H Act.

Bill Young: The working people have now clearly demanded positive action against all the reactionary legislation of the 80th congress. We believe that Pres. Truman understands that the main reason for his re-election was a protest vote against the actions of this congress.

Mike Mamula: I'm glad to see those Taft-Hartley Republicans kicked out.

George Sopko: Organized labor and others did a good job this time. We were asleep two years ago.

Floyd Roeckuck: No comment. O. H. McKinsey: The defeated ones have paid the penalty for their conduct against the common people.

Claude Ware: I'm tickled that Truman won. It looks as though the voters are becoming more educated.

John Connally: It was labor's support that put Truman in office. Now let's work for peace. Labor will continue to support the Democratic party as long as it is fair to labor.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

By GEORGE SOPKO

At a regular local union meeting about a month ago the following point was raised and discussed. The city employees of East Chicago were requesting a \$30.00 per month increase in earnings to meet the cost of living.

At this meeting a motion was passed unanimously supporting the city employees in this request.

The chamber of Commerce, however, opposed this raise in earnings as part of their program to reduce the 1949 budget. The entire 1949 budget for East Chicago, including the \$30.00 per month increase was approved by the Common Council.

The issue of reducing this budget was brought for a hearing before the State Tax Review Board in Crown Point.

I was designated by our top local union officers to attend this hearing.

Joseph Jeneske, our International Representative also attended.

Although held in quite congested quarters the hearing was very democratic.

After a few hours of waiting, our case finally came up and Mr. Applegate, representing the Chamber of Commerce, stated to the Board his reasons why the budget should be reduced.

He was followed by Lloyd Cohen, East Chicago city attorney, who did a splendid job in upholding the adopted budget.

(Continued on Page 8)

Don't forget
to say a prayer for our dead soldiers
at 11 A.M. on November 11th

Unsettled Cases to be Arbitrated

Joe Jeneske, international representative, has reported to the LABOR SENTINEL that back pay checks will be distributed during the first few days in December. "Even though all classifications have not been approved," Jeneske said, "back pay will be paid to all employees. Those jobs which have not been approved will be taken to arbitration for final settlement."

Thus the climax of the inequity program has been reached after several years of violent arguments and disappointing negotiations. The settlement of those cases still in dispute is extremely important to the men and women involved, but the conclusion to these cases will come as an anti-climax to the back pay which will be in your hands before Christmas. No definite date can as yet be set as to when the arbitrator will hear the disputed cases.

Elsewhere in this issue there is a report on the inequity program by George Sopko, secretary of the committee.

Hey Kids LOOK!



Local 1010's Christmas Party

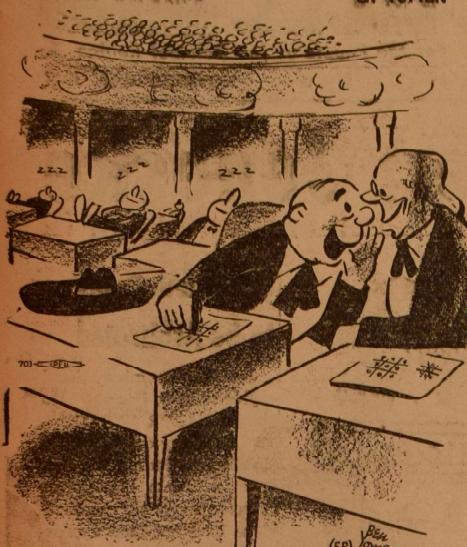
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Inequity Program

By GEORGE SOPKO

At this time the prospects for back-pay before Christmas are good.

Joseph Jeneske and O. H. McKinsey have been meeting with the Company on disputed classifications, and progress is being made.

Upward adjustments have been made on many jobs where we considered the rates too low. Some disputed classifications that were only slightly low by comparison have been approved in an effort to narrow down the percentage of jobs in dispute and bring to a conclusion this big headache called the Inequity Program.

The Classifications that your union cannot agree on with the Company will go to arbitration for final determination.

I wish to emphasize that the grievance committee man carries a considerable amount of responsibility in this program.

For instance — some jobs of a questionable nature in his department may be classified too low. If he approves those classifications, your local union Inequity Committee may also approve them on the strength of the griever's O.K.

I have been designated, as the secretary of the Committee, to stamp approved and sign all classifications.

Considerable criticism is thrown at me for questioning the correctness of some classifications given me to be stamped and signed.

That I don't mind.

I'll probably be criticized in the future for stamping and signing some, too.

MILL-MECH. & ELECT. MAINTENANCE

Some negotiating with the Company on this category of jobs has taken place in a general overall manner. Some upward adjustments have been made. Those jobs carrying the 5% cost bonus will have this bonus incorporated as a part of their base rate.

The general picture on this group looks good, although there definitely will be spots in dispute.

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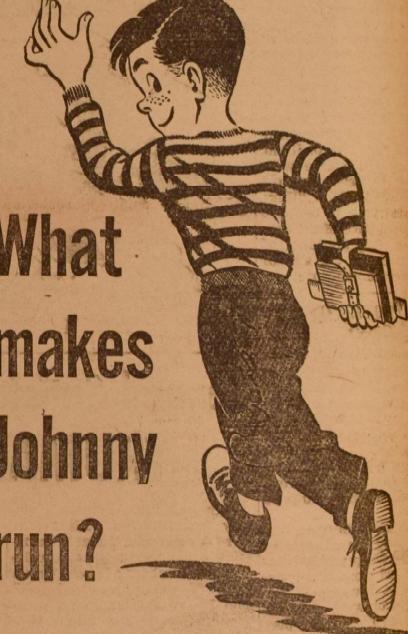
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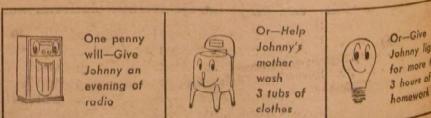
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By THE ECONOMIST—Federated Press

Fourth Round Coming Up

Workers need and are preparing to fight for a fourth round of postwar wage increases. They have won three rounds of increases but have been losing out in the race with inflation. Their real wages—what they buy with the take-home pay in their envelopes—have fallen more sharply in the past three years than at any similar period in American history.

The real personal incomes of all consumers have fallen more than 10% since the end of the war. Workers have suffered an even greater loss. The real wages of workers have been cut by more than 15% since the war ended.

The major need of workers in the coming fourth postwar round of union negotiations is a substantial wage increase. That increase would not restore the purchasing power they have lost to inflation since V-J Day. It would simply create a better balance between wages and prices and shore up the crumbling purchasing power of the workers.

The workers even after a substantial wage boost would not be able to maintain healthful and decent standards of living. In September 1948 a minimum budget for a family of four—man, wife and two children—cost \$785 a week, based on the authoritative findings of the Heller Committee for Research in Social Economics. By contrast, the average worker in manufacturing industry was making less than \$54 a week.

An increase of 30¢ an hour, or \$12 a week, would still leave the average worker about \$13 behind what he needs to maintain a minimum standard of living. Since an increase of that magnitude is not likely to be won, workers after a fourth round of wage increases would still be unable to maintain a decent and healthful standard of living for their families.

Industry is more than able to pay a substantial wage increase. Corporate profits before taxes this year will amount to over \$33 billion. After taxes, the profit take will be over \$20 billion, more than double what it was in 1945. The position of workers and industry in the postwar economy is best illustrated by the following comparison.

Real wages have fallen more than 15% in the past three years; profits after payment of taxes have risen more than 20%. Business and industry could afford to pay a general increase of 30¢ an hour, or \$12 a week, and still make profits more than 70% higher than pre-war, after payment of taxes.

Another important need of workers is protection against the hazards of illness and accident and old age. The 80th Congress completely ignored the welfare needs of the people and the next one is hardly likely to discuss social security legislation seriously.

Welfare Demands Urgent

Consequently, more and more unions are beginning to realize that health, welfare and pension plans have an important place in collective bargaining negotiations. What the workers cannot get from a reactionary Congress, they are fighting for through their unions. They are attempting to win elementary protection against illness, accident and old age by forcing their employers to agree to pay benefits for disability suffered during illness or from accidents. Old-age pensions provided by the hopelessly inadequate social security system.

The major obstacle the workers will encounter during the fourth round is the Taft-Hartley law and the even more stringent antilabor legislation drawn up for passage by the incoming Congress. In every case the workers will not only be fighting against their

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LOCAL STUDENTS ELECTED LEADERS AT INDIANA U.

Bloomington, Ind.—Four Indiana University students from East Chicago have been singled out for leadership with appointment to various honorary organizations and election to positions in the University's extensive student government system.

John Kulka, 4111 Fir St., and Nick Kosmitis, 3430 Michigan both sophomores, have been elected social chairman of their respective residence halls.

Andrew Spencer, 1033 138th Place, a sophomore, has been elected to membership in Mu Delta, honorary fraternity for students in premedical training at I. U.

Mason Plank, 216 Carroll Drive, has been elected a member of the Board of the Collegiate Chamber of Commerce, an organization in the School of Business.

Now that the NLRB has outlawed the kind of picketing that gets results, there will undoubtedly be a clamor from the cops of Dayton, O., to have all union members more than 5 feet 1 inch tall barred from picketing.

In that way the cops will be able to swing their clubs downward, thus saving their energy and the taxpayers' money.

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Who said America can't learn from foreign countries?

Long before we developed sufficient wisdom to outlaw mass picketing, labor leaders had been shot to death for committing that horrid crime in such enlightened lands as Greece, China, Japan, Germany, Turkey and Korea.

STRIKES INCREASE

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Although Thomas E. Dewey does not see much point in removing federal taxes imposed by the dairy lobby to discourage sale of margarine, the National Assn. of Margarine Manufacturers reports that Sen. Robert E. Taft (R.O.) has promised quick Senate floor action on margarine legislation.

The association quoted a statement by Dewey in the September issue of Successful Farming magazine, namely: "I don't believe the consumer will benefit as much as we're told, so I don't think there is so much point in removing the tax."

Taft, however, in a letter to the Ohio Retail Grocers Assn. said: "As far as I am concerned, the oleomargarine bill will be assigned for action promptly at the next session when again reported by the committee." His statement recalled the fact that the Senate in 1948 found time for draft legislation, for the Reed-Bulwinkle bill to let the railroads operate without worrying about the antitrust laws and other domestic matters.

Taft said pressure of business made it impossible to pass the bill.

Area Building Costs Above Average

A recent survey by the United Industrial Associates, Inc. of Washington, D. C. reveals that the cost of new homes in the Chicago and Calumet Area is \$2,000 above the national average.

In other areas a below average price prevails. A home costing \$12,819 in Chicago, costs only \$6,592 in Kansas City, Mo., and \$7,960 in Philadelphia.

However, if you're going to build a home in Los Angeles, Boston, or New York you will pay an even higher price than in the Chicago area.

Employees Behind 8 Ball Under T-H Act

An NLRB trial examiner has just found both a union and an employer guilty of violating the Taft-Hartley law because the union asked for, and the employer ordered, the layoff of a union member who refused to pay his dues at the union office.

Involving in this first test of the teeth in the union shop provisions of the new law was H. M. Newman, a truck operator with three employees in Mt.

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When I started to work here I got \$7.00 a week and if it wasn't for the union you would have the same opportunity too!

Rule by Fear

Remember B.T.U. (Before the Union) when workers in Inland Steel did exactly as they were ordered without daring to question the commands of the bosses. If a worker, at that time, became bold enough to criticize these commands he was oftentimes marked for future discipline or discharge.

But all that has largely changed even though there are still bosses in Inland and elsewhere who confuse democracy with management's rights, and whose stock solution for every real or supposed offense is: "Give 'em time off."

Now comes the word from no less an authority than the PERSONNEL JOURNAL, a technical and scientific publication for management, that giving discipline is largely a supervisor's admission of failure — that a supervisor who uses indiscriminate discipline stamps himself as one who does not know how to get along with the workers.

It might also be added that such a supervisor is one who tries to rule by fear.

Taft-Hartley Must Go

Although a recent opinion poll indicates that workmen are in favor of the Taft-Hartley Act let's not be misled by these findings, because the men who were quizzed in this poll were asked very simple and leading questions about a very complicated law.

Actually the full effect of the law has not been felt. But it will be felt as soon as management believes it can safely use more of the union-busting provisions contained in Taft-Hartley.

Much of the law is designed to protect scabs at the expense of honorable and upright men and women who are trying to make our country a better place in which to live and work.

Oh, sure, TH permits picketing — but the rights of pickets have been so weakened that there may as well be no pickets at all around a struck plant. Pickets are permitted only to hiss and boo the scabs as they slink by the picket line.

Taft-Hartley misconstrues the principle that the "right to work" is sacred. As used under the law this is a real phoney. For example in a democracy the vote of the majority decides an issue; so if a majority of the workers vote to strike, how in heaven's name and under what moral right, can any law be written which upholds and protects that minority which wants to scab? And provides police protection for this scabbing minority? Such a law — and the TH Act is it — is a true violator of the principle of democratic rule.

Let's work for the repeal of Taft-Hartley before the big and powerful weapons of this un-American law can be used with destructive force.

NOTICE!

Have you got a beef? Have you been gyped lately? If you have write it in a letter and send it to the Editor, LABOR SENTINEL, 3436 Michigan Ave., East Chicago, Ind. Sign it — but your name will not be used if you so request.

Social Security Is Not Charity

Social security benefits are earned insurance, not a charity, Charles S. Davis, manager of the Hammond, Indiana office of old-age and survivors insurance, said today. Davis emphasized that old-age and survivors insurance is not a dole, but an annuity based upon the wage earner's contribution, his own by right of purchase, something to be proud of. He is disturbed by the fact that some people apparently feel they must apologize when they file claim for these benefits. There have been actual cases of wage earner's 65 years of age and older who have lost benefits by not filing a claim when their only reason was simply that they had too much pride to admit they were 65 years old and out of a job.

Davis urges that every wage earner who has worked in employment covered by Social Security Act should, when he attains age 65, get in touch with the social-security field office located at Room 417, Post Office Building, Hammond, Indiana.

Did you hear what the boss said to the bold company unionist?

He said: "When you talk to me, keep a civil tongue on my boots."

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LABOR 'Round the World

GREECE

ATHENS — (ALN) — Only worldwide protests can save the lives of 36 union leaders now on trial before a royalist court, spokesmen for the accused said here, pointing out that the presiding judge has already sentenced many workers to death. American and British lawyers hired to defend the men have been denied visas by Greek consular officials. The labor leaders are charged with plotting to overthrow the government. The arrests and indictments, union officials charge, are designed to smash what remains of the Greek labor movement.

FINLAND

HELSINKI — (ALN) — Workers at the strikebound Arabia Pottery Works defied orders of the Finnish Federation of Labor to end a month-long walkout. Charging a sellout by FFL leaders, rank-and-file potters continued their strike for higher wages. The FFL has called the strike illegal and declared that strikers returning to their jobs would not be considered scabs. Less than one-third of the workers joined the back-to-work movement.

GERMANY

BERLIN — (ALN) — The Amalgamation of Free German Unions of Greater Berlin has protested a U. S. order barring unemployed workers in the American zone from accepting jobs in the Soviet sector. Pointing out that 25,000-metal workers, engineers, technicians and other highly skilled men and women are out of work in the U. S. area, the AFGU said they could easily find jobs in the Soviet section. Western military authorities have doomed these workers to unemployment the AFGU charged, and are using them to clear the rubble. Continuation of such policy, the AFGU will hamper restoration of the city's economy, make it possible to raise production and eventually lead to total industrial disintegration.

SCOTLAND

GLASGOW — (ALN) — A resolution condemning the British government's rearmament proposals and demanding immediate barring of atomic weapons and other arms of mass destruction has been passed by the Glasgow Trade Union Council, representing all organized labor in the area.

Hartley Moves Fast To Smear Union

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Not even the House labor committee staff here could keep up with Rep. Fred Hartley (R.N.J.) Oct. 22 in his haste to help the West Coast waterfront employers out of their strike situation.

On that day the radio and news wires services suddenly announced that a 2-man subcommittee consisting of Reps. Charles Kersten (R. Wis.) and O. C. Fisher (D. Tex.) had subpoenaed 17 leaders of striking unions for a grilling. Each was to be asked the jackpot question of the House labor and un-American committees: — are you a communist?

But the hearing was unlike most House labor committee probes, the committee specialty since passing the Taft-Hartley law in 1947. Usually there is advance announcement, with the anti-labor newspapers whipping up propaganda along red-baiting and smear lines before hearings open. Then anti-union witnesses are given the first opportunity to testify their stories into the headlines, with the unionists given a short chance to "answer" later.

The San Francisco hearing

AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE — (ALN) — satisfied with a recently raised inadequate cost-of-living increase, the Australian Council of Trade Unions demands immediate boost of one pound (\$3.23) a week. In addition, ACTU seeks a cost-of-living bonus. The federal arbitration court has been asked to swift action on the demands.

INDIA

BOMBAY — (ALN) — strike of Bombay longshoremen flared anew here after a work order of union organizers rejected a new contract offered by the Bombay Dockworkers' Union ordered the men to return to their jobs after the government had termed the strike illegal. With the current monthly wage insufficient to provide an adequate standard of living, the workers are demanding immediate boosts. They are also demanding abolition of the satra system, which allows companies to hire and fire longshoremen at will.

CUBA

HAVANA — (ALN) — Since of the Taft-Hartley law was stepped up attacks on organized labor. While transient workers are demanding boosts, a bill was introduced bar all strikes in public service industries. The measure its sponsor, Dr. Guillermo Diaz, is designed to ease conflicts between capital and labor.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE — (ALN) — Farmers here will soon be able to shop in free markets for the first time since 1939. The government has announced that farmers are to be allowed to sell milk, butter, eggs and poultry on the free market after their state delivery quota has been fulfilled. This is the concrete measure to ease rationing of food.

SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM — (ALN) — Organized labor in Sweden plans to set up a workers university. Delegates of unions, federations and workers' educational organizations at a meeting in Gothenburg moved to mobilize public opinion behind the campaign to found a university with a labor orientation.

however, had no advanced notice. The two congressmen chosen for the job had just returned from another investigation in Alaska, for which the hearing Washington Oct. 9. Moreover, Kersten has reason to remain home being involved in a campaign election fight in Milwaukee's fifth district against labor-backed Andrew Blenner.

