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50,000 Parade Labor Day People

Though but few are working at

Fisher now, theirs was one of

LEFT—The beautiful float

pony ever to pull anything in a

Lansing parade. This midget

Walter Gidner, Stockbridge

away at the Labor Day festival

Another Stockbridge man,

Howard Herrid, drew the \$100

bond. The \$50 bond went to

\$25 bonds were given to Charles

and Roy McQuisteo, both of

A prize earned by hard work

was awarded Percy F. Morgan

of Mason, a member of Local 93

selling the most books (ten tic-

to their demands for a wage in-

later backed out on.

at the Armory.

A Few of the Many Entries in the Big Parade



CIVIL LIBERTIES TABLOID STARTS

Aug. 17, edited by Director Ira been laid off. Latimer of the committee. A sues, edited by Horace B. Davis, tee.

Negroes Hard Hit

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (FP) CHICAGO (FP) — The first Negro workers have been hard weekly printed subtabloid pub- war boom area. Of the 12,000 lished by the Chicago Civil Lib- Negroes employed in war erties Committee, appeared plants here, about 10,000 have

column is devoted to labor is- labor secretary of the commit-

Ghost of Closed Nash Plants Returns to Haunt the Parade



The folly and tragedy of an industry and government without effective plans for peace was cleverly satirized by this "float" carried in the parade by members of Nash Local 13.

Officials and members of the local of the plant which is completely closed are shown posing for the photographer before

beginning their long march in the parade. The two local Nash-Kelvinator plants once employed as many as seven or eight thousand workers. Only a few maintenance workers roam through the empty buildings now, where machines sit silently like accusing ghosts. The coffin motif was extremely appropriate for the Nash float.

Write Your issue of Civil Liberties News, a hit by the layoffs sweeping this Congressman Addes Urges BOTTOM RIGHT - Smallest

Making his second appearance here in recent weeks, Horse Club attracted no end of George Addes, international attention. Secretary-Treasurer of the UAW-CIO, told the crowd at the Stockbridge Labor Day festival in the Armory Monday night that talk of Man Wins our not being able to reach full employment except through war the Pony was nonsense.

Not only can America enjoy full employment, but through a proper distribution of their production by means of adequate wages workers can enjoy a much higher standard of living, he said.

He emphasized that this will not come about of its own accord, but requires action by the only people really interested in it—the workers. He pointed out that neither congressmen nor any other government leaders are going to do much unless they believe the workers are getting the \$25 offered the individual emphatic.

Write your congressman and kets each) of Labor Day festimake yourself heard in Wash- val tickets. He sold 52. ington, he urged.

Addes, popular with Lansing Win Their Raise audiences, recently talked to Lansing workers from the capi-8-hour sitdown strike by 5,000 tol steps on the Little Steel ralworkers at the Campbell Soup ly program. Co. here brought quick victory

vertisers have to say?

'We Want Work' Is Theme of Day's Program

Labor Day was observed in many cities but probably nowhere outside of New York did more people participate than in Lansing, where an estimated 50,000 people lined both sides of more than 20 blocks to see one of the best parades in the city's history march from the capitol out East Michigan to the arm-

Huge crowds followed the parade to the Armory grounds, where an afternoon program of speakers, rodeo, stunts and games and dancing furnished entertainment. In the evening, in a program inside the Armory, there were more speakers, prize drawings, awarding of the free pony, selection of a beauty of Ed Berry's orchestra.

Plainly emphasized on parade placards on the many floats and stressed in the short talks by pony given away at the festi- leaders was the insistence of workers upon jobs and upon the building of a better America, and everyone seemed in pretty at the Armory on Labor Day. thorough agreement. Mother Nature gave the nod to the whole affair with just about as fine a day as one could ask.