Hartley himself had just turned East from a visit to San Francisco when the announcement of the new hearing was made. Reporters here were unable to understand that the investigation season was until the election, and strike-smear San Francisco be was opened.

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THE Washington SCENE

By RICHARD SASULY
Federated Press

Taft-Hartley Bears Fruit
The Taft-Hartley act came of Oct. 25 when the NLRB announced its decision against mass picketing.

Until now employers and the word have shown remarkable restraint. They must have been hungry to taste the full fruits of the act. Yet it has been noticeable that they put the nonunion provisions of Taft-Hartley into effect only a little at a time.

The strategy seems clearly to have been to exercise restraint with Taft-Hartley. Employer organizations must have realized that by pressing for full and immediate application of the law they would produce such an uproar in labor ranks as to bring out the full labor vote Nov. 2.

The board decision against mass picketing was in line with a vicious law. But experts in labor law are agreed that the board squeezed full measure of harshness out of the language of Taft-Hartley.

The board's decision reversed a finding by its own trial examiner who had ruled in favor of the union. The examiner had gone to the trouble of finding that for seven years there had been stable bargaining relations between the employer, Sunset Line & Twine Co. of Petaluma, Calif., and Local 6, Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen Union (CIO).

The employer evidently knew what to expect from the Taft-Hartley law. Immediately after passage of the law, he broke off relations with the union. He turned over his collective bargaining problems to the California Employers Assn.

The union was forced into a one month strike. The trial examiner ruled that the strike had been caused by the employer's action.

The board itself, however, seized the opportunity to hand down a sweeping decree against picketing. In the words of CIO general council Arthur J. Goldberg:

"This case reflects a partisan interpretation of a partisan act." The board went beyond the letter of the law in finding that there was coercion when a union member followed a scab in a car. The board invented some new ideas when it found that an international union is responsible for a local's actions if an international official happens to be present on a picket.

Concerning the number of pickets allowable, the ruling was vague. It is clear that the sacred rights of scabs, protected from "union restraint or coercion" by Taft-Hartley, can be an excuse for any degree of union busting.

Spoiled by the decision is the basic contradiction in the Taft-Hartley act. The right to organize and the right to scab in the same stool. The present is ruling in favor of the right to scab.

In undermining the right to picket, the NLRB struck a crippling blow at unions. At the same time, the board put itself against all civil liberties.

Picketing was established as a civil right in several Supreme Court decisions. Most notable was the Thornhill and Carlson case in 1936. In the latter case the high court threw out a county antipicketing ordinance which attempted to do what

SCABS PROTECTED BY NLRB

SAN FRANCISCO—(FP)—The Int'l. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (CIO) will fight the NLRB's decision outlawing mass picketing and will probably appeal to the courts against the drastic ruling.

The NLRB decision, one of the toughest handed down under the Taft-Hartley law, involved a strike by ILWU Local 6 against the Sunset Line & Twine Co. of Petaluma, Calif. The strike began Aug. 25, 1947, three days after the Taft-Hartley bill became law. The plant has been operating with non-union workers since the ILWU withdrew its pickets last Aug.

Company owner J. S. Woodson, who is also mayor of Petaluma, used the town police to force scabs past the picketlines, manned mostly by women. The NLRB ruled that mass picketing was "illegal coercion" even if it did not succeed in preventing scabs from entering a strike-holding plant. Mere intent was sufficient to establish a violation of the law, the board ruled.

Meanwhile another mass picketing was making news here. A thousand striking longshoremen picketed the federal building here during a House labor subcommittee's probe of alleged subversive activities among the maritime workers. The demonstration riled subcommittee chairman Charles J. Kersten (R., Wis.), who told reporters: "I was plenty steamed up by that thousand-man picketline. I never saw anything like that demonstration in 30 hearings conducted elsewhere." (ILWU Fries, Harry) Bridges may be running the waterfront and San Francisco but he is not running us in Congress."

The union retorted that Kersten's hearing was just "another attempt by the Hartley committee to smear the trade union movement."

Taft-Hartley thus far has succeeded in doing.

The board decision also went against a much earlier Supreme Court decision, the Coronado coal case. Here the court held that an international is not responsible for actions of a local.

The NLRB's Sunset Line & Twine is a final proof of the board's bias. The only cure for the Taft-Hartley virus is outright repeal of the act.

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MARSHALL ASKS AID OF UNIONS

"You don't get production without well-organized trade unions,"

That quotation doesn't come from a union official or from a politician looking for votes. It was made by Secretary of State George C. Marshall, addressing a group of 40 European union leaders in Paris.

Most of the unionists were members of the labor conference formed last March to support and promote the European Recovery Program. In a 45-minute off-the-cuff address, Secretary Marshall emphasized the major role which unions must play if ERP is to be successful.

"What we are fighting for is not just peace, but a type of peace in which an individual or a trade union is free to meet as it pleases and to say what it pleases," Marshall declared. "This is about as can get."

The Secretary reminded the labor group that unions, perhaps more than any other group, are dependent on the freedoms of assembly, speech and opportunity. "Your very life depends on these freedoms" he said.

Marshall said that Europe was in a state of general disintegration early in 1947 as a result of the breakdown of the Moscow conferences, and that this threatened the stability of the entire world.

The proposal for the recovery program, made in June 1947, brought dramatic action from the European nations, Marshall said, and that "great, historic progress" has resulted.

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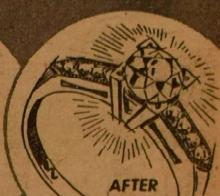
MARTINEZ, Calif.—(FP)—When the Shell Oil Co. tried to run a Southern Pacific 50-car trainload of oil into its Martinez plant, the Oil Workers Int'l. Union (CIO) pickets persuaded the train crew to refuse to enter the plant area. There was no violence. The union protested to the Contra Costa county district attorney against blocking off public streets for the train, and the blockade was removed.

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Parnell Thomas Refuses to Testify

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The worm turned — and squirmed today.

Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R. N.J.), who spent most of his time as chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee trying to force witnesses to testify, today absolutely refused to give a Federal Grand Jury information about the Government payrolls he is charged with padding.

Appearing before a Federal Grand Jury this morning at his own request, Thomas stayed for five minutes. In that time he refused to answer Grand Jury questions on the grounds that his answers would tend to incriminate him.

When witnesses before his Un-American committee told him that Thomas usually ruled that the answer was a clear indication of guilt.

Thomas is charged with retaining a number of clerks on his payroll and receiving their pay in the form of "kickbacks."

The reelected New Jersey Republican wailed that the investigation was all part of a "smear" by Attorney General T. Clark.

Alex Campbell, assistant U.S. attorney general, announced that the government had finished presenting its case, and that it is now up to the Grand Jury to decide whether an indictment would be returned. No decision was expected before Monday.

Thomas brushed aside reporters' questions with a terse "No comment" when he made his brief appearance at the Grand Jury room.

CHECK ON CO. DOCTOR PAYS OFF

(Continued from page 1)

Brother Silvas' injury at 25% disability instead of the 22.95% which the company allowed. Further, recent revision of the Workmen's Compensation Act prohibits subtracting weekly benefits from final settlement of those cases which involve amputation.

Outcome of the case was settlement for \$1,000.75 with no deductions for weekly benefits paid Brother Silvas during his disablement.

Another No. 2 Open Hearth man who also lost a finger, Brother Saviano Miranda, has been demoted from third helper to labor since his return to work. His case is being fought jointly by the Grievance and Compensation Committeeman.

Brother Genaro L. Lebron, Plant No. 3, will be confined to St. Catherine's Hospital for a considerable time yet. Part of Brother Lebron's lower right leg has been amputated, the result of an accident on Sept. 18.

Brother Leon Viedu, Fabricating Plant, whose right hand was badly mangled October 11, is among those hospitalized at St. Catherine's.

Recovering from a head injury which he suffered October 28, Brother Givern Padgett, NC wireman, is still hospitalized.

Brother Gordon Gervais, No. 2 Open Hearth, has returned to his home.

Johnny Federenko, Plant No. 1 Rigger, whose jaw was broken several weeks ago, is back on the job.

Brothers George Francis and King Lovett, patients in the Crown Point Sanitarium, were visited on election day by the Compensation Committeeman who brought them to East Chicago and return so they could vote.

Fair Play Wall Street Style

NEW YORK—(FP)—The NLRB's decision outlawing mass picketing brought positive bravos Oct. 26 from the Wall Street Journal and New York Times, which praised the ruling in almost identical language.

"We do not see how temperate and intelligent unionists can object to these rulings," said the Wall Street newspaper.

"We don't believe that temperate and responsible labor leaders will find such common sense rulings as these latest by the NLRB either unduly restrictive or unreasonable," said the Times.

The Wall Street Journal, however, mildly chided the board for leaning "over backward" in its desire to avoid infringing the citizen's constitutional right to express an opinion" when it ruled that it was okay for strikers to call scabs names.

Only the newspaper's editorial didn't call scabs. Using temperate language throughout, it referred to them as "non-strikers."

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Least 98 Taft-Hartley Congressmen Beaten

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Line-up in the new Congress seems to take final shape now that at least 98 and possibly 100 Representatives voted for the Taft-Hartley bill. Senators who had voted for Taft-Hartley lost their seats.

However, it was by no means all new Congressmen who voted for repeal of Taft-Hartley. There were 20 defeated southern Democrats. For the most part their supporters won elections without making pledges to labor.

Federated Press seat by

representatives indicates

there will probably be 79

new Congressmen who are

now working against Taft-

Hartley.

Truman's veto of the

bill was overridden by 331 votes

in the House. Thus the possi-

bility remains that there will

be more than 250 voters in

the House for Taft-Hartley, a

majority of the 435 total.

Initial analysis of the legisla-

tive in the Senate indicates

more than ten of the 100

Senators are likely, on the

basis of past performance, to

vote against Taft-Hartley. In

fact there were 68 votes

against the Truman veto of

Taft-Hartley. There may still

be 10 votes for Taft-Hartley in

the upper chamber. This is also

the majority of the total of

votes in the Senate.

Authoritative journals of big

business, like the N. Y. Journal

of Commerce, were quick to ex-

press hope that a coalition

of Republicans and reactionary

elements might still pre-

serve Taft-Hartley.

However, the big unknown

is the effect of the elections

on conservatives. Labor spokes-

men here were hopeful that

many who had voted for the law

in the 80th Congress would now

be anxious to protect themselves

from defeat in 1950.

In addition there was the fact

that liberal Democratic leadership

of the Senate and House

labor committees would be influ-

ential in drafting better labor

bills. Work by congressional

committees is considered crucial

in the shaping of legislation.

Another intangible was the

question of what the effect of

Pres. Truman's leadership might

be in the 81st Congress. Truman

retains the presidency without

obligation to any anti-labor group.

He is therefore in a position to

exert forceful leadership in line

with his pledges to labor.

Social legislation, like housing,

which lost out by closer

margins than Taft-Hartley in

the 80th Congress, now has an

excellent chance of passage.

However, it appears that labor

will have to exert continuous

pressure to kill Taft-Hartley.

With discrimination against

older workers rising, a Canadian

report reveals that more than

half of all job seekers are

over 45.

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The UNION PICTURE

By WM. MAHOFER

When you stop to think about the meaning of the Democratic victory you can't help but wonder if the attacks aimed at FDR and the New Deal were a major point in the defeat of the Republican Party.

The Republican propaganda that Truman represented the New Deal bears heavily on that point.

The mandate given by the people with this point of view (to carry on the ideas for which FDR stood) is certainly a victory for labor and democracy. There is every indication that this mandate will bear fruit.

Labor has now turned to the Democratic leaders with every hope that they will continue the reforms begun by FDR.

The people did not forget that great leader.

Tumbas Wins Radio

At the regular meeting of Local 1010 on the night of Nov. 4, M. G. Tumbas, new Construction Carpenter, was the lucky holder of the ticket which gave him a free radio. "I wish I'd had this on election night," Tumbas said, "so I could have heard the reports without disturbing anyone else."

These radios are being given away every meeting night. Attend the meetings and maybe you will be the next winner.

The \$6,000 bungalow of pre-war days is selling for \$13,000 to \$13,500 in the suburban district of New York City.

The "New Look" Is Old

Although "The Man" Bilbo, "Cotton Ed" Smith, "Ole Gene" Talmadge and "Kingfish" Huey Long have passed on to wherever it is that demagogues go, the south of "white supremacy" is proving itself capable of producing a new generation of demagogues like Gov. Herman Talmadge and Sen. Russell Long, who continue to represent the 19th century, albeit in 20th century clothing.

The fact that Talmadge has refused to ape his red-gallused tobacco-spittin' father, but instead wears city-slicker suits and speaks in accents collegiate, should not fool anyone.

No matter how much of a "new look" Talmadism takes on, if you turn the kid glove inside out you will still find the steel fist of racism, anti-unionism and Ku Kluxery.

Anti-Trust Violators Pay In Pennies

WASHINGTON — (FP) — The low price of breaking anti-trust laws was emphasized again Oct. 22 as Atty. Gen. Tom Clark announced final settlement of government cases against illegal profiteers in the rubber tire and paint industries.

For eliminating competition through price agreements the Rubber Manufacturers Assn., its member companies and certain officials paid out \$50,000 all told in fines, rather than contest the case. No firm or person was fined more than \$5,000. The paint kings, among an annual business of \$50 million in the furniture paint field alone, were fined \$30,500, also with the \$5,000 limit.

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Employment in June totaled 64,700,000 persons.

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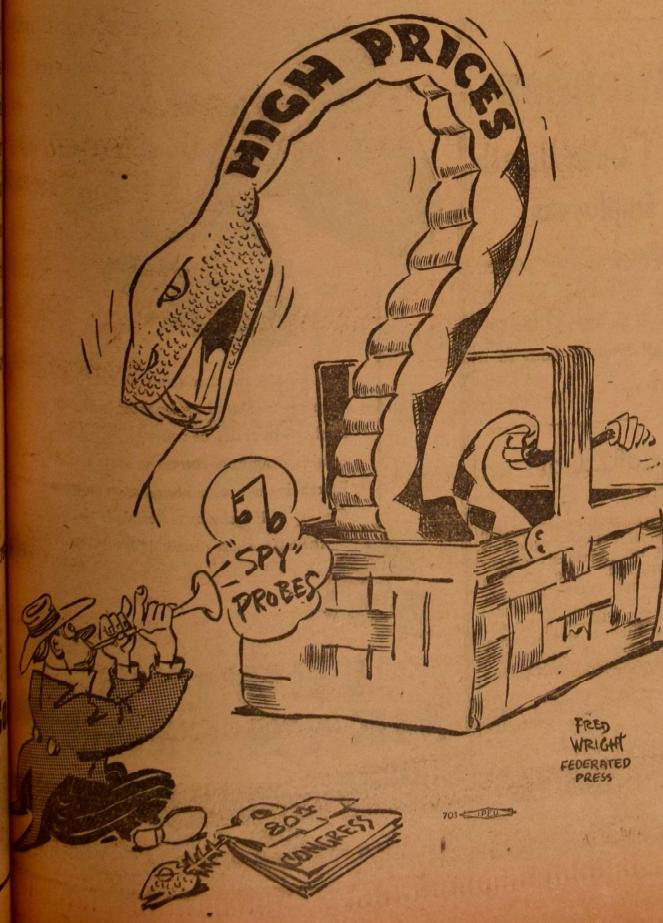
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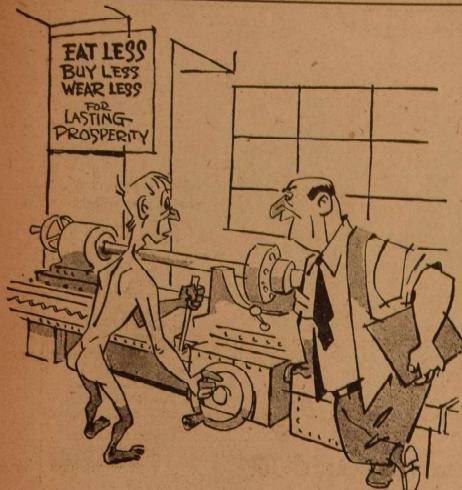
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He has also been given the Democratic majorities he asked for in both houses of Congress, so there can be no buck-passing and no excuses. He can deliver the goods if he really wants to and tries hard enough.

What happened on Nov. 2 was a continuation of the American democratic revolution which began in 1776, was resumed in 1861, and carried forward in the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932.

Truman has a clear-cut mandate — to carry on the progressive policies inaugurated by Roosevelt.

In order to do this he has got to make a clean break not only with the fascists of the south, but also with the fascists of Wall Street, China, Spain, Greece, Argentina and everywhere else the breed still survives.

It would be shortsighted indeed if American labor were to which all must perish.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

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City Councilmen and others also spoke in favor.

Joseph Jeneske told the Board that all Steelworker Locals in this district were against any cuts in the budget which would result in the city employees receiving less than a \$30.00 a month increase, and I, of course stated the sentiments of my local union membership.

RESULT: *The Chairman of the Board approved the entire budget as is. The City employees get their raise.

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Just in case you don't know— The Inland Steel Company is a dominant force in the Chamber of Commerce.

Sequential Seniority to apply

Union officers are working with Inland management in an effort to prevent confusion arising from the arbitrator's recent decision regarding sequential seniority. This decision, as reported in the last issue of the LABOR SENTINEL, states that sequential seniority shall govern both promotions and demotions.

Attempts are being made to maintain each employee's seniority as it now exists, according to Joe Jeneske, international representative, and to apply the arbitrator's decision to future cases. The company is being urged to set up normal work force schedules in order to establish comprehensive sequences which can be readily understood by each employee.

If you are in doubt, contact your grievance committee man.

CIO Attorney Hits NLRB Anti-Picketing Ruling

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The CIO declared Oct. 25 that the federal government has now become "the police officer on every picketline in the nation to regulate the number and conduct of pickets."

Commenting on the NLRB decision in the Sunset Line & Twine Co. case, CIO Gen. Counsel Arthur J. Goldberg said: "The board decision contrasts sharply with its growing tenderness in cases in which employers are charged with unfair labor practices." He added that employers have escaped unfair practice charges on grounds of "free speech" or because their responsibility was not proven.

But of union responsibility for acts by "union agents" (members), said Goldberg, the NLRB "creates new theories with respect to the meaning of coercion by labor organizations and goes far beyond existing views as to the proper scope of union responsibility for conduct on the picketline."

Union Membership Up In Canada

OTTAWA—(ALN)—Union membership in Canada rose nearly 10% in 1947 and now stands at the highest level in history, the government Labor Dept. reported here Oct. 24.

The department disclosed that 912,124 workers held union cards in 1947 as compared with 831,697 in 1946. Preliminary 1948 figures reveal that membership is still on the upgrade.

The Trades & Labor Congress parent body of AFL unions here, had 403,004 members; the Canadian Congress of Labor, CIO group, had 329,058; the Catholic Federation of Labor numbered 91,026, and independent rail brotherhood members totalled 39,627.

Attention No. 1 Open Hearth Employees

Your new griever will be elected on Friday, Nov. 19. Polls will be open at the Union Hall from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Wife of Editor an Honest Gal

Mrs. Fay Smith, wife of the LABOR SENTINEL editor, is one gal whose honesty cannot be questioned. She found a worn change purse—the other day on the floor in Goldblatts Dept. store. Picking it up she discovered that it was not empty as is generally the case; instead it contained more than \$50.00.

With perhaps a little reluctance Mrs. Smith took the money to the Lost and Found Dept. where it was later claimed by its frantic and grateful owner, Mrs. Estelle Waninski of 13349 Houston Ave., Chicago. Mrs. Waninski, who is expecting a "bundle from heaven" next month, mailed a five dollar reward to Mrs. Smith.

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Inland Hikes Price of Rails

Murray Reports
Convention
Gives New Deal
Victory

PORTLAND, ORE.—(FP) — Pres. Philip Murray, reporting to the 10th CIO convention here Nov. 22, hailed the election of Pres. Truman as a clear indication that labor and the American people stand firmly behind the principles of the New Deal."

Hailing Truman's victory, Murray pointed to the "magnificent achievements of our Political Action Committee, which played so tremendous a role in securing the vote for Pres. Truman and for a liberal Congress."

The report outlines the steps taken by the CIO-PAC to take an effective blow in the elections. PAC concentrated in states, 11 gubernatorial races and congressional districts, Murray reported.

More than 10 million pieces of literature were distributed by CIO-PAC activities. Murray said they were financed during the campaign by voluntary contributions from CIO members. He summarized the campaign by saying:

"The CIO-PAC believes that political activity by labor reached its greatest peak and it was on a sounder basis than at any other time in the history of our country."

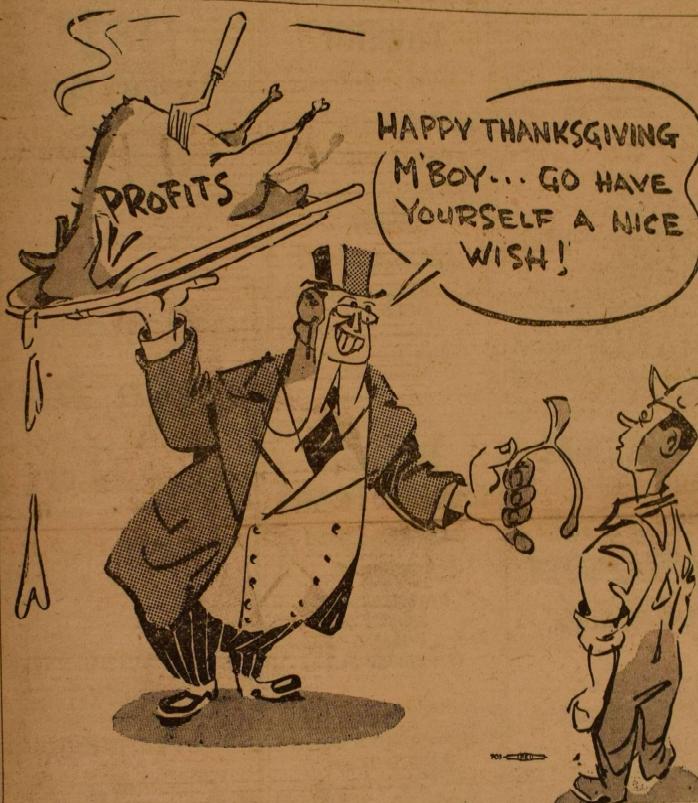
The spur to intense political activity by labor in 1948 was reflected in the sections of Murray's report dealing with the election of the 80th Congress. Although Murray gave a picture of large scale CIO legislative activity, the reactionaries in Congress blocked New Deal programs and attempted to break labor with the Taft-Hartley law.

Murray concluded from the election of the 80th Congress that the CIO had proved its contention that "gains won through collective bargaining can be made in the legislative halls of Congress and in state capitals." A detailed analysis of the Taft-Hartley act and similar laws occupied the largest section of Murray's report. On the basis of a wealth of experience, Murray concluded that "labor's experience underlies the act fully substantiates the charge that the law is vicious and unfair."

Murray presented facts to show that the law is specifically designed to cripple unions and that it has stirred up more unrest. Nevertheless, he said this concerted attack has been successfully resisted by many instance CIO unions have continued to grow."

mid-1948 702 CIO unions took part in NLRB elections.

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One Rail to Cost \$5.70 More

Inland Gives Itself
a Thanksgiving
Present

Wilfred Sykes, president of Inland Steel Co., has announced that, effective Nov. 15, the price of railroad rails will be increased by \$6.00 per ton. Since an average of 800 tons of rails can be rolled during an eight-hour period, this increase means that Inland will receive \$4,800 more for each turn worked. One rail averages 1900 pounds, therefore each rail will cost \$5.70 more than before the increase.

Coming at this time when heavy orders are expected because of the railroad's needed replacements, the increase is expected to run into many thousands of dollars per year.

Union officials, with tongue in cheek, have asked: Will the company share some of these profits with the workers?

As a reason for the increase, Mr. Sykes stated that the company had for many years sold rails with no profit to the company, thereby wearing out rail producing facilities without allowing an adequate return to investors.

Harry Powell, union president, said: "We take a very dim view of the company's statement that it has been operating in any department with no profit."

Inland Contract Violations on Schedules Nipped

In violation of schedule agreements that each crew in the 76" Hot Strip Mill work a full week according to posted schedules, the superintendent of this mill has arbitrarily made many schedule changes which have meant, for example, that men on the 12 to 8 turn have been compelled to carry over into the following week on the same turn. This has made it impossible for these men to plan ahead for any outside activities.

During the last week, the schedule was again disrupted. However in this case the men resisted the super's indiscriminate change. Represented by Don Lutes, grievance, and O. H. McKinsey, grievance chairmen, they have insisted that management comply with the provisions of the contract. Grievances are now being processed in

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Speed Up and Stretch Out Underway in Cold Strip Mill

Jobs Disappearing, Under Change

With new and faster methods of production being installed in the Cold Strip Mill at Inland, many jobs are being discontinued and large numbers of men are being shuffled about with the result that they have less time home pay per turn at a time when more pay is needed to meet inflated costs.

In the annealing department, as reported to the LABOR SENTINEL, each crew is being cut from 9 men to 4, a reduction of more than 50 per cent in man power, and with the installation of the Ha'den Shear the entire finishing department is being abolished. Oilers and inspectors are out of a job and are being compelled to seek work elsewhere in the department, generally at a reduced rate of pay. Approximately 200 men are being displaced by the change.

In the new extension of the Cold Strip Mill the temper mills

YOUR JOB MAY BE NEXT

Elsewhere in Inland industrial engineers are working on a new incentive rate for mechanical and electrical maintenance.

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Murray Strikes at Reds

In the Portland, Ore. Convention of the CIO President Philip Murray called on the top leaders of three Communist-influenced unions to resign. The 3 unions are the United Public Workers, the United Office and Professional Workers and the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees Union.

Amid repeated cheers from the delegates Murray charged that the Communists had determined two years ago to defeat President Truman. "They didn't care," Murray said, "whether Dewey was elected or the devil was elected." Murray said, that the leaders of these unions are unfit to guide the destinies of the members.

In an earlier ruling the CIO

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Speed Up Underway

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ance men, intending to stretch over the areas covered by these men.

Thus a further reduction in force will be accomplished.

Union leaders have warned that all members must stand solidly behind the union in its fight for job security and in its effort to obtain a fair and decent pay rate for these displaced employees.

**White Killer
of Negro Freed**

MONTGOMERY, Ga.—(FP) — A superior court jury here acquitted the white killer of Isaiah Nixon, only Negro to vote in the Democratic primaries in Montgomery county, who died for his courageous act. The killer, M. A. Johnson, pleading self-defense, claimed that the shooting grew out of an argument over work. Nixon had been warned against appearing at the polls, but insisted on his right to vote.

Total corporate profits before taxes rose from an average of \$5.4 billion in the prewar period of 1936-39 to an annual rate of \$33.4 billion in the second quarter of 1948, according to U. S. Commerce Dept. estimates. That means a profit increase of 518%.

**Rent Office
Impartial in
Rent Disputes**

Declaring that the impartial concern of the Gary-Hammond area rent office for both tenants and landlords is well illustrated by figures available in each month's reports from his office, Thomas M. Kitchen, Area Rent Director, has made known these totals for October: Refunds obtained for overcharged tenants—\$1493.00. Landlords' petitions for rent increases granted—141.

The refunds to tenants were gained by means of voluntary compliance agreements with violating landlords who were contacted by the rent office after tenant reports of overcharges were received.

Kitchen explained that voluntary compliance procedure is followed in all reports of violations, with court action taken only as a last resort.

About 68 per cent of the landlords' petitions for increases had favorable action, he said.

He added that "our strict compliance will, the federal rent law is still an objective" of rent office, despite its frequent use of the term "liberalization" in connection with the law's new provisions for granting landlords individual rent increases.

"We are equally interested in protecting the rights of landlords and tenants under the rent act and our regulations," the rent official emphasized.

"It is our aim to see to it that rent control does not deprive landlords of the full rent to which they are entitled. We are aware of the rising cost of many of the items that go into the operation of rental property. And our adjustment provisions take care of that."

"At the same time we want to make sure that landlords who are not entitled to rent adjustments don't get them or take them. We are empowered under the rent act to go into court if necessary to protect a tenant in his legal ceiling rent. We also have the power to go into court to protect him from illegal eviction. We are making use of that authority."

**Truman Invited
to Address CIO
Convention**

WASHINGTON—(FP) — An invitation to address the 1948 CIO convention was sent to Pres. Truman by CIO Pres. Philip Murray. Murray told the President:

"You are aware, I am sure, of the deep satisfaction which the members of the CIO have derived from your splendid campaign and from your re-election. The program which you carried so effectively to the people of this country during that campaign was the program which the CIO wholeheartedly endorsed . . ."

Murray added that it would give the CIO "inestimable pleasure to have you address our Tenth Constitutional Convention" in Portland, Ore. Speakers already scheduled include Justice William O. Douglas, Labor Sec. Maurice Tobin, Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) and Exec. Sec. Walter White of the Nat'l. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

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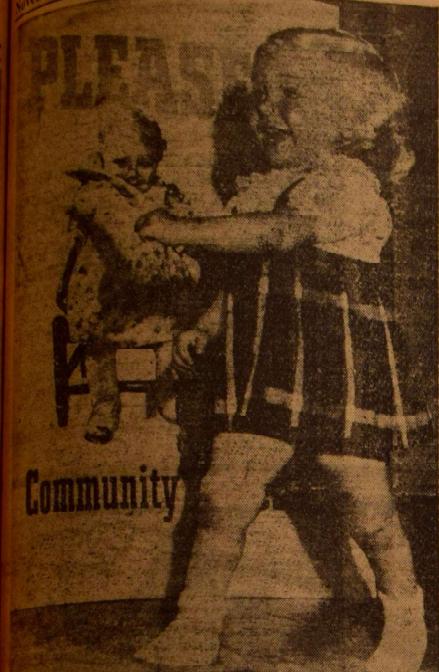
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MEXICO CITY—(ALN)—To protect migrant farm workers, the Mexican government will refuse to allow states suspected of discrimination against Mexicans from participating in a new labor treaty now under discussion with the U. S.

A treaty under which thousands of Mexicans are working in the U. S. was cancelled Oct. 22 after U. S. border authorities at El Paso, Texas, allowed hundreds of workers to cross the border illegally and then let the men go to work on Texas farms.

After accepting a U. S. ex-

planation as "satisfactory," the Mexican government said that "the possibility exists that a new treaty may be negotiated soon."

Under the original agreement, minimum wage rates had been established and basic guarantees concerning health and working conditions were written into the contract. It specifically barred hiring of any Mexican workers in Texas.



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MURRAY REPORTS

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They won 475 of these elections, gathering a total of 92,041 votes,

Gains were reported for both the CIO Southern Organizing Drive and the Telephone Workers Organizing Committee. The TWOC grew from 22,000 to 76,000 members. Gains from the southern drive, Murray said, are fast approaching 500,000.

Reporting the CIO record of support to the Marshall plan, Murray said success of the program now seems "assured in the face of extreme foreign and domestic opposition. Certainly, the CIO looks for prosperity and peace and is willing to make substantial contributions to gain it."

As a background to his entire report, Murray surveyed the economic situation in the U. S. He cited figures to prove that since 1945 workers' wages have slipped in comparison to rising prices.

One key to the economic problem he found in profit figures. In 1945, corporate profits after taxes amounted to 4.8% of the national income, Murray said. Profits then rose rapidly until in the first half of 1948 corporate profits were taking 9.1% of the national income.

While foreign aid and military production programs help to bolster the economy, Murray said, "steps must be taken to develop a healthy domestic economy."

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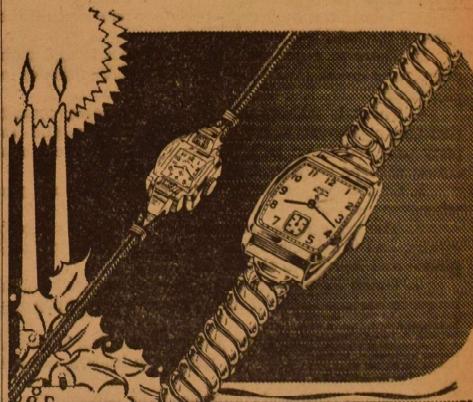
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WHILE we all are feeling so good about the tremendous election victory, let's not make the mistake of thinking that our political job is done.

The members of the CIO, and most other unions, helped to make the liberal victory possible this month. So did the farmers, the housewives and a lot of other people. As a result, the United States should soon be a still better place in which to live.

So far so good. But, in a democratic country like ours, politics is an everyday business.

The National Association of Manufacturers understands this and its leaders already are making plans for a comeback in 1950 when every member of the House of Representatives will be up again for election as well as one-third of the Senators.

The anti-labor forces that dominate the Manufacturers' Association figure that having won, we will soon go to sleep. They figure that they can win in the off-year election in 1950 as they did in 1946 when they put in the Taft-Hartley Congress.

Whether they are right or wrong depends on us. It depends on what we do from here on. President Truman is working right now on legislative proposals to carry out his campaign pledges. There will be some tough battles in Congress this spring before Mr. Truman's liberal program becomes law.

The Congressmen—those whom labor opposed as well as those it endorsed—are going to be watching us. They are going to be watching to see whether the trade unions preserve and strengthen their political or-

ganizations, whether we are starting to build up a political fund for 1950, whether we are going to get out and work in the city and county elections next year.

A lot of Congressmen and Senators want to know whether labor's attention to politics was a one-shot affair or whether it is permanent.

The Manufacturers' Association is going to try to convince the politicians that 1948 was an accident, that it won't happen again in 1950.

If we show signs of weakness or lack of interest in politics, our country may lose some of the fruits of this election, some of the liberal, humanitarian legislation it so badly needs.

Our job is to start planning and working now for 1950.

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Is Union-Management Peace possible?

Union-management peace is definitely possible according to a report issued by 29 union and business leaders working under the direction of the National Planning Association. During the last year these leaders studied more than a dozen examples of peaceful collective bargaining from the angle of the causes of industrial peace rather than the cause of industrial strife.

They learned that in those plants in which there was a good relationship both the union and management had certain things in common. For example:

1. Management believes in the principle and practice of true collective bargaining.
2. The union fully accepts private ownership and operation of the industry.
3. There is a secure, strong, responsible and highly democratic union. *Union membership is a condition of employment.*
4. There is widespread union-management consultation and highly-developed information sharing. The company uses the union as a principal channel of communication with its employees.
5. Grievances are settled promptly—in the local plant whenever possible.
6. The company's stays out of the union's internal affairs, and it does not seek to alienate the worker's allegiance and loyalty to the union.
7. Union leaders have not allowed national political issues to become issues in their collective bargaining negotiations.
8. There have been no serious ideological incompatibilities between the company and union leaders, nor within the union itself.
9. Mutual trust and confidence exist between the parties to the bargaining.
10. The union recognizes that its survival and the welfare of its members depend upon the successful operation of the business.
11. The company considers the union as an asset to management and treats it as such.

Memories of Tom Mooney

SAN FRANCISCO—(FP)—News from San Diego that Draper Hand had died there as the result of a fatal revived memories of the Mooney case in San Francisco.

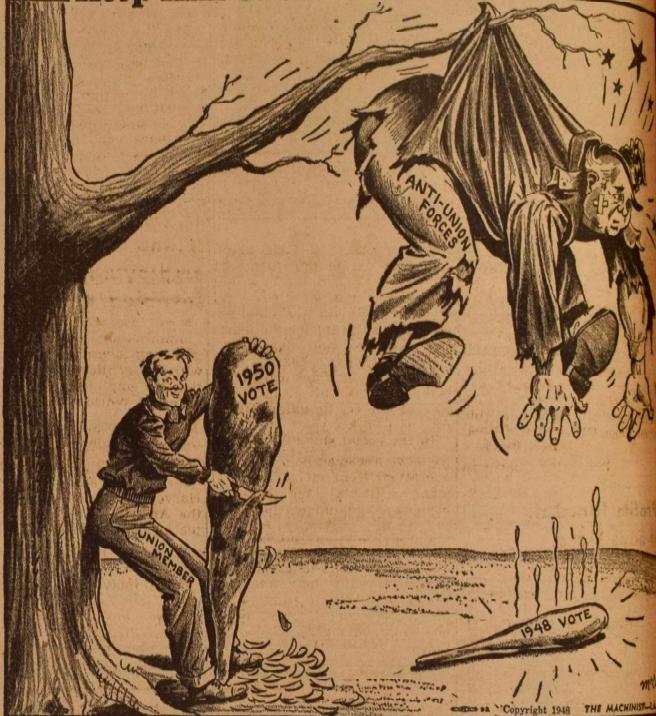
Hand was the policeman who was one of the chief witnesses against Tom Mooney and War-

ren Billings. Later he repudiated his testimony and revealed the frameup. Then he recanted and then again testified for Mooney. In 1925 he resigned from the force under charges that he had engaged in private contracting business while still a police officer.