The parade, a mile and a half pound, from the Ingham Coun- long, and headed by CIO County Stock Horse Club, which cil President Clyde Perkins, was staged the rodeo at the festival. excellently handled and had CENTER RIGHT-The impres- just about everything in the way of floats, placards, marchers, comedy and seriousnessthe largest floats. BOTTOM except that there weren't enough bands. Music was found built by Olds Local, one of sev- to be pretty scarce at this seaeral which gave judges a diffison, Perkins reported, after cult time selecting the winner. having tried every known

But a surprising number of locals came through with floats, from the Ingham County Stock despite shortage of active members and finances due to layoffs. higher standard of living and a sive floats.

> A committee of local presi- Labor Will Continue dents, acting as judges awarded Fight for Peace first prize to the float from Reo Local 650.



queen and dancing to the music Last War's Unemployment Tragedy Not Be Repeated—Reuther

After this war there must **-Walter C. Reuther, Intl. vice- slightest doubt about the outpresident of the UAW-CIO, ad- come. dressing the afternoon crowd

which served as a speakers' all, he said, piting as one exing region UAW-CIO intl. repr. completely equipped with more

the last war, we came home for \$9,000. and found instead of jobs- He told of breadlines. We fought the war to extend democracy, we were told, and instead the world raised a bumper crop of dic-

So this time we are not stop- Mrs. Roosevelt Asks ping the fight with the signing Big Question of peace, he said. Labor is continuing the battle right on the home front until jobs for everyone, more take-home pay, a Even small locals had impres- permanently prosperous America is won.

And if we fight as hard against unemployment as we

RIGHT—The Shetland nationally prominent labor not be a repetition of what hap- | did against Hitler and Tojo he pened after the last war, said said there would not be the

> Technological progress has jumped far ahead to show the He is shown above (right) be- way to increased production of ing presented on the truck more and better things for us stand by George Nadar, a Lans- ample a new type of house, who acted as master of cere- modern conveniences than most people even know exist, which can be manufactured and sold "After our sacrifices on for \$3,000—a better home than the battlefields of France in you can buy in Lansing today

> > sation with Mrs. Roosevelt. She had talked with a soldier who happened to hail from a submarginal income group in the

This man, she said, who had never had enough food got the best meals in America in the army. Never having had dental work before, he was given the best dental care money could provide. Always before without decent clothes, he was in his opinion pretty elegantly outfitted. Accustomed to working his little tract of ground with makeshift tools-or none-he found himself using some of the best mechanical equipment in the world.

Never before having received much schooling or any training at all, he was now given the best training in the world—in how to die in war.

"I wonder," Reuther reported Mrs. Roosevelt as saying, "if we will do as much to clothe, feed, equip and train our people to live in peace."

The answer of labor is an em-

phatic yes, said Reuther. This Labor Day marks the beginning of a new era, he said, one in which labor takes up in a big way the job of rebuilding the peace.

Chess Players Are Invited

If you play chess, or are interested in learning, visit the day evening - anytime be-(See CHESS PLAYERS, P. 4)

Oldsmobile Girl Is Named farmer, won the pony given Labor Day Beauty Queen

Winner of the Labor Day James Work, 2008 Rundle, and beauty queen contest is Miss Ann Husak, 19, of 1108 Dakin Strong, prominent AFL leader, St., shown in the photo.

Miss Husak, who was awarded the first prize of \$25, is employed in the project control division at Oldsmobile, has always lived in Lansing, and said she and an insurance agent. He won felt kind of silly about her vic-

Second prize, \$15, was awarded Miss Dolly Cole, 18, of 1231 George St. She is employed at Beverly's Millinery store. She said this was the first contest CAMDEN, N. J. (FP) — An she was ever in and admitted being a bit scared.

Miss Betty Redman, 19, of 1110 win. crease, which the company had Jerome, a Michigan Bell Tele- Seventeen were in the contest, tween 7 p. m. and 11. It meets Have you read what our ad- agreed to months before and phone company employe. She which was judged at the eve- every Tuesday evening on the said she wasn't even trying, that ning program in the Armory.



friends pushed her into the The \$10 third prize went to thing, and she didn't want to Lansing Chess Club next Tues-

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Bigger, Better Labor Days Are Possible, Perkins Says

BY CLYDE PERKINS

It is a difficult job to name all those who rendered major Publish Own assistance in making a success of the Labor Day program. It Daily Paper would be much easier to pick out the individuals who should have been very definite contributors, but who weren't. If during the sketch I miss anyone them a personal apology.