Columnist John O'Donnell (New York News, et al.); in column of Nov. 3:

"So what will Harry do after Jan. 20? We don't care much."

Keep Him There!



Know Your Contract

Do you know your contract?

In a recent test conducted by a large concern it was revealed that both union officers and management men were on the average able to answer correctly only 68 per cent of the questions asked about the union agreement. However, to the credit of the union officers, they averaged a much higher score than did the management personnel, but the score of neither group could be called satisfactory.

From this it is readily seen that a knowledge of only about two-thirds of the content of the union agreement results in the by-passing of some grievances which have a true legal status. It also, from management's lack of knowledge, results in the prolonging of grievances which could have been settled in the first step.

Know your contract—for your own protection.

Letters to the Editor: A Sister Complains

Dear Editor:

Does the Club Bar have a preference as to who has keys? I have asked for one for the past three months and haven't got it. Why?

A Sister Member.

Editor's note: If you are a member of the union you can get a key at the Union office for \$1.

The Taft-Hartley Act requires all of our members to sign a check off authorization card. Some former members have not signed these cards as yet. Your local union does not intend to tolerate any FREE RIDERS. Ask the man who is working next to you to show his union card. If he hasn't got one, ask him the reason why.

Tom Conway,
Financial Secretary

THAT'S WHAT DOOD IT

Bard Young, assistant director of UAW-CIO Region 1-A on Detroit's West Side points out that the following states, and the organization their first letters sent out, assured victory for President Truman:

- C California
- I Illinois
- O Ohio



Sports

at L.U. 1010

Basketball season is just about here now and Local 1010 has been practicing for the last month in order to have the team in top shape when opening night gets here. Practice nights are Mon. 7:10 P.M. at Noll Central Gym and Friday nights 8:10 P.M. at Washington High School Men's Gym. Our basketball coach is Ed Gurevitz from the Blast Furnace.

We are hoping to get into the Twin-City League, no matter how much we support the Twin-City programs. When we seek Recreation we always have to go to outsiders to get space and time. We have tried for the last two years to place a soft ball team in the Twin-City league but they put thumbs down. They say we are outsiders but yet they take in the Indiana Athletic Association. We tried to get into a Hammond Industrial league but they say "we are sorry you are not in industry" What we would like to know "What is Industry?" We wind up by going out of town and play in Whiting Industrial League. It seems to me that there is enough local unions in this region to build and have their own Recreation Center.

A year ago we had a Roller Skating Party. All those attended had a great time and would like to have another one this winter. We are open for suggestions from anyone desiring a Roller Skating Party.

Don't forget the Xmas Party at Washington High School Auditorium put on by the Local 1010 Recreation Committee each year for the children. We had a wonderful program last year and this year promises to be better. Tickets will be available at the Union Office after Dec. 1.

Don Black,
Recreation Chairman

**Profits 'Unreal,'
It Says Here**

NEW YORK—(FP)—Here's the latest alibi for those huge profits from the employers' propaganda front:

According to tax expert J. H. Landman, reported high profits of corporations are just "illusory and unreal." Landman told a meeting of the New York

Profits

By GLORIA CAPLAN

The corporation president—an eternally unhappy man is he, or so his public statements indicate.

If profits are low, he's in the dumps.

If profits are high, he's in a depression.

If wages go down, he foresees a depression.

He reaped his heaviest harvest of profits under Truman's administration. But with Truman's re-election he's predicting a nightmare four years of inflation and a New Deal grab for his profits.

The quarterly filing of corporate financial reports with the Securities and Exchanges Commission always affords the corporation president an opportunity to cry out loud.

Now that the July-August reports are in, and the Presidents and board members have had a good cry—all might conceivably drop behind us. Here's the picture:

A Wall St. Journal survey of major companies in 15 industries showed that third-quarter earnings after taxes were a sweeping 41.7% above those of the corresponding pe-

**THE SOCIAL SIDE
OF UNIONISM**

By Tom Conway, Fin. Sec.
Our local union recognizes its obligation to the community and strives continually to further social affairs which makes our living together a little better and more pleasurable. The union especially enjoys aiding such worthy

groups as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts because we recognize that these boys and girls need the training which they get in these character building organizations.

The Parent-Teachers Association has the strong support of our union and many of our members are doing good work in this field.

For many years Local 1010 has given an annual Christmas party for the children. This year we have rented Washington High School auditorium and will be able to entertain about 1200 children with free gifts, candy, stage show and all that goes with it.

The union had an active part in the Mexican Fiesta of a few weeks ago, having had our own band in the parade and a large float, with plenty of pennants for the children who had gathered along the way to see the parade.

Earlier this year our union sponsored a gigantic picnic at Wicker park with every thing free, rides, pop, ice cream and cracker jacks for the children, pop and ice cream for the ladies and beer for the men. There was an outdoor boxing and wrestling show. Park attendants estimated the crowd at 7,000, the largest crowd to gather there for the past six years.

In the social side of unionism we have received courteous cooperation from city, park and school officials. We take this means of thanking them for their consideration.

chapter of the Nat'l. Assn. of Cost Accountants that since profits were really "phantom," investors shouldn't count on greater dividends, labor shouldn't count on higher wages and the public shouldn't count on lower prices.

LABOR SENTINEL**SAFETY WANTED**

By Al McClain
Safety Committee Chairman
Having read a very interesting article on safety in the November issue of the Inland News, I think that Mr. Ridinger, Safety Director, and his staff should be complimented on the interest they are taking in our health and welfare. I

am sorry that your Union Safety Committee did not get the least bit of credit for the service they are trying to give you in your various departments. Although they are new in the field of safety I am sure that each of your 21 safety committeemen is doing his best to see that unsafe conditions and practices are being eliminated as rapidly as possible. I am also sorry that no mention was made of the extra time (before and after working hours and on off days) that your committeemen must spend in meeting with management for your best interests.

We know that no amount of regulations, instructions, publicity or union and management insistence can reduce accident frequency unless each and every one of you are in full cooperation with your union and plant safety men.

**Inland Cited For
Employing
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The National Employment Committee of the American Legion has awarded Inland Steel with a Certificate of Appreciation for employing disabled veterans of World War I and II.

The certificate was presented to A. P. Miller, general sup't of Inland, at the Legion's headquarters in East Chicago by Harvey B. Stout, chairman of the American Legion's committee on employment.

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be put into the new law,
congressman said his state
ready is at work on the bill

Rent Control

With Teeth

WASHINGTON—(FP) —Rep. Brent Spence (D. Ky.), who is scheduled to resume his former post as chairman of the House Banking committee, promised Nov. 10 that the House will pass an extension of rent control until March 31, 1950 and that effective enforcement teeth will

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— and —

"Gallant Blade"

Miss Helen Campbell, former secretary to Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R., N.J.), chairman of the House unAmerican activities committee, and her ex-boss display different reactions to news that they must face trial on charges of defrauding the government. Accused by federal grand jury of padding his payroll and pocketing kickbacks from his employees' salaries, Thomas took cue from witnesses who appeared before his own committee and refused to testify on constitutional ground of self-incrimination.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

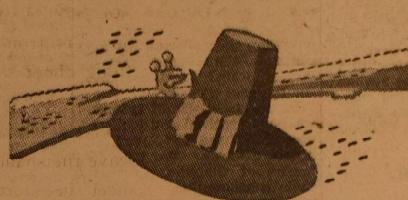
The East Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross received an urgent request to assist in trying to locate the 80 year old grandfather of a negro veteran in the Veterans Hospital at Tuskegee, Alabama.

The elderly negro, named George Johnson had lived on a farm in Mississippi all his life until October 1947. He then came to East Chicago to live with his daughter Mrs. Willie Holmes. The daughter lived on Catalpa Street at the time but later moved to 3622 Pulaski. On July 17th her father left the home, presumably to find Mrs. Holmes at work a short distance away. He has not been seen since that time. Mrs. Holmes efforts to locate him

through police and radio have been of no avail.

At the time of his disappearance Mr. Johnson was wearing a brown jacket, brown trousers, black shoes and a blue hat. Although he is 80 years old, he was quite active. His weight about 130 pounds, his height 5 feet 6 inches. His complexion was light brown, his eyes greyish brown, and his hair thick black and streaked with grey. He had been ill and had dropsy in his feet. He had a head injury several years ago and there is a scalp scar under his hair on top of his head.

Will anyone with any information whatever regarding Mr. Johnson please contact the Red Cross Chapter immediately. The chapter address is 911 West Chicago Ave.



Give Thanks in Prayer

Thanksgiving Day is your opportunity to give thanks in prayer for all the blessings you have received.

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Prices have skyrocketed—and even for the bare necessities of life, a dollar goes hardly half as far as it once did.

Tens of thousands of families are still doubled up—or living in trailers because of the crucial housing shortage.

Brother, it may be Thanksgiving—but what do we have to be thankful for?

What do we have? Listen...

We have a land where people vote in or vote out the government. We have a land where we can yawn to high heaven about our very troubles—and do something about them.

We have a land where we can leave the shades up at night—and meet in more than two's and three's—and discuss politics, religion, personalities or anything we please.

We have a land where we can go to the church of our choice, send our children to schools where we know they'll be taught the truth, pick and choose the job that we like best—and leave it if

it doesn't live up to our expectations.

We have a land where the police tip their hats to us, where we can cross state lines without submitting to inspection by border guards, where what we buy is not determined by whether we belong to the governing political party or not.

We have a land where the Four Freedoms are not a distant hope but a present reality.

What do we have to be thankful for? Brother—our **American heritage**.

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The Rising Tide of POLIO

Last summer's historic infantile paralysis epidemics struck the nation a devastating blow, comparable to that of 1916 when 27,000 cases were reported. Not a state escaped the 1948 polio siege. North Carolina, Texas and California were practically overwhelmed.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and its chapters worked round-the-clock, servicing the stricken areas. Professional personnel, increased hospital facilities, equipment, millions of dollars in emergency aid — all were desperately needed. But thanks to contributions to the annual March of Dimes, all were secured promptly and effectively. Lives were saved. Boys and girls hit by the dread disease received the best available medical care and treatment.

Funds depleted

By the end of September, national headquarters of the National Foundation had sent approximately \$4,000,000 in emergency aid alone to 402 counties and special polio emergency chapter funds were wiped out in meeting the crisis. As a result of the unprecedented drain on its resources the National Foundation now faces a deficit of some \$2,500,000, without taking into account enormous sums still required to defray costs of care for victims of prior polio epidemics.

These facts point up the urgent need of all-out public support of the March of Dimes, January 14-31. The National Foundation is not endowed. Its sole means of rebuilding depleted funds lies in America's response to the annual appeal.

Prevention the goal

March of Dimes funds not only provide for patient care and treatment and emergency epidemic aid. They perform other vital functions also. Right now they are at research work in more than 80 laboratories and institutions. There, top-ranking scientists are constantly seeking a means of prevention or cure of infantile paralysis. So far more than 1,000 combinations of drugs and chemicals have been tested. Progress is being made, and every drug and chemical eliminated narrows the field. The answer may be nearer at hand than is realized.

Skilled workers needed

March of Dimes money also underwrites another very important program of the National Foundation—the training of skilled professionals. More and more qualified workers are urgently needed in the field of polio. The disease is on the increase in the United States. More than 100,000 cases have been reported in the past six years—twice as many as were recorded in the preceding 12-year period! However, with your help in the past, the National Foundation has met the challenge. Since 1942, approximately 2,500 disease fighters have received polio training under National Foundation fellowships and scholarships. Many of them last summer were front line fighters in the war on polio.

In meeting last year's challenge, however, the National Foundation had to "scram the barrel" to fulfill its pledge of aid to those whom polio strikes. The job was done. The cost was great but the service rendered to helpless children could not be estimated in money alone.

Bear in mind during January 14-31 when the 1949 March of Dimes takes place. The needs are greater. Our contributions should be to the measure of those needs.

THE INDIANA COMPENSATION LAW

WHAT EVERY WORKER SHOULD KNOW

By CARL STANLEY,
Compensation Committee
Chairman



CARL
STANLEY

The Indiana Workman's Compensation Law has not been fully and completely utilized. One of the reasons has been the lack of familiarity with the provisions of the law on the part of the workers.

Today, more than ever before, it is important that the worker should know what his rights are and what he should do to safeguard them if he is injured in his employment. This is true because of the additional burdens which are being imposed upon the workers as a result of the need of increasing production at this time.

For this reason your Compensation chairman has familiarized himself with the Compensation Act as a service to all

Contract Violations

(Continued from page 1) an attempt to rectify these schedule abuses. This involves the shipping & plate end workers and the crane operators.

In order to avoid too much confusion some of the men are working the violated schedule change under protest, while other men have already gotten their original schedule restored.

According to the agreement, this mill is to be down on Sundays, but here again management has failed to comply with the agreement.

These abusive schedule changes have long been a serious disruption in the Hot Strip Mill.

members. It is hoped that this will assist our union membership in getting the benefits to which they are entitled under the law.

MURRAY STRIKES

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executive board revoked the charter of the New York City CIO council, charging that this body has given "salvish adherence" to the Communist Party line. Louis Hollander, president of the New York State CIO council, was appointed to take over all property and funds of the city group and wind up all its affairs.

At the convention Murray said that the program of the CIO is as follows:

1. Effective price controls in fields where scarcities of consumer goods exist.

2. Enactment of legislation to restore the excise profits tax to "lighten the burden of inflation."

3. Etablissement of a program for inventory controls "to see that essential materials get to the proper place," without monopolistic channeling of such materials.

4. Government price supports for farmers.

5. Establishment of a \$1-an-hour minimum wage for all workers.

6. Extension of social security and pension provisions.

7. Expanded production by American industry.

The election of International officers of the United Steel Workers of America is to be held on Feb. 8 of next year. The nominations for officers and of the election committee will be held on Friday, Nov. 26, and the election committee will be elected on Jan. 6.

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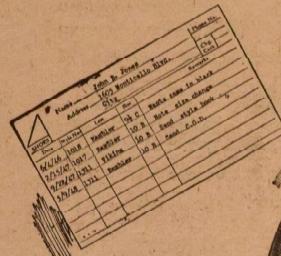


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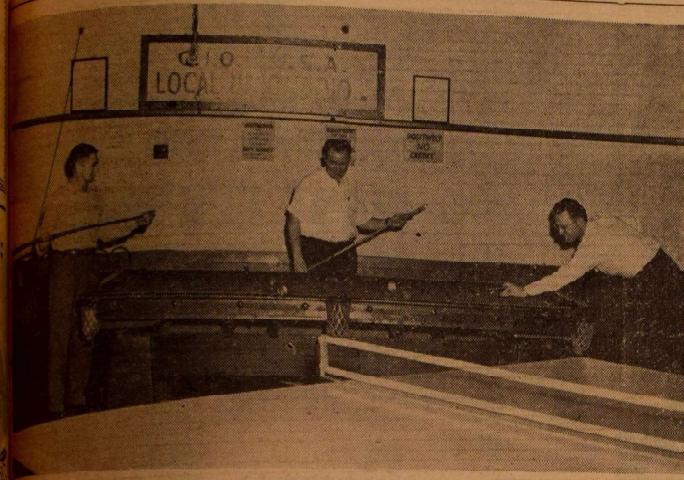
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December 8, 1948

CIO Prepares for New Wage Increase Drive



Shuttle, Red McGregor and Tom Corway, members of Local Union 1010, are shown playing a game of pool in the Club Bar. Playing pool is only one of the several forms of recreation to be found in the club. Come on up, all you members, and enjoy the fun.

Murray Re-Elected, Invites AFL & Others to Fight For Common Good

PORLAND, ORE.—(FP) — Reelected by acclamation after a 40-minute demonstration, Pres. Philip Murray issued an invitation to the AFL, unaffiliated unions, and other "right thinking" groups to join with the CIO in support of Pres. Truman's legislative program, which, he said, in substance the CIO's program.

In Murray's appeal for joint legislative action were the businessmen, church groups and the farmers. He said the CIO has a standing committee ready to meet with AFL and the others at any time. "We propose to develop a positive relationship with the groups toward the attainment of our common goal," he said.

At the same time he warned under no circumstances was going to permit communists infiltration into the CIO, and that history has shown the effects of the Communists on the labor movement of the U. S. have been "disastrous, devastating and de-

structive," he said, "those organizations which are employing themselves in communists propaganda among their membership to cease and desist through the organs of their press to carry to their members the policies adopted by the convention. I make a special appeal on this to every member of this organization."

Army called for an all-out effort to organize the unorganized for the support of every aspect of the CIO in helping its legislative program in Congress. "We must now as we did in 1936 to bring the millions of unorganized workers in the U. S. into unions and for them the improvement in living standards to be demanded," he said.

Treas. James B. Carey and nine vice-presidents, but

were also reflected by the con-

Be a Judge Win a Turkey

Are you one of the many who wrote a safety slogan hoping to win one of the turkeys which Inland gave as prizes at Thanksgiving time? If you were, it appears as though in some departments that the cards were stacked against you unless you were either one of the company selected judges or a foreman.

In the Spice Bar Dept., there were two turkeys to be given away. One foreman, who was also a judge, was a winner. Another foreman, not a judge, was the other winner.

Over in Plant 3 in the Blast Furnace dept., one judge, two foremen and one worker were the winners; and in the Plant 1 Open Hearth, well — some of the boys felt sorry for one of the several judges who didn't win and they were tempted to take up a collection to buy a turkey for this poor fellow, but after considerable discussion they gave up this plan in disgust.

At least two of the union safety men who were also judges were declared winners, but

Looking for a Place to Live? Listen:

Mrs. King Love, 4028 Alexander Ave., and her three children, age 13, 12 and 9, know exactly what the housing shortage means. She and her children are compelled to live in one tiny room in the attic of the above address; and, to make a bad situation worse, the only means of getting to and from their room is climbing a ladder placed in the kitchen of the family living on the first floor.

Mrs. Love and her children are compelled to climb up and down this ladder carrying coal which they use in their stove for both heating and cooking. Her husband, a member of Local 1010 and two other children, age 7 and 5, are all in the Crown Point Sanitarium suffering with tuberculosis.

"I have practically no money," Mrs. Love said, "and no place else to go. I shudder to think of what would happen if this house caught on fire. We would be burned like rats."

Queer is Queer on Overtime

BY GEORGE SOPKO

Bill Queen of the machine shop has again been accused of unfairness (or perhaps it's madness) in his method of distributing the time-and-a-half days.

Eventhough the superintendent of this department has requested that the union meet with department heads on matters of collective bargaining, it is oftentimes difficult for the

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in order to minimize the scandal they refused to accept their prizes.

It has been reported that Indiana plans to conduct another contest at Christmas time. Be a judge—win a turkey.

Legislative Program Planned at Convention

PORLAND, ORE.—(FP) — The CIO will press for a new round of wage increases next year, delegates to the CIO convention here indicated plainly in unanimously adopting a wage policy resolution.

The statement declared that, according to Federal Reserve Board figures, 25% of the American people last year spent more than they earned. "It is possible for wages to increase and living standards to improve within the framework of a reasonable profit structure for American industry," the resolution said.

The convention acted after hearing Sec. Treas. Emil Mazey of the United Automobile Workers state flatly that American industry could raise wages 20% and without raising prices still make a reasonable profit. For workers averaging \$1.50 an hour, a 20% raise would mean an increase of \$12.50 a week.

PRICE ROLL BACK URGED

To stem inflation, the CIO urged a roll back of prices, inventory controls, an excess profits tax, enactment of reserve requirements to all banks, more consumer credit controls, retention of the GI loan interest rate at 40%, an end to speculation in grains and a "realistic" curb on monopoly.

Its tax program called for tax relief for lower income groups by raising the exemptions for married couples to \$3,000, individuals to \$1,500 and \$600 for dependents. Exorbitant and speculative profits should be taxed away, loopholes in tax laws closed and excise taxes repealed.

Other resolutions called for extension of social security, U. S. aid to education, a \$1 hourly minimum wage, strengthening of the Dept. of Labor, continued federal ownership of the tides, lands, a comprehensive housing program, an adequate national health insurance program, improved veterans benefits, soil conservation, rent control, sup-

port for the TVA and similar public power developments and extensions of the Reciprocal Trade Agreement authority on a long range basis.

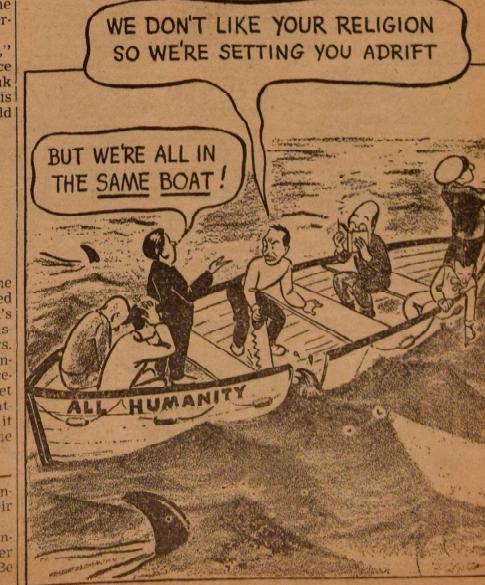
In another resolution dealing with injunctions, the CIO asked restoration of the Norris-LaGuardia act, adding that "anti-injunction laws must be enacted in all states where they do not now exist."

The convention put its stamp of approval on national industrial planning and commended Pres. Philip Murray for his advocacy of industrial Councils for this purpose. It called for continuation of the President's Council of Economic Advisors.

ANNUAL WAGE DEMANDED

In other actions the delegates set a guaranteed minimum annual wage as a goal to be bargained for and called on employers to cooperate in making the necessary studies. CIO unions were urged to "embark immediately on a vigorous campaign to secure pension, health and welfare benefits through collective bargaining."

A 4-point program to rebuild the American Merchant Marine was endorsed after Pres. Joseph Curran of the Natl. Maritime Union said the industry was "sick" and that its wartime strength of 5,000 vessels had been reduced to 900.



December 8, 1938

Ground Broken For Catherine House Gym

Katherine House, social center in Indiana Harbor, will have a \$130,000 gym by next spring, Lowell R. Robertson, director of the house, announced Saturday.

Official ground-breaking ceremonies for the new structure, and addition to the present Katherine House at 3801 Dearborn, took place Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Present among these breaking ground were members of the House's board of directors. These include Earle A. Gordon, president Clifford Porter, vice president and chairman of the building committee; Harry Tarier, treasurer; Mrs. Raymond Bird, secretary and Joseph H. Kempter, past president.

Robertson said the new brick addition will be two stories high and 110 by 58 feet. Besides a gym, the structure will house a kitchen and a nursing school.

Will Double Activities.

The present building has a game room, staff quarters, a health clinic and other rooms for activities ranging from a baby clinic to adult education programs.

"This expansion will easily double our activities," Robertson said. "We've had only minor repairs on Katherine House since it was founded in 1919." Katherine House is owned by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society, and the Indiana Baptist Convention.

The House's work is carried on without discrimination as to religion, nationality, or color, Robertson pointed out. He said that the house's policy of not neglecting religious education is done without being denominational.

Public Power Cheaper than Private

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Publicly owned power systems are more efficient and furnish cheaper electricity than the private utilities, according to a study made for the American Public Power Assn. by Carlton L. Nau.

Nau, formerly a Rural Electrification Administration official, based his analysis on government statistics contained in a generally ignored report of the Federal Power Commission. Nau compared 150 publicly owned systems with 300 private power corporations.

The public utilities have far lower rates, Nau found. The average domestic customer pays the public companies 2.3¢ per kilowatt hour. He has to pay the private utilities 43% more, or 3.3¢ pkh.

The private utilities give industrial users special breaks, but even for such customers the public systems are cheaper, charging 1.3¢ as against 1.5¢ pkh.

The Nau report disproves an old claim by the private utilities that government rates are

lower because the public utilities operate on a larger scale. Nau shows that the average private utility plant is three times as big as the average publicly owned plant and serves six times as many customers.

What should be the advantages of large-scale production are lost by the private utilities through inefficiency. Nau shows. Administrative costs, accounting and collecting, and ad-

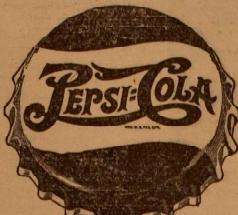
vertising all run higher for the private companies. If the private utilities were as efficient as the public concerns, they would save their customers \$90 million annually.

Study, the study demolishes the private utility argument that public ownership is given advantages by the federal government. Actually, the public

utilities pay 27¢ on each dollar of revenue in taxes. The private corporations pay only 13¢ on the revenue dollar.

The private utilities show a advantage only in the collection of profits. The so-called private companies is nearly three times as great as for the publicly owned utilities.

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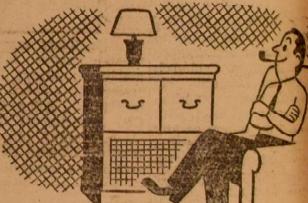
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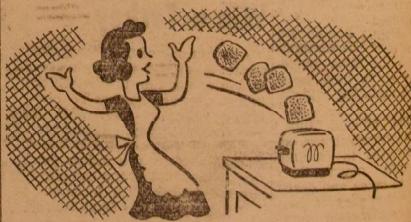
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Old Arguments Used to Oppose Health Insurance

A little over a hundred years ago the trade unions in our country carried on a big campaign for free public education for every child. The people won that fight despite the vigorous opposition of the reactionaries of their day.

Today the people are fighting the same battle all over again—but this time for national health insurance. And it's interesting to see that our own reactionaries play the same old tune. The arguments haven't changed. They even though a whole century has passed.

1830 arguments used

Recently Survey Graphic magazine carried a little article comparing present-day arguments against national health insurance with those published in the Philadelphia Natl. Gazette in 1830 against free public education for all children. They found the arguments were exactly the same.

For instance, one of the favorite bromides today is that national health insurance would inject politics into medicine. In 1830, they said: "In this country, nothing could prevent public education from becoming a political job, if a government concern."

Nowadays, health insurance is castigated by its enemies as a destroyer of initiative and ambition. In 1830, they said: "One of the chief excitements to industry among the working classes is the hope of earning the means of educating their children respectably and liberally; that incentive would be removed, and the scheme of state and equal education be thus a premium for comparative idleness, to be taken out of the pockets of the laborious and conscientious."

Health for the needy

In 1946 the Natl. Physicians Committee said that compulsory health insurance "would inevitably result in a serious, even criminal, deterioration in the quality of medical care." In 1830, it was argued that "Universal equal education is impossible . . . unless the standard of education be greatly lowered and narrowed."

A common argument against national health insurance is that it is socialism or communism. In 1830, the "ism" was agrarianism. Thus, "The scheme of universal equal education at the expense of the state is virtually agrarianism. It would be a compulsory application of the means of the richer for the direct use of the poorer classes."

In the last Congress, Sen. Taft introduced a bill to provide medical care only for the needy, as an answer to compulsory health insurance. The same answer was offered in 1830, when the argument was advanced that state and national governments "may endow public schools only for the indigent. But to create or sustain seminaries for the tuition of all classes . . . is beyond their province and power."

Health a concern of government

When Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that the health of the people is the concern of the government, he was attacked as so-called paternalism, and leading medical spokesmen such as Dr. L. S. Goin of the California Medical Society answered: "That the protection of the health of the citizen is a natural function of government is debatable."

The same argument was used in 1830: "It is an old and sound remark that government cannot provide for the necessities of the people . . . Education may

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44" Supervisors Letter Happy

The 44" supervisors have become letter happy in issuing reprimands for any and all real or supposed offenses. Under their present cleanup and safety drives in which they have set up arbitrary rules, ignoring collective bargaining principles, the situation has become so silly that an employee who fails to pick up a scrap of paper from the floor is subject to receive a disciplinary letter.

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Laws Against Robbery One-Sided—Thieves Says

MAYBE the 81st Congress should start using lie detectors on some of the lobbyists when they start campaigning against repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

There were some whoppers about the Wagner Labor Relations Act, for example, that the 80th Congress swallowed as gospel.

Probably the biggest was the glib statement that the Wagner Act is "one-sided." That one, like most successful lies, was useful because it was half true.

The Wagner Act is one-sided but so are all laws that protect citizens in their rights.

Take the laws against robbery. They protect the citizen's property whether it's the shirt on his back, his home or his business. A man used to have to fight to protect his personal property, if he had any. But folks decided it was in the common interest to prevent such strife and decided to protect the right of private property by law. The laws against robbery don't protect the burglar. You could say, they are one-sided.

In the Wagner Act, Congress decided to protect the right of working men and women to join unions of their own choosing and to bargain collectively with their employer. In theory, this right existed before the Wagner Act. But, so long as an employer was free to fire any employee who chose to use that right, it didn't mean very much. Most labor relations were governed by the law of the jungle.

Any old-timer will tell you that the strikes to win recognition of the union were always the bitterest. In the old days, even when an employer gave in, he didn't necessarily have to bargain in good faith. Often, he stalled around until he could plant his agents inside the union or form a captive company union that would settle on any terms the company proposed.

All this helped to keep wages so low that wage earners lacked the purchasing power to buy the goods produced in our factories and on our farms. It was one of the big fac-

tors that busted the boom in 1929.

By 1936, most people had decided that collective bargaining through trade unions was necessary to help maintain a balance between wages, prices and profits.

To encourage collective bargaining on a broad scale, Congress decided that the government should protect the right of the wage earner to organize, that it would insist that all employers bargain in good faith once their employees joined a union. The Wagner Act did that and no more.

The Wagner Act does not take sides with the union at the bargaining table. It does not say what an employer must agree to. The terms of the bargain depend on the economic strength of the union and the skill of its negotiators—as it should.

The Wagner Act which protects the right of collective bargaining is no more one-sided than the laws which protect the right of private property. An intelligent Congress ought not to need a lie-detector to figure that out.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Few Questions

Dear Editor:

I wonder if somebody will explain this coincidence: Why did all of us that work at Ingland and were entitled to back pay did get it—yes sir, just before Christmas last year. And

there is a possibility that we may get the rest, or part of what's left, again during this Yuletide season? Is it to be in conjunction with the wishes of the local merchants? That could be.

I say this because in the November 10th issue of the LABOR SENTINEL Brother George Sopko said in an article under the heading "Mission Accomplished," this, and I quote, "Just in case you don't know, the Ingland Steel Co. is a dominant force in the Chamber of Commerce."

Roman Villegas.

Not a Pleasant Prospect

The boss calls you into his office one day and says, "Joe, our records show you'll soon be 65. That means we'll have to retire you next month."

You tell him you've still got a lot of good work in that body of yours, that you can't afford to retire.

He mentions the fact that you'll draw a Social Security pension and you say that it isn't large enough.

He tells you he's sorry that he can't let you continue at your job; there's a company rule that production men retire automatically at 65.

So there you are, at the end of 45 years of hard, steady work facing a future that's not too pleasant.

With prices as they are, your Social Security pension will just about pay your wife's doctor bills and buy you enough to eat. There won't be anything left for rent, clothing and inci-

dental.

Maybe you can move in with your daughter and her husband—or maybe you can get a job as a nightwatchman.

Then you tell yourself with considerable feeling, "What outfit I'm working for needs a decent retirement program."

A lot of Joes around the country face this problem every year, which explains why a large number of CIO unions

are paying more and more attention to retirement programs.

They want to make pension plans along with insurance plans—the subject of collective bargaining. Their argument is that workmen, acting collectively, have as much right to bargain for their future as for the present.

It's sound argument—one intend to keep making from time to time until industry provides its employees with adequate retirement programs.

toxins or viruses. These toxins or viruses cannot be seen but are known to be present by the harm they do in the causing of weakness, sickness or even death.

The human body, when in good health, has something within it that can fight off the germs as well as destroy the poisons that are formed by these enemies that cause sickness. By practicing right living habits and by avoiding too much exposure, this something, called "resistance," can be built up and can be made stronger and stronger. Then, too, by vaccination and by a number of other immunization practices, the body can be helped to build up resistance to most diseases.

To keep healthy and enjoy living, you need but to learn how to guard your body against harm. You need but to study the simple rules of hygiene and practice them whenever and wherever your health might be in danger.

Your studying and learning, of whatever kind, will be of no value or use to you unless you have a healthy body with which to make proper use of that learning.

When you have good health, you are happy; when you are happy, it is easy to be good. So with health, happiness and goodness, you will gain friends everywhere.

Enemies in your body

Your body has many enemies, these enemies, which may cause illness, disease or even death, are everywhere and are of many different kinds. Some of these enemies are plants and some are animals but all of them are too small to be seen without the aid of a microscope and even then many of them

need to be stained and to have various special treatment before the human eye can see them, know them and be able to tell them apart. They are sometimes called bacteria, sometimes called germs and sometimes called microbes. As some of these organisms grow, they produce poisons that are called

the dentist for an examination twice a year has, and will continue, to do a great deal toward preventing sickness and suffering. To prevent sickness is so much easier than to cure it. "A stitch in time saves nine."

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Health Commissioner
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Queer is Queer on Overtime

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union to prevent these super-visors from taking arbitrary action. This supplies to the section of men for overtime work.

At a recent meeting of the members of this department, it was voted to have all overtime work distributed evenly among the employees. The superintendent and Mr. Quer were informed of this decision. The overtime work is still being distributed queerly.

This issue will be brought at the next general meeting with management.

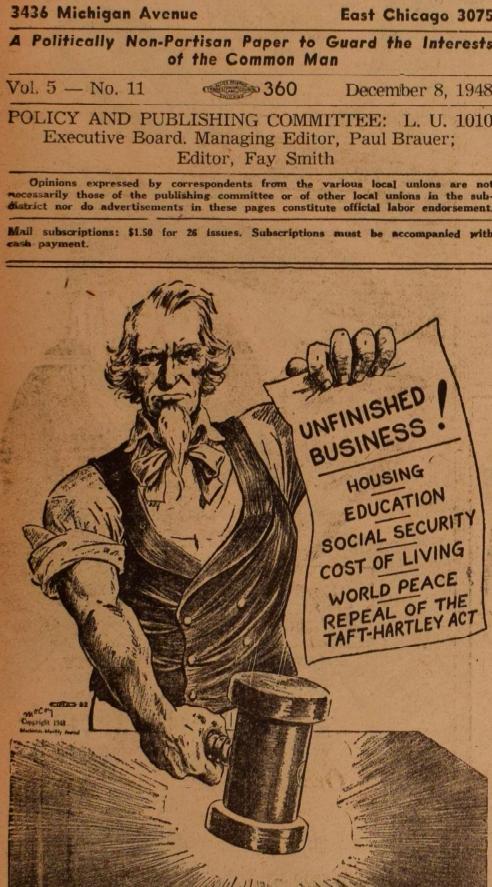
BULGARIA
SOFIA—(ALN)—With production rising rapidly, Bulgarian workers received the benefit of their efforts as prices of 18 different items were reduced. Included in the list were sugar, coal, stationery, lumber and copper. More price cuts are expected shortly.

Secretary of Labors' Pledge

I pledge to you, as Secretary of Labor, my very best efforts to see to it that all the pledges of the Democratic Party platform and the pledges of President Truman will be lived up to in the 81st Congress. And I know that your voice, with the voice of the rest of organized labor, will be a potent factor not only in correcting the wrongs that were done to labor in the 80th Congress, but in carrying out the rest of the program, such as proper education for American children, proper housing, and a proper public health program.

Adequate medical care in the case of infantile paralysis is estimated as beyond the financial resources of nine out of every ten American families. Through contributions to the National Founda-

tion's annual March of Dimes, however, the American people guarantee that no one suffering from this disease need go without the best available care for lack of funds.