First let me say that the International Representatives, Don Falor, George Nader and

Dean Reed, Imogene Post, Chester Cowan, Robert Richardson, Etta Kenyon, Carl Jelsma, Max Kaiser, Bill McCurdy, Eleanor their efforts.

To John Osbourn, Percy Morgan, Steve Mazel, Stan Cleeves discuss with the publishers a and several others my hearty thanks in promoting the sale of festivities my appreciation.

largest and most successful Labor Day celebration ever held in Lansing, but there is no doubt in my mind that even better ones may be had if more and more of our people pitch in and papers is in readiness, a print- dreds of thousands of dollars, most perfect instrumentality along state trunklines to aughelp.

aid consist mainly of Olds No. sue waits only on an allotment Must Act Now 652. Fisher No. 602. Amalgamated No. 93, Reo No. 650, and Nash No. 13. All other Locals contributed also to a more or less degree but certainly not enough to be a major factor in the success of the program although every little bit helps.

It is my hope that in the fubigger and better.

Gen. Chairman, Labor Day Festival Strikers May

ST. LOUIS (LPA) — This one such station. city, which has been without a read the St. Louis Daily News, universally in the hands of the who gave unstintingly of their the first union-sponsored, un- big mules. The radio chains, time and efforts, I shall owe ion-operated daily in a large newspapers and other interests 100,000 is expected.

A strike of carriers and! pressmen, to force the three St. fast. The Federal Communica-Rocky Stone were all pitching Louis papers to recognize the tions Commission has just iscarriers' union as ordered by sued a new order applying to Then there is Walter Carter, the NLRB, resulted in a lock- FM, which opens up about 50 out of about 2,500 newspaper per cent more stations in most FM in the production of new employes on the Star Times communities. and the Post Dispatch, and the Globe Democrat.

Standing solidly behind the Jenks, Kenneth McCreedy, Floyd striking workers, the members Robinson, Ozo Smith. To these of the American Newspaper particular credit must go for Guild-CIO and the AFL sterotypers, typographers, and photoengravers first formed a conciliation committee to settlement of the dispute.

Reluctantly, they came to the tickets. To all the Local Union conclusion that they would members and difficers partici- have to start another newspating in the parade and other gathering organ in the city. FM reception and the standard lowing, the procedure became Wholehearted approval of the kind as there is between an old "pulse time modulation," which fully established and is now of This was undoubtedly the plan was voiced by the Guild's Model T Ford and a slick new is the radar principle applied course nationwide. int'l executive board meeting in Super-Fortress. Both do a to voice and music broadcasts.

a sixteen page paper. Wire serving plant has been found, and FM can do an equally good job yet conceived. Locals that contributed real the publication of the first is- at a bare fraction of the cost. of scarce newsprint from the War Production Board in Washington. The Guild is guaranteeing initial expenses.

Where There's Smoke

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—A hearing on the Food Tobacco & Agricultural Workers (CIO) petition for an industrywide ture all Locals will get in and collective bargaining election bat with all their strength to for 50,000 northern California make these programs for Labor cannery workers was granted by the NLRB.

Government Is Issuing Some Licenses Now

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK

WASHINGTON (FP)—Most of us know the guy who just barely missed buying in on a good thing . . . he just wasn't quite ready and the deal passed

A proposition that sounds like good business is awaiting local unions or central bodies in almost every area of the country. It won't wait long.

Costs \$50,000

This little deal calls for cash or credit of around \$50,000. It would be a pretty good investment by itself, but the best dividends will be paid out in keeping the people informed about the facts and the truth.