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Probers Say Car Dealers Clip Public for Millions

Two Seek Damages for Non-Payment of Wages

An Indiana law which permits industrial workers to seek \$1 damages for each day employers delay payment of wages has been cited in a suit on file in Hammond Superior court.

Robert Campbell, 108 Rim-

bach, Hammond, and Anthony

Letkusky, 14043 Greenbay,

entered complaints

against the Anchor Manufac-

turing Co., 4828 Calumet, Ham-

mond, for alleged accumulated

wage arrearages.

Campbell asks \$253 in back

pay, \$200 attorney fees and \$77

for 77 days that his demand for

the back pay has been ignored.

Letkusky asks \$44 back pay,

\$200 attorney fees and \$75 for

75 days of delinquent payment.

W. J. Glendenning of the Con-

roy-Glendenning law firm, Ham-

mond, said state statutes provide

\$1 a day penalty for non-pay-

ment of wages, the penalty not

to exceed the amount of wage

arrearages. He added that the

tool manufacturing firm made

partial wage payments to Camp-

bell and Letkusky up to July

and that damages sought in the

suit accumulated over the pay-

roll amount met by the firm.

Six States Vote Bonuses for World War II Veterans

Indiana was not alone in vot-

ing to give veterans of World

War II a bonus. Iowa, South

Dakota, Louisiana, Washington

and Minnesota did likewise, in

referendums held like the one

in Indiana, along with the na-

tional election.

Four other states rejected

bonuses. They were Mis-

ouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin and

Oregon. In addition North Da-

kota voted down a tax for vet-

erans tax exemption proposal.

The Indiana vote in favor of

a bonus does not legally bind

the legislature, but since both

party platforms pledged com-

pliance with the results of the

referendum it may be assumed

that attention will be given to

the subject early in the legis-

lature that convenes in January.

This does not, of course, mean

early payment of a bonus. Since

Indiana is prevented by its con-

stitution from issuing bonds,

some way will have to be found

to finance the bonus without

going into debt. It will take

time.

One proposal, that has been

made is for the state to set

aside proceeds from some tax,

such as that on cigarettes, over a

period of years, in order to build

up a fund from which the bonus

could be paid. Revenue from the

cigarette tax, about twelve mil-

lion dollars a year, invested over

about ten-year period, would provide

about enough to pay a bonus

similar to those of Illinois and

Ohio.

Old Arguments Used to Oppose Health Insurance

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is among their necessities; but

which the state or national

cannot supply except

partially and in a limited de-

gree. Then and now, in 1830 and in

1840, the arguments had the

same ring. The people won their

battle for public education, and

would be hard today to find

any individual who would

destroy our public school

system. Those who repeat the

old arguments against

national health insurance should

forget this fact over.

Back Pay Hits a Snag

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will be paid as soon as the dis-

puted classifications have been

agreed upon.

Workers Behind in Price Battle

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Over the 3-year period since V-J Day the average manufacturing worker has lost ground in the struggle for higher real wages, Labor Dept. figures released Nov. 10 showed.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics

said the total increase in

wage rates since the war came

to about 43%. But total weekly

pay of factory workers has only

gone up 30% since V-J Day, be-

cause of a shorter workweek,

less premium pay and the larg-

er proportion of workers now

in low-wage consumer goods in

industries.

But while gaining 30% in gross wages, the worker has seen a 35% boost in the consumer price index of the BLS. That agency admits this index is not an exact measure of the cost of living, since it does not examine critically many factors entering the living cost picture. Within the past year, according to BLS, manufacturing wage rates have gone up 8.7% while the consumer price index climbed 6.5%.

Lewis Says Human Values Above Production Costs

WASHINGTON — (FP) — The United Mine Workers' pension plan is based on the idea that "care of the human element in any industry should inherently run with the cost of production," UMW Pres. John L. Lewis said Nov. 15 in an interview in U.S. News.

The pension plan was worked out, Lewis said, after it was found that state agencies were unable to take care of older men or those disabled on the job. He said "65,000 men are annually injured in the bituminous industry, with an average of 40 days' lost time. Included in that is 65,000, of course, are a great number of men who are permanently disabled."

Lewis said he thought the UMW pension system could be applied in other industries. In any industry, he pointed out, "the worker has a right to expect that after years of active service there will be something that will carry him through the normal years of his existence."

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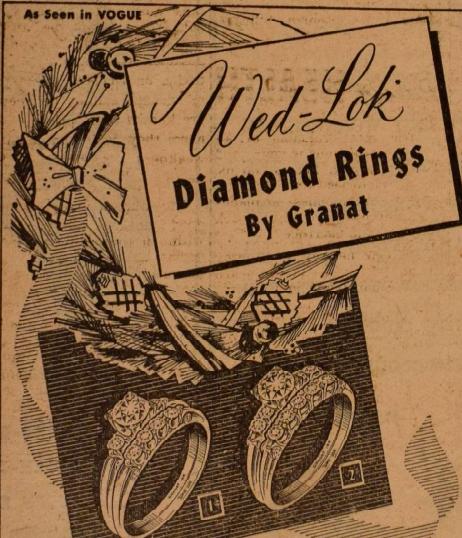
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THE Washington SCENE

Filibuster Ahead

Good bills can be pushed through the incoming 81st Congress, but they will not float through automatically. Work will have to be done, some of it before Jan. 3.

An obvious block in the way of liberal laws is the power of filibuster in the Senate. No matter how much support a bill may have it can still be killed by a dozen or so diehard members of the world's most exclusive club.

The point applies particularly to civil rights legislation. Dixiecrat Senators make no secret of their undying opposition to laws which would give all citizens equal rights.

Both Democratic and Republican platforms for 1948 called for laws against lynching and the poll tax. Both called for fair employment practices. Adoption of the Democratic civil rights plank led to formation of the Dixiecrat party.

When the new Congress convenes in January, the Democrats will have a mandate to carry through with civil rights. The Republicans can hardly fail to go along, if only to put Pres. Truman on the spot. But the southern wing of the Democratic party will be ready to talk a civil rights program to death with filibuster. In the process they will be prepared to stop all other work in the Senate.

The same reactionaries who fight to preserve second class citizenships also oppose other progressive bills. Filibuster can be a threat to the whole program which a majority of Americans voted for Nov. 2.

The filibuster can be beaten. It must be beaten if a liberal program is to be supported in good faith. But breaking the filibuster takes planning now.

The House of Representatives long ago changed its own rules to limit debate. In part it had to. The House is more than four times as large as the Senate. If House debate were not limited, every session of Congress would bog down in a mass of unfinished business.

The Senate, as upper chamber, has proudly held to its old privileges. A Senator can take the floor, open his mouth and keep on speaking until his knees buckle or his vocal cords snap. His colleagues can go to the movies but they cannot stop him.

Under present Senate rules, debate can only be stopped by invoking cloture. This is difficult to start and must be passed by two-thirds-vote.

What is more, the rules can be manipulated to keep cloture from coming up. When the Dixiecrats filibustered against civil rights last spring, they kept the Senate in an endless consideration of the journal. In this they got kind treatment from the Republicans. But Sen. Taft was probably right when he said that the rule would have to be changed before filibusters could be beaten.

Changing the rules is surprisingly easy. It requires only a majority vote. It is easier to change the Senate's rules than it would be to invoke cloture in one case.

During the last session of Congress a resolution to change the Senate's rules got through the Senate rules committee. As a matter of form it is still on the calendar. But it never had a chance for serious consideration.

Most Senators can visualize a time when they might want to fall back on filibustering themselves. The argument for it—

and it sometimes makes some sense—is that unlimited debate protects minority interests against majority rule-mongering. The record shows, though, that it is liberal bills which get talked to death. The reactionaries in the 80th Congress raised a mighty howl when debate on the Taft-Hartley bill was extended over one weekend to let the people have a little chance to see what was being done.

In the middle of a session, changing the Senate's rules would require a special resolution. The resolution itself could be filibustered. The effective way to change the rules is at the beginning of the session.

And that is why the change in rules has to be prepared in advance, starting now. If this is not done, the Democratic civil rights plank of 1948 might turn out to be nothing more than an interesting bit of history.

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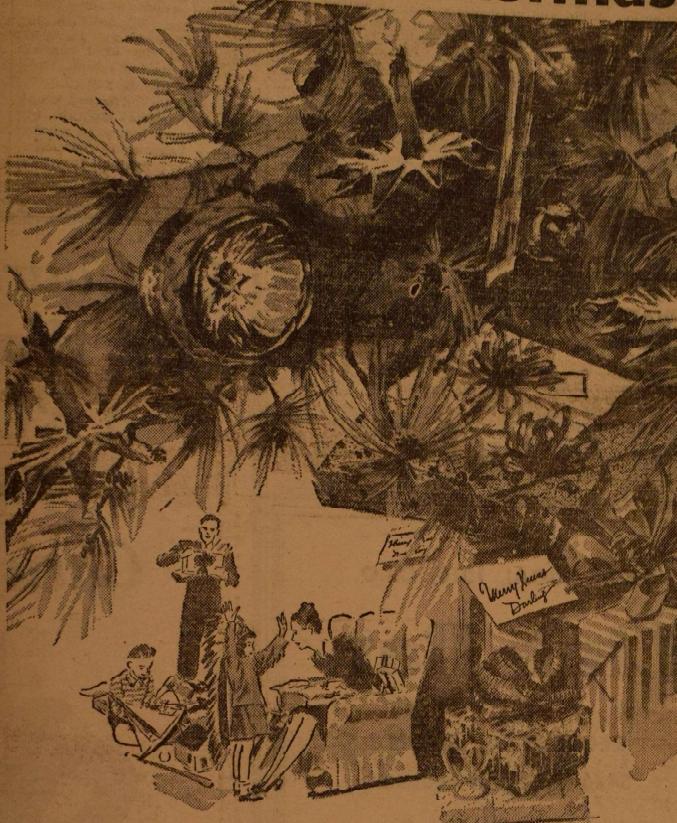
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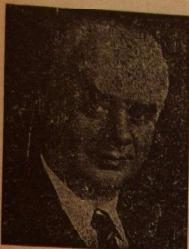
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Welfare of Average Man Comes First, Truman Tells CIO



PORLAND, Ore.—(FP) — The first concern of government is the "welfare of the average man," Pres. Truman declared in a message to the CIO convention here. This is the principle upon which his program is based and which the people of the U. S. endorsed on election day, his statement read to the delegates said.

"In the years ahead we shall seek to preserve full employment and full production at good wages with reasonable prices and fair profits," he pledged. "Taken together, these things mean a rising standard of living for everyone." He called on the delegates to support this program and "Demonstrate finally and unequivocally the fallacies of communism and reaction."

Sports at L.U. 1010

Local 1010 opened its basketball season on Friday, Dec. 3, in the Whiting industrial league and won a hard fought game from the Standard Oil team, 40 to 31. Sinclair also won over the NipSCO five, 42 to 34.

All league games are being played in the Whiting Community Center Gym on Sunday nights. Admission is free so let's get out and give our team some support.

The Local 1010 team practices in the Washington High School gym on Friday nights from 8 to 10 o'clock. All members of Local 1010 are welcome to go there at this time to practice. Ronnie Bounty is in charge of this class.

We have some information that boxing and wrestling shows are going to be held again after the first of the year. Many good bouts are sure to be scheduled.

All of you members who have children from one to twelve years of age and who are planning to attend 1010's Christmas party are urged to get tickets at the Union office at once. The office hours are from 8 to 5 on week days and from 8 to 12 on Saturdays.

Don Black,
Recreation Chairman

Local 1010 Nominates Murray

With no opposition having developed within Local 1010, Philip Murray was again nominated to head the United Steelworkers of America. The election for Murray and other international officers is to be held on Feb. 8.

The following is a list of those men who were nominated by Local 1010:

President: Philip Murray.
Vice President: Van A. Bittner and James Thimmes.
Secretary-Treasurer: David J. McDonald.
District Director: Joseph Germano.
Delegates: Al Kojetinski, John Sargent, Joseph Germano, William Young, John Ribic and Carl Stanley.

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Racial Prejudice Is Un-American

Discrimination should not play any part in our American way of life, and it will not if we as decent Americans fight it where ever we find it.

Discrimination is not confined only to Negroes, Mexicans and Jews but to all regardless of race, creed and color.

As cancer affects a part of our body and continues to spread, so does discrimination continue to spread its ill effects on the society of our nation. It is like an epidemic, so fight it where ever it appears.

The program of the Dixiecrats is a good example of this type of cancerous growth. Stamp it out now. You may be its next victim.

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The UNION Picture

By WM. MAHOFER

It was some thirteen years ago that a little fellow whom the men in the labor gang called the "Machinist," brought to the attention of several Inland workers that industrial union organization was on its way; but it wasn't easy to give the incoming SWOC directors a flying start. For those were the days when the black list was used frequently, and to question the word or action of the boss of tentimes meant the loss of both present and future employment. Those were the days when union minded man "stuck out their necks."

On Deodar street, a little group of men use the to meet in secret sessions and they dug into their pockets for money with which to get a union charter. They didn't think that getting a nickel or dime raise in wages was all that a union wanted, but they knew full well the importance of getting the union to the men who sweat in the grease and dirt in the mill.

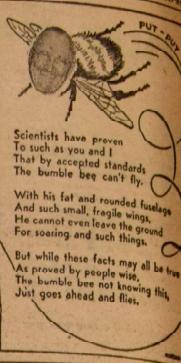
It goes without saying that a good tree must have its roots deep in the soil if it is to withstand the onslaughts of the

storms that are sure to come. Some of that group and many who have rallied around it from every department in the Inland are still here; some have relaxed in their activities, but the work goes on.

The SWOC of CIO, for its survival in its young days, leaned heavily on the healthy roots of your local union; and the continued growth of the United Steelworkers of America depends on the health of its local unions. And the local unions depends on its individual members. It depends on you.

You can do a lot toward keeping your union healthy by spending two hours a month attending your union meetings. The union is a medium for your expression. Make that expression good.

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December 22, 1943

**BOWRON BLOWS HIS TOP**

Quivering with indignation, Mayor Fletcher Bowron (r.) of Los Angeles wags finger at leaders of the United Public Workers (CIO) who served him with petition for an injunction to halt administering of a mass loyalty pledge to city employees under a new law. The union initiated this action to test the law's constitutionality.

The UNION PICTURE

By Wm. MAIHOFER

There are times when it is hard to resist the call to work six days a week with time and a half for the sixth day. Ask any one who is working only five days a week and he will tell you that he is having a tough time making ends meet. The only exception is the man who is in the higher income bracket which he is obtaining through a life time of seniority.

The hard fight waged by the union for the eight hour day and the 40 hour week in the past is mentioned in some feeble manner by workers everywhere and everytime six days work is mentioned in spite of the fact it is hard to get along on the present wages of a five day forty hour week.

This is a good sign that the gains that have been made will not be taken away to any large extent of permanence. The annual earnings of the workers working in excess of the forty hour week bears heavily against the forty hour week workers when the average earnings of all workers is taken to measure their conditions.

A few things to consider is how does our working over forty hours a week affect the unions bid for higher wages and greater purchasing power? How does it affect the bid for a six hour day 30 hour week? And finally how does it affect our whole national economy? It seems that we have heard something about the Boom and Bust. In this man's humble opinion the union's position on this Boom and Bust thing is that it is bad for the country, it is that which nobody wants and it hits the wage earners the hardest.

From time to time circumstances compell us to deviate from the road that leads to the desired objective. But there is never a good reason to lose sight of that objective. And finally do you know that the Union Hall at 3436 Michigan Ave., has a wonderful, mysterious way of making your voice heard for the common good ever louder. Come up and try it some time. Every good union man will tell you that we are not satisfied with only your two bucks. We want your opinions, too.

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Japanese Intellectuals Urge Political Action To Fight Fascism

TOKYO—(ALN)—An intensified struggle for peace, freedom and national independence and an all-out fight against the revival of fascism was demanded here by delegates to the Second All-Japan Democratic Cultural Congress.

The 500 writers, poets, painters, singers, dancers, literary critics and others all agreed that the fate of Japanese culture depended on organized political action. Included among the delegations were representatives of 50 unions.

Insisting that a break with past imperialist traditions is a necessity, the convention demanded that a new national flag and anthem be adopted since the present ones "are closely related to the memories of imperialist Japan, are stained with the blood of the victims of Japanese aggression and can hardly serve as symbols of a democratic Japan."

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Tar Plt, Sintering Plt. and Plancoar.
2nd Tuesday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 2
No. 1 & No. 2 Open Hearths.
1st Friday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 3
40' Billet Mill, Rail, 28" Tie Plate, and Splice Bar.
1st & 3rd Sunday—10:00 A.M.

GROUP NO. 4
10', 14" Mills, Roll Shop.
2nd Sunday of Month—2:00 P.M.

GROUP NO. 5
44' H. S. Mill, 76" H. S. Mill,
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4th Wed. of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 6
Cold Strip and Tin Mill
1st & 3rd Tues. of Month—8:00 P.M.

GROUP NO. 7
Transportation, Yards, Car Shop,
Engineers, and Hostlers.
4th Monday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 8
New Construction.
3rd Monday of Month—4:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 9
26", 19", 24", Mills, Stoers, Machine,
Blacksmith, and Boiler Shops.
1st & 3rd Monday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 10
Galvanize, Plate Mill, Bolt & Spike, Sheet Mill.
1st Sunday of Month—4:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 11
Power & Steam Department
2nd Monday of Month—7:30 P.M.

GROUP NO. 12
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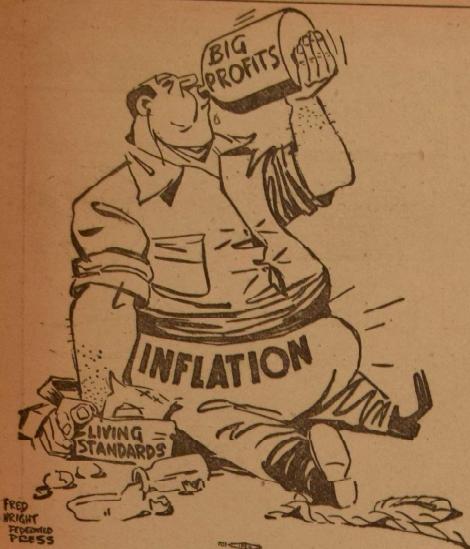
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Profits at New High

NEW YORK—(FP)—Industry's dollar-signs point to new record-breaking profits for all 1948.