Briefly, then, the proposition is the financing and operation of an FM (Frequency Modulation) broadcasting station. It will cost about 50 G's to handle

Present day standard broaddaily newspaper since August casting stations (Amplitude 16, may this week be able to modulation or AM) are almost metropolitan area in this coun- not too thoroughly devoted to try. A daily circulation of the people own most of the sta-

But the picture is changing—

Labor's Chance

Applications for permits Kills Static must go through the FCC, and with the field newly opened, there is a chance for labor to offered in FM, would apply get its voice on the air as a pub- imagination, energy and freshlic service and also as an in- ness of approach that radio so United States on the first Mon-

There is as much difference in etc.

The need for haste in getting people's radio stations in each community is that the regular stations will try to sew up the FM channels and thus block any progress or competition. These people have an idea that if they "freeze" FM in their hands, their investment in AM will be safe. Their profits in AM broadcasting are at an all time high, according to FCC figures, yet they don't want to carry their share in developing

"OUT OF THE JUNGLE"

Unions Urged to Start Radio Stations



programs particularly suited to the greater fidelity of FM.

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transportation job . . . but You won't hear much about it Present plans are to publish there's a whale of a difference. unless the U. S. radio corpora-While getting started with a tions are ready to junk their

not a legal holiday until the sioner Ziegler to issue his order. year 1931, it has been practiced many years prior to that time.

The original parade in the vestment in the future of badly needs. FM is in its in- day of September was held in fancy and is many times better New York in 1882. The Knights FM is new. It is bound to rethan AM in eliminating all sta- of Labor instigated a parade on place the standard wave band tic, stopping noises of washing the first Monday of September stations entirely in a few years. machines and vacuum cleaners, that year an dit proved so popular that through the years fol-

Picnic Tables

Highway Commissioner Chas. ice has been obtained, a volundaily newspaper in most complants and begin all over again. M. Ziegler has ordered 1,000 teer staff of the two St. Louis munities would involve hun- Pulse time modulation is the additional picnic tables placed ment the 1,000 placed earlier in

traffic recently following the end of gasoline rationing and the increasing popularity of the Although Labor Day was roadside table caused Commis-

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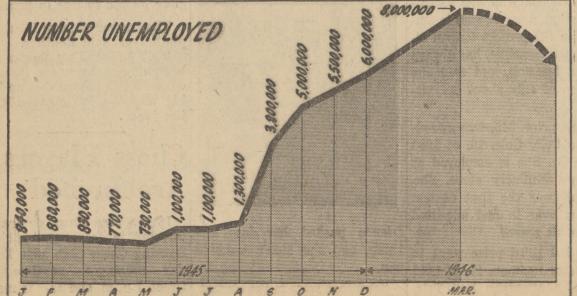
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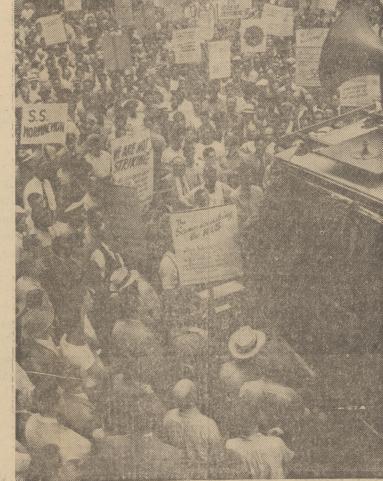
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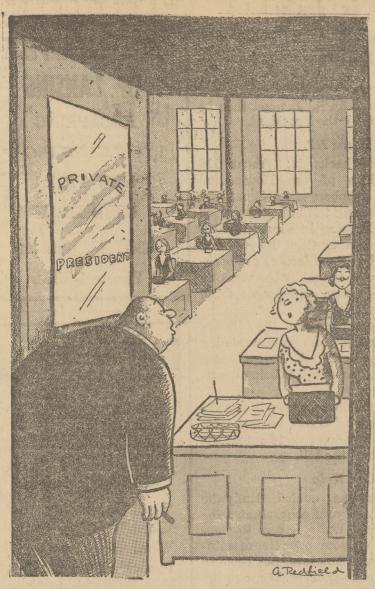
-Federated Pictures

Several thousand workers in New York's busy fur district gave up their lunch hour to hear merchant seamen, decorated for heroism at sea, describe their fight against wage cuts. Their demands for 55c hourly minimum and overtime pay after 40 hours are before the War Labor Board. One unaffiliated and three CIO maritime unions called the demonstration.