After examining the third-quarter financial reports turned in by the major corporations, the Wall Street Journal has reported "an upward surge in profits for industry as a whole." The newspaper's survey of 155 companies in '45 industries showed third-quarter profits a sweeping 41.7% above the similar 1947 period and 8.3% ahead of the second 1948 quarter.

The railway equipment industry came out ahead with a 100.5% increase over the 1947 third quarter. The coal industry followed with a 61.1% increase and the auto and building materials industries came out neck

and neck with a 57.7% increase apiece.

Iron and steel scored a 53.6% advance while the oil industry, despite a major strike on the west coast, was able to show a 49.8% boost in profits over last year's third quarter.

Higher prices and increased production were credited with helping big business along its dollar-strewn path toward a third straight year of record breaking profits.

Only industry to show a profit dip was the textile business, where consumers' inability to meet highly inflated prices is beginning to hit home.

Ever loathe to report the nation's big businessmen as joyful over their huge profits, the Wall Street Journal came up with a new worry—the possibility of a fourth wage increase round ahead. This specter, according to the Journal, has many businessmen losing sleep. But it's safe to say they're NOT losing money.

WAGE RAISES POSSIBLE IN STEEL

NEW YORK—(FP)—As labor's fourth-round wage drive began to take shape, the Wall Street Journal asserted that a number of industries would be unable to pass on pay boosts to consumers in the form of higher prices.

Among the industries which have reached the end of the price increases line, according to the Journal are shipping, airlines, railroads and movie makers.

"On the other hand," it said, "certain industries appear able to grant higher wages. Out-

standing examples are steel, oil, chemicals and autos. Their earnings are large; demand for their products is strong."

The Journal apparently took it for granted that an industry wouldn't dream of raising wages unless it could use such an increase as an excuse for raking in still more profits.

Hotel rates along Pennsylvania Ave., in Washington, D.C., have soared for President Truman's Inaugural parade. A \$75 suite will cost \$250 if the windows face the avenue.

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The Truth 'Bout Santa

ANNIE L. GAETZ

"How does Santa come down the chimney, Mother?"

I was watering the house plants and I continued my work as I answered, "I really don't know, Bob."

"Isn't it funny!" I heard Jean remark. "Mother knows so much about everything else, but she never seems to know a thing about Santa."

I've noticed that, too," said Bob. "Jerry's mother told him that Santa draws a big breath and blows himself up like a balloon. Then, when he wants to go down a chimney he just lets the air out, as if he were an inner tube, only he doesn't make a big bang like a tire puncture does. When he gets out of the chimney he draws a big breath and blows himself up again. That is why he's so round and fat!"

"W—ell! Is that how it is done?" said Jean. "I've often wondered, too, how the reindeer get to the top of the house with their load; Edith's mother says that the reindeer give one big leap and sort of fly to the top of the house. It is queer that Mother never seems to know things like that."

Most parents feel that the happy confidence which children have in Santa is too precious an experience to be utterly denied or to be torn ruthlessly away from them. However, it should always be remembered that unquestioning confidence in the word of a father or mother is an even more precious experience. We shall be on the safe side about Santa if we never allow ourselves to be tempted to say anything regarding him that could not be truthfully said of a merry personification of unselfish giving. Gradually, then, as children grow older, the physical Santa Claus will be transformed into an ideal without causing any disillusionment.

Bob and Jean have now reached the years of understanding, and Christmas is again approaching. The other day I heard Bob say to Jean, "Jerry talks dreadfully about his mother. He told the boys he doesn't believe anything she says. He said he never has believed her since he found out that she had lied to him about Santa Claus. Up to that time he had been sure that if she told him anything it would be true. Now, he says, he knows better."

I was glad to know that neither of my children would be likely to talk about me that way. I have always refrained from saying anything if I could not tell them the truth. I want them to feel that my word can be depended on; otherwise, how can I expect to teach them to be truthful and honest?

There are parents who, in desire to be strictly truthful, refuse to allow their children to have any fanciful ideas about Santa Claus. This, it seems to me, is a mistake. In the years to come these children may well feel that they have been cheated out of something that would have been very dear to them. As they travel up the hill towards manhood or womanhood and down the other side towards old age, from their book of childhood recollections there will be a beautiful page missing—the page that registers the joy and the mystery of Santa's visits. Among childhood memories this can be made one of the most deeply cherished and the most enduring.

It is not wise to allow our boys and girls to weave their childish fancies around Santa and Santa's delightful visits? It is not necessary to tell them farfetched tales about the manner of his coming. "That's what the storybooks say" is a satisfactory response in many cases when a child asks for the verification of anything that a

number of his playmates accept as true. To say "I don't know" would, of course, often be false. One mother of my acquaintance sometimes says, "Ask me when you are older." Again she will say, "When anything can not really be known, people sometimes make up 'play-stories' about it."

Actually, it is the spirit of the dear Saint that we want to dwell upon and to enlarge upon—the spirit of loving and giving. We must help the children to understand it, and consequently thoroughly to enjoy it, by allowing them to become Santa's representatives.

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Elmers, Talmadges White-wash Latest Georgia Ambush Lynching

A new low in white supremacy has been reached in the ambush-lynching of Robert Mallard, Negro farmer of Vidalia, Ga., Nov. 20.

Mallard and his wife were ambushed while returning from church and he was shot through the chest by a band of robed white men.

Most ominously, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation officer assigned to the case, the sheriff and police chief all gave signed statements to the Klan Kleagle, for forwarding to Grand Dragon Samuel, asserting their "belief" that "the KKK had no part in killing this mean Negro."

This is only a taste of what must be expected under the newly-inaugurated Gov. Herman Talmadge. From the Non-Secular Anti-Nazi League I have sent an appeal to U. S. Atty Gen. Tom Clark to investigate this Gestapo-like Georgia justice, in which the state law officers report to the Klan instead of to their superior.

Georgia's newspapers seem to have likewise degenerated rapidly under Talmadge, for they have obligingly printed purrid Reconstruction-vintage Klan propaganda, which seeks to blame the murder on Negroes disguised as Kluxers. It is charged that Mallard was a "biggity northern Negro, whose character and habits were bad, and who didn't belong around here."

WE VOTED

In further effort to divert the spotlight from themselves, the Kluxers have pointed out that Mallard "drove a \$2,000 automobile" and "carried heavy life insurance."

Obligingly, FBI Lieut. W. E. McDuffie arrested Mrs. Mallard and charged her with the murder. (She was soon released.)

The real reason why Mallard was lynched is that he urged everybody to participate in the marches last summer. And the reason "reason" was that he knew some white churchmen who had blocked his way with their parked cars to please move them.



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Protection for Foreign Born

Additional hope has recently been given to those foreign born persons living in the United States who, for one reason or another, have been unable to obtain citizenship papers and have been threatened with deportation.

At a recent meeting held in Chicago of the National Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, it was pointed out by Carol King, general counsel for the committee, that many foreign born persons have been illegally arrested by the department of justice. In her speech to the meeting, Carol King read the names of a large number of persons who are facing deportation for political and other

reasons. These persons have lived in the United States from 3 to 45 years and the great majority of them have made application for citizenship. Most of them are married and have from 1 to 9 dependents.

This committee is the one which successfully defended Steve Tanduric when he was arrested a few years ago and faced deportation. Steve was a member of Local 1010.

If you need the service of this committee you can write to the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, 23 West 26th St., New York 10, N. Y., and all of their services will be placed at your disposal.

Judd—"What makes you look so worried?"
Studd—"Just lost \$500 in a poker game."

Judd—"Five hundred?"
Studd—"Yes, and the worst of it is, \$15 was in cash."

East Chicago Schools Aid Santa Claus

The East Chicago Schools have again cooperated with the Salvation Army by collecting toys for the less fortunate children. These toys will be repaired and refinished by the East Chicago firemen before Christmas.

The toys will then be distributed from two centers: the Citadel, 4620 Todd Avenue and the Katherine House, 3801 Deodar Street. They will be given to children who otherwise would probably not be so remembered at Christmas time.

Parents of these children are contacted by the Salvation Army and come to one of the centers to select suitable toys.

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Strategy at Inland Steel—1949 Version

The strategy of Inland's labor relations department is becoming increasingly clear. Under the direction of Mr. Capples, a former high-ranking officer in the U. S. Army, and Mr. Luellen, a method of operating is shaping up which makes it almost impossible for the individual grievance committeeman to settle grievances.

When a grievance is first presented, a bright young man from Mr. Luellen's office, called a divisional superintendent, is generally always present to hear the discussion. The bright young man, who is actually a glorified clerk, listens attentively, but he has no real authority at all. He cannot settle a grievance. Instead, he hurries over to the main office with the information he has gathered and explains the case to Mr. Luellen. Thus, each grievance is almost immediately taken from the hands of the departmental heads, and the grievance becomes the property of the labor relations department.

This method of operating is not new. It is similar to the multiple bargaining arrangement which has been practiced in the San Francisco area for many years. There, a number of both large and small concerns have

employed a company of labor relation experts who handle all of the collective bargaining between the different companies and the unions. The system is so rigid that no individual company is permitted to settle even a minor grievance with its own employees. In this area, the different companies can be compared to the different departments in Inland Steel.

Of course, Mr. Luellen says that he is merely attempting to standardize the settlement of grievances, to settle them all on a similar basis. He thus hopes to develop a strict, rigid and legal basis for the handling of all collective bargaining matters. Even the job classification program is a step in the direction of rigidity.

This would all be well and good if it would insure industrial peace and cooperation. But let's take a look beneath the surface.

First of all, since each grievance is becoming the property of the labor relations department, Mr. Luellen and his experts, including highly paid attorneys, are able to concentrate all their efforts toward the handling of these grievances in such a manner that they are settled at a bare minimum for the employees involved; and, as time goes on, even this mini-

mum will be whittled away. Mr. Luellen's job is to protect the company at the expense of the employees. He would like to have better labor relations, no doubt, but only on his own terms.

Secondly, the establishment of rigid rules to be used as a basis for the settlement of grievances will cause the development of regimentation among the employees of Inland. This will result in the establishment of a system of discipline from which the workers dare not deviate. And when this occurs, brother, you might as well be in the army.

What can be done to combat Mr. Luellen's method of operating which makes each grievance the property of his department?

The answer seems to be fairly simple. Each grievance must become the property of the entire union, and each member of the union must concern himself with the problems of the employees in other departments. Unless we all get solidly behind the union we face a situation in which each grievance will be handled according to the barest possible minimum as established by previous decisions. And these will be whittled down until we, as the employees, will not have a chance for a fair decision.

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CONGRESSMAN DRIPP

BY YOMEN



"BUT, DARLING, ONE SHOTGUN CAN'T KILL ALL YOUR ENEMIES."

Goodby 80th Congress

There will be lots of noise-making and good cheer at many New Year's Eve parties come December 31, but one get-together, scheduled awhile back as a merry victory celebration, may turn out to be as dull and sad as an undertaker's planning conference.

The unhappy wake will be the final session of the 80th

Congress. On August 7th the Republican Congressional high-command set the meeting for December 31st in order to keep President Truman from scheduling a special session at the last minute.

Now, instead of joy-making and hoopla, only big item on the agenda will be final adjournment, sprinkled with an unusually large number of swan songs.

Happy New Year!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mary is a Poet

Dear Editor:

I wish that I could write a safety slogan, but heck The office force gets the turkeys—and me? All I get is a pain in the neck!

Mary B.

Christmas at Inland

Did you get your Christmas present from Inland? The company is giving each worker a lovely book of safety rules. If you are real good you may also get a dandy pocket calendar. Good old Inland!

Two teachers riding the street car were talking about their pupils.

"How many children have you?" asked one. "Oh, about 30," was the reply.

"Well, I've got you beat, I have 31," said the first.

An Irish lady behind them became interested. "Sure, and I'll bet your husband came from Ireland," she beamed.

Your Health

"Give me the guiding of a child during the first six years of his life and I care not who may handle him thereafter." Words to that effect were once repeated by a great educator. Too frequently, only the mental training of the growing child is thought to be essential, when, in fact, his body, his health and his physical well-being are of more importance. When a child is well, he is happy; when he is happy, he is good. Therefore, training in matters pertaining to health and hygiene are of the most importance to any child.

Habits formed in youth become the daily acts of the adult. As is the child, so will the adult be. Train the child through kindness, by leading, by setting examples, avoiding force, avoiding threats or creating of fear.

A child's outside appearance and actions are not always the true signs of his health or of his physical well being. Changes sometimes come suddenly and may progress rapidly. Surely every little boy or girl is deserving of the protection afforded by an occasional check up by a

Learning and LABOR

Comment by the staff of the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of Illinois

PHILIP BRADLEY, Director

RALPH NORTON, Editor

More and more labor newspapers and journals are "tops" in looks and content. This was evident from the exhibit of 1948 contest winners at the International Labor Press (AFL) Convention in Cincinnati last month. It is also evident to any regular reader of CIO or independent union publications.

Some day every local union may be able to pick up its labor journal or newspaper, and find it rates among the best in newspapers and magazines in the U. S. This millinium won't come tomorrow. But several recent developments in labor journalism point to the growing importance of the labor press both to the local union card-holder and to the labor movement as a whole.

No small reason is the increasing attention universities are giving to labor journalism. At the University of Illinois, for example, the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations holds an Annual Conference for Labor Journal Editors. These spring meetings are designed to give the labor editors some extra "know-how" which they can use in improving their papers, and a chance to discuss

their mutual problems. Also, the School of Journalism at the U. of I. is planning to add to its regular courses one on labor journalism. Students who take this course should be far more qualified to handle labor news—either for general or labor newspapers.

These university programs were praised by the International Labor Press of America in a resolution adopted at the Cincinnati Convention, for having contributed to the improvement of the labor press.

At the same time, of course, local unions are cooperating more with the labor press. Almost every local union designates some member or officer to handle the union's publicity. It is this person's job to give the union news to the local and community newspapers. The job is not an easy one, however, and next spring the U. of I. Labor Journal Editor's conference will include at least one session for union publicity chairmen.

Help to the labor press is only one of the services in labor and industrial relations offered by the Institute.

diphtheria and whooping cough during the first year of life.
3. From birth, guide the formation of proper hygiene habits.

4. Insure pure, well prepared and wholesome foods.

5. Avoid highly seasoned foods, iced and carbonated drinks.

6. Direct the developing of safe and proper recreation.

7. Encourage his creative traits and aptitudes.

8. Shield him from unnecessary fears and conflicts.

9. Cultivate his confidence, never betray his trust.

10. Teach him to avoid the vicious and help him to cultivate a reverence of God.

Give your child every opportunity to be well, happy and good during his first six years and he will bless you while enjoying his Seven to One Hundred.

Wm. D. Weis, M. D.
Health Commissioner
Lake County, Indiana

**THEIR SEASON'S GREETINGS: AN EVICTION NOTICE**

Christmas spirit in the Irwin, Pa., home of Mr. and Mrs. James Rain was brutally extinguished by an eviction notice ordering the family, which includes 10 children, to vacate the two-room apartment. The father has a temporary job in West Virginia.

**LYNCH VICTIM'S WIDOW ACCUSES KLANSMEN**

Mrs. Amy Mallard swears out a warrant identifying William L. Howell (r.) as one of the hooded white men who shot and killed her husband on a dark George road Nov. 20. The lynchers halted the Mallard car, in which Mrs. Mallard and two young cousins were riding. Georgia police took no action following Mrs. Mallard's charges until the day of her husband's burial, when they arrested the widow and charged her with the murder. While protests forced the dropping of this absurd charge, the two teen-age cousins are being held in jail as material witnesses.

Christmas Greetings

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"Doc" Hudson Heads Good Fellowship Club

A good fellowship club, located at 9556 Greenwood Ave., Chicago, has been operating for the past few years. This club was formed to spread good-will and to donate to needy causes. Its main source of income is thru an occasional raffle on a type of article which may be of interest to its members and friends. Card parties are held each month and the names of many Inland employees are on its membership roll.

"Doc" Hudson, millwright 44" Fin. End, Inland Steel, is Pres.

ident and he is to be recommended for his tireless efforts in operating such a worthy organization.

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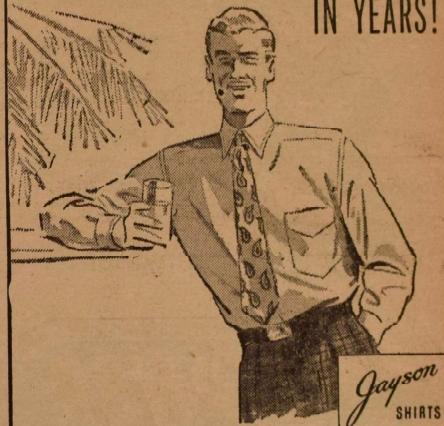
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Tobin Urges Repeal of State Anti-Labor Law

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Addressing the 15th National Conference on State Labor Legislation, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin said that the anti-labor laws in some of the States are worse than the Taft-Hartley law. He added that the Administration is committed to the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and suggested that in a lot of the states the anti-labor laws ought to be repealed too.

Reviewing the accomplishments of the conference since 1933, Tobin pointed out that more gains were made during "your first 4 or 5 years of life." He said about the only major advance in 1948 is in the field of workmen's compensation. "In 1933, four States lacked compensation laws, and it has taken 15 years to close that gap. This year, the last State, Mississippi, enacted an excellent workmen's compensation law," Tobin stated.

The Conference is composed of delegates appointed by the Governors of various States. They include representatives of labor, management, and State officials.

The Secretary of Labor emphasized that the energies of

labor officials and organized labor have necessarily been diverted to defending their gains rather than to pursuing new goals. "But the tide of battle has turned," the Secretary said. "we may take encouragement from the recent rejection by the people of Maine, Massachusetts and New Mexico of referenda on anti-closed shop proposals."

Secretary Tobin asked the States to rededicate themselves to the support of positive programs of labor legislation and to start by strengthening the State and Federal departments of labor. He also asked the States to work on minimum wage laws, safety and health, safety training, workers' education for union officers and members, and employment of the handicapped.