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Pappy O'Daniel's Voice Weakening

DALLAS, Tex. (FP) — The voice of Sen. W. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel doesn't carry as far or be a convention. When and as strong as it used to.

appeals to voters in extensive newspaper ads and through his own paper, the W. Lee O'Daniel News, to vote against a constitution amendment liberalizing the Texas old age pension law from \$15 to \$20 a month to en- gotiation committee of Local matching funds from the feder- and I didn't mind it. al government a majority of voters approved the measure. The amendment also provides more liberal aid to the blind given a chance would, absorb and to needy children.

FANCY THIS!

INDIANAPOLIS (FP)—Eu- Convention Dec. 6 gene C. Pulliam, publisher of . . . or February? The Indianapolis Star and DETROIT (FP) — Dec. 6 is owner of a chain of smaller now the proposed date of the newspapers and radio stations, amazed Indiana labor leaders with an invitation to sit down that it will be actually held in to a Victory Stag Dinner at February in Grand Rapids, aftwhich Westbrook Pegler, arch er locals again have enough labor baiter, will be guest of money to meet the considerable honor.

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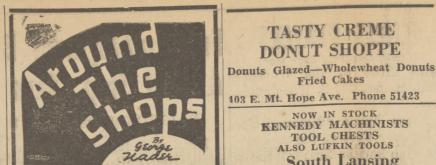
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I hope next year-with the experience of this year to work with, with the confidence of the success to encourage us-we will put on a bigger, better Labor Day demonstration of labors strength.

Brothers Walter Reuther, George Addes, did a grand job of stressing the need for Labor Action, Brother Reuther did a fine job in the afternoon and Brother Addes in the evening. Brother Scholle had to leave, due to a previous engagement, but his willingness to remain in case Brother Addes didn't appear is appreciated.

Congressman Hook must have gotten hooked some place, cause he didn't show up, and I haven't heard why.

The employment picture is on the upgrade—God willing, there will be jobs. It requires action, action by you and you, control your representatives in Washington. Get him to get busy.

I am quite confident there will where should be settled at the Despite the senator's frantic Executive Board meeting to be held in Flint next week.

I had my first experience sitting on the other side of the table—as a member of the neable acceptance of maximum 652. It was a new experience,

> The small plants are on the upgrade. They should, and if the man and woman power now without jobs.

United Auto Workers (CIO) convention but gossip persists expense of sending delegations.

Green and Lewis

WASHINGTON (FP) - At a quiet table in the air-conditioned Colony room of the Statler hotel here Aug. 31, two men had lunch. They were quite by themselves and chatted intimately, but drew a lot of attention from passers-by.

They were AFL Pres. William Green and Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated.) Neither had anything for publica-

WIN 3c RAISE

DETROIT (FP) — Members of Detroit Typographical Union No. 18 (AFL) working in job shops won a 3c an hour raise in the new contract effective with the week ended Sept. 1, Pres. C. C. Sparkman announces. The new scale, retroactive to May 16, pays day men a minimum of \$1.561/2. Night men get 7½c premium. Workers with 1 year seniority get 2 weeks paid vacation in 1946. Those with less than 1 year will get vacation pay of 50c per shift worked.

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How the Jobless Feel in New York, Chicago





TOP: Veterans, sitting on the speakers platform, overlook the of the 7,000 CIO members who rallied in Chicago to demand jobs for all at decent pay. Addressing the CIO demonstration