**1010's Xmas Party
Tomorrow Night**

The annual Christmas party given by Local Union 1010 will be held tomorrow night, December 23, at 7:30 P. M. in the Washington high school auditorium. This party will be the most elaborate one as yet given by the union.

At least 1000 children who will attend the party will be given gifts and candy. Movies will be shown; Bob Tomilson, magician and ventriloquist, will give his one man variety show, and Miss Shephowski of Indiana Harbor will present her talented dancing class. Santa Claus himself, will distribute the gifts.

LABOR SENTINEL

These parties have been given by the union since 1939 and have grown in attendance and interest with each passing year.

Sen. Capehart IS BIG BUSINESS

To chubby Sen. Homer Capehart (R) of Indiana, you're prejudiced if you criticize big business. Which isn't too strange coming from Homer, who's somewhat of a big businessman himself (juke-boxes, mostly).

Walter B. Wooden, associate

general counsel for the Federal Trade Commission, was testifying before Capehart's subcommittee on trade policies. The issue was the complex basing-point controversy.

Wooden ventured the opinion that big business was making a "powerful drive" to wreck the country's anti-trust laws. He added that many persons trying to "clarify" the law on basing point practices actually were eager to continue price-fixing conspiracies outlawed by the Supreme Court.

This was interpreted by Capehart as an attack on everything he holds dear. "That statement

shows you are absolutely pre-judiced," he told Wooden. "I'm inclined to believe that you have outlived your usefulness to the government."

Others were inclined to believe there was some significance in the fact, as charged by Rep. Patman (D) of Texas, that the advisory council which has been helping Capehart with his investigations is "stacked against the consumers & small businessmen. Of its 46 members," said Patman, "more than 15 represent companies which have been charged with violation of the anti-trust laws." Maybe it's Homer who's pre-judiced.



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**PUMPKIN SPY A LA MODE**

Like Mother Goose's Peter, Time editor Whittaker Chambers "put it in a pumpkin shell, and there he kept it very well—for 10 years. Only it wasn't his wife, but a roll of microfilm copies of State Dept. documents, handed to him, he says, by a spy for the Russians. Chambers hasn't explained why he kept mum about the documents for a whole decade.

**Your UNION
and YOU...**

By ELLIOTT CARLTON

The election is over—but you will have to work for a living. Unless some rich relative wills you some cash, the chances are good that your job is about your only means of support. And that holds good even if you play the ponies—for fillies cost a lot of dough in whatever form they come.

No, there's no use kidding ourselves! None of us is likely to die rich.

Not that that's so important. What good is it to be rich when

you're dead? It's a lot better to be not quite so poor when you're alive.

And that's what the labor movement is for, Brother. That is why we're union men. Let's remember that.

Let's remember that what's good for you is good for the union. You can turn that around too! What's good for the union is good for you.

It can be reversed in still another way: "What's bad for the union is bad for you."

There are some who never forget that. They fight union tooth and nail. Sometimes they fight them openly—by refusing to arbitrate, or by lockouts.

Lot's of times they use under-

the-snake's-bellyactics. That's when they try to get us mad at each other by spreading prejudice.

Suppose a guy's car breaks down. Does it matter to the car whether the mechanic is a Catholic, Jew, or Protestant? Does it matter whether he's black, or white—or whether he was born here or in Europe or Asia?

As long as the mechanic is a good workingman, it doesn't matter at all.

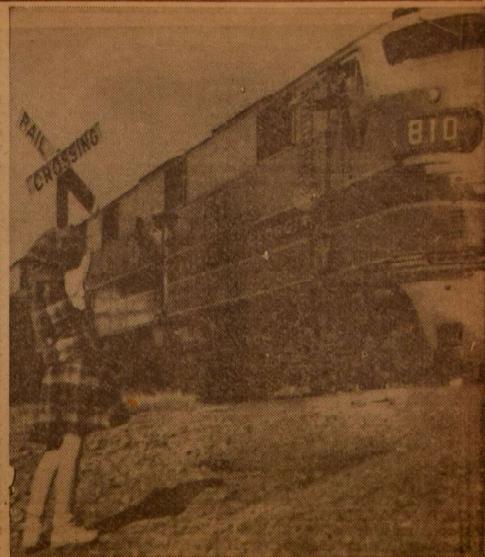
But there are Big Boys in front offices—and Big Boys cutting coupons—who try to make us believe that a workingman's race, religion, or ancestors make a difference in your shop or in your office.

They've a reason. They know that if they can get us to split into quarreling, prejudiced groups, our union will be torn apart.

And let's not forget it! What's bad for the union is bad for us. Without a union we'll work twice as long for half as much—and kiss the big toe of the foreman while we're sweating it out.

And prejudice, Brother, religious and racial prejudice is the concealed weapon that is bad for us.

It can destroy us all.

**LONG MAY SHE WAVE**

Armless since birth, 5-year-old Grace Purcell of Lovejoy, Ga., will get a pair of artificial limbs and a college education, thanks to railroad men who noticed the little girl as she waved at trains passing her home. The trainmen have been taking up annual Christmas collections for their little friend.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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son and truly hope you
have a very happy
holiday and a pros-
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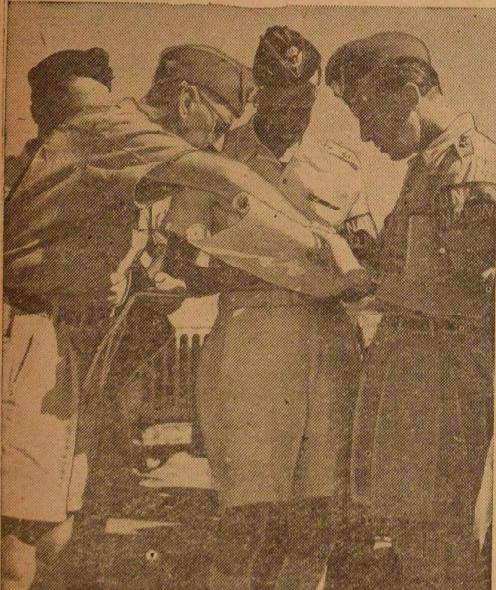
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

PLEASANT VIEW DAIRY
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PRACTICALLY EVERY nation in the world has been represented in the open meetings of the United Nations. Here a U.N. employee takes nameplates out of storage for the 58-country General Assembly.



DRAMATIC AND PERSISTENT were U.N.'s efforts in 1948 to keep Palestine under truce. Here U.N. observers, near the front lines, check on positions of opposing Arab and Jewish forces. In addition, both the Security Council and the General Assembly worked out measures to help bring permanent peace to the Holy Land.

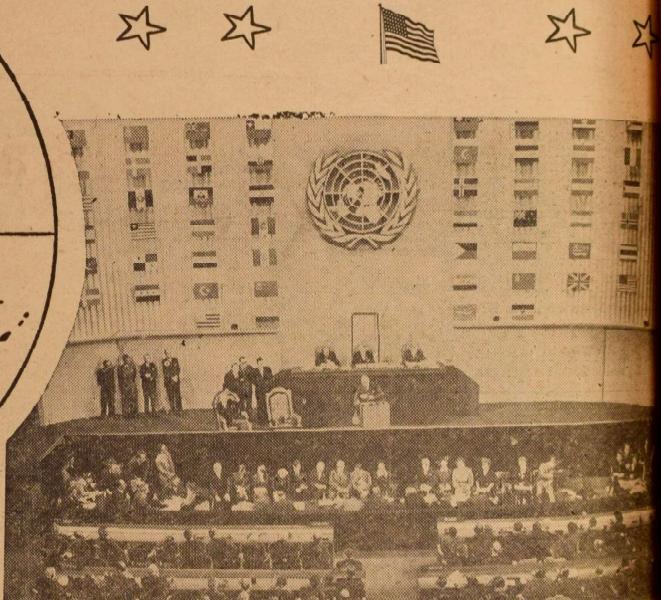
U.N. IN 1948

Nineteen hundred and forty-eight was the year in which man flew faster than sound but could not grow and produce enough to keep everyone fed and clothed. It was the third full year since the guns of the Second World War were silenced. It was a time in which the crack of individual rifles was frequently heard. It was the year in which more efficient processes for obtaining insulin were developed but in which more than 30,000 European children were found to have been infected by tuberculosis.

During that year, the 58-country organization to which the peoples of the world had assigned the task of keeping peace—the United Nations—faced many of the underlying problems which had created the paradoxes of 1948. As it had from its earliest days, U.N. continued to organize the nations of the world to produce more and increase trade. It kept at the tasks of maintaining peace, even when, as in the case of the problem of Berlin, they grew out of questions which the world had assumed would be settled before U.N. was a working organization. It worked to settle dangerous conflicts, such as that in Palestine. It listed results in social fields, such as the fight against disease, and again showed how closely the world's troubles were interconnected.

U.N., at the end of 1948, was no longer the infant organization it had been a year before, when its machinery had barely been completed. It now was a functioning organism under whose flag the world had a chance to maintain a lasting peace. In fact, said U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, ". . . the United Nations has been the chief force that holds the world together against all conflicting strains and stresses that are pulling it apart. . . . Indeed, the organs of the United Nations are now virtually the only places where regular contact and discussion have been maintained on a continued basis. . . ."

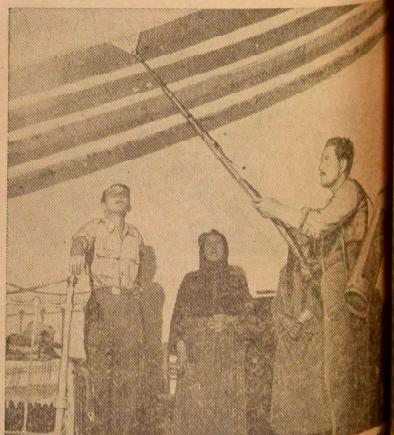
A quick sweep with the camera over last year's events shows how and where United Nations is serving to hold the world together. It shows, for instance, U.N. servers at perilous posts of duty in Palestine. It shows the face of Count Folke Bernadotte who died for peace in the Holy Land. It shows the General Assembly hammering out a Bill of Human Rights for the peoples of the world. It shows the will to continue cooperation, despite obstacles, among the family of nations.



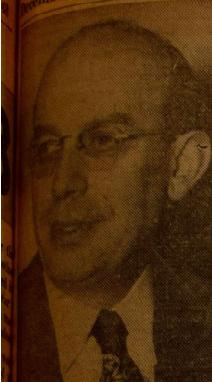
THE THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY session was held in the Palais de Chaillot at Paris. Among the issues before the free forum of the world were control of atomic energy, peace in Palestine, disarmament, a U.N. guard for better relations in the Balkans and human rights.



HERO OF PEACE, Count Folke Bernadotte was murdered while on duty in Palestine. The Swedish nobleman, one of eight killed in U.N. posts in Palestine, was U.N. Mediator in the Holy Land.



VIGOROUS HEALTH PROGRAMS came from the World Health Organization (WHO), which became a permanent agency in 1948. Here a home in Greece is sprayed with DDT, an anti-malaria program which was designed by WHO specialists.



FRONT MAN

Fronting for the top industrialists who run the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers is their newly elected president, small businessman Wallace Bennett. Bennett will spend his term of office trying to sell the NAM to other small businessmen, while the NAM will try to sell big business to the public.

Inequity Program

Mill Mechanical--Elect. and Maintenance Jobs

In a previous article I told you that this group of classifications had not yet been approved by your union committee, also that the general picture looked good. But the picture has now changed. The Company previously had agreed to give your committee a letter verifying the incorporation of the cost bonus into the base rate. This would establish a base rate for the majority of these jobs somewhat comparable to similar jobs in competitive plants.

Another point—not all jobs in this group carry the 5% cost bonus. We were informed that it would be applied to all Mill Mechanical, Electrical and Maintenance jobs.

THEREFORE, to approve these classifications as they are now, would be accepting standard evaluations for the majority of these jobs. **THIS WE REFUSE TO DO.**

WATCH FOR SPECIAL MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL MEETING NOTICES.

MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL SHOPS

Regarding the job of leveling out the Shop & Trade & Craft problems, Mr. F. Gillies frowned upon my proposal to work this out in connection with Mill Mechanical, Electrical & Maintenance jobs and insisted we complete production and operating jobs first, then dispose of Mill Mechanical, Electrical and Maintenance before we go into the Shops. Your committee, eager to have you receive another year of back pay before Christmas, cooperated with Mr. G. Gillies and did a good job on the production and operating adjustments—even the Company admitted this. Now H. McKinsey and I, two members of your Local Union Committee who are to negotiate the procedure to be used in adjusting the Shop, Trade and Craft jobs, have tried without success, to negotiate this matter. Mr. L. B. Luellen, the Company's top negotiator, in this issue, continually keeps postponing a meeting from week to week.

Proper adjustments have been made in a few spots in this shop—but to get action on the remaining disputes it appears that our main job is to acquaint every individual in every type of work in all Shops



NEWS ITEM Small businessman new NAM president... All six directors are top industrialists...

and Trade and Craft jobs with the issues involved—get every man in accord on the proper program. BRIEFLY, what we must have is complete organization in every part of every department.

George Sopko.

The little girl put a nickel upon the counter for a candy bar.

"But we have no nickel bars," said the clerk.

"May I please have a soda pop?"

"But they're seven cents."

Sports at Local Union 1010

Local 1010 Basket Ball team racked up its second victory in the Whiting Industrial League with a very handsome 53 to 33 score.

The league consists of the following:

1. Standard Oil.
2. Carbide Carbon.
3. Nipco.
4. Local 1010.
5. Sinclair.
6. Open.

Local 1010 has a win over

Standard Oil which was a well earned victory for our team. Trailing for three periods, the boys then got going in the final quarter and came out on top with a 40 to 31 win. We also won over Nipco 53 to 33. December 17 at 8 o'clock we play Sinclair at the Whiting Community Center Gym.

This promises to be a tough battle.

Ronnie La Bounty still has open playing at the Washington High School gym from 8 to 10 P. M. on Friday nights. We would like to see some more of you fellows get out and take advantage of the time.

Don Black,
Recreation Chairman.



Puzzled, the girl made a final attempt by ordering a Popsicle. "That's all right," she said. "I can't buy anything with it, anyway."

* * *

When told they were also seven cents she reached the sidewalk before the clerk could remind her of the nickel on the counter.

Ardent Male—"I'd love to be married to you some day."

Screen Star—"All right, I'll put you on my wedding list."

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LABOR SENTINEL

To the Members of Local Union 1010

It has been brought to the attention of this committee that many people wonder as to the reason for the 1946 installment of back pay on the Inequity Program being considerably smaller than the two previous installments.

There are two reasons that the individuals share is somewhat smaller. In the first place; in the year of 1946 in January the Steelworkers were forced to strike the steel plants of the country for 28 days in order to force an 18½% per hour wage increase and, due to the peculiarities of steel plant operations, many people lost considerably more time than the 28 days. Secondly, the percentage figure of 42.42% of the total individual wage increase that was paid for the years of 1944 and 1945 has been cut slightly to 40.85% due to the fact that wage rates have been increased on some 200 jobs since this time last year, thus cutting the total amount of money available.

We do not guarantee the correctness of the individual check. This can be checked by finding the total hours worked in the year of 1946 from the Time Department and multiplying by 40.85% of the Inequity Increase.

Your committee wishes you a Merry Xmas and trusts that the New Year does not bring you any headaches such as the Inequity Program.

LOCAL UNION 1010
INEQUITY COMMITTEE

Speed Up and Stretch Out Gaining Ground at Inland

New and reduced rates being installed

In the Cold Strip and Tin Mill at Inland faster and cheaper production is rapidly getting underway. In line with Inland's policy of getting more and evermore from both men and machines, new methods of production are being installed which will assure Inland that profits will soar into staggering sums of money.

Under the change, even though employees on the skin mills in the Cold Strip are working only four days a week they are producing just as much as they formerly did in a full work week with the result that their take home pay is less.

In the annealing department production for each crew has increased from one and one-eights tons per hour to five tons per hour while each crew has been cut from nine men to four. And Inland insists ominously that the rate of pay for these four men be cut, maintaining as a reason for the cut that the work requires less physical effort.

Men working on the Halden shears had their new rate of pay installed last Thursday, and even with working at a top rate of speed they have been unable to maintain their previous pay rate.

Working force to be cut in half

In the Tin Plate, with the completion of the five-stand mill, a continuous process will be placed in operation which will eliminate entirely the 24 men now working in the annealing department in this mill, and production will jump from two to ten tons per hour. Here, again, the rate of pay is being threatened.

Two-stand skin mills are being installed in the Tin Mill which will produce tin at a rate of 5000 ft. per minute as compared with the present rate of 1100 ft. This will eliminate approximately 60 per cent of the men now working in the rolling division. The black plate shears will be eliminated entirely with a further reduction in manpower. The 600 people now working in the Tin Mill will be reduced to about 300.

In the Open Hearth department oxygen is now being used instead of various ores to oxidize the molten metal with the result that each heat is being produced in approximately 8 hours instead of 12. This will also result in more money for the company and in less man-

Indiana Forge Gives Xmas Bonus

All Employees to benefit

Officials of the Indiana Forge and Machine Co., Dickey and Watling, Indiana Harbor, have announced that all employees will be given a Christmas bonus.

The payments will be made on a graduated scale according to each individual's length of service with the company. Those employees with five or more years of service will receive \$125 each.

Thus, this company shows it has positive consideration for its workers. The same cannot be said for Inland Steel. Instead Inland gives a few turkeys to those who are either lucky enough to be a judge or happen to write a winning (?) safety slogan.

Parking Problems and Stealing at Inland

Without decently considering the rights of its employees, Inland has continued to expand its productive facilities but it has not provided the workers with adequate parking places.

Parking an automobile in one of Inland's parking lots has almost become a physically impossible. At least twenty drivers are waiting to park in each space as soon as it is vacated. It will soon be necessary to park in front of your home and walk to work.

Not only is the parking problem becoming more acute but also the automobiles of the employees are constantly being broken into and various articles stolen. This has been reported again and again to Inland officials but nothing is being done about it.

Various union officers have urged the management of Inland to provide police protection for the worker's automobiles, but since this would cost money no action is being taken. It's about time that Inland showed a little consideration for its workers.



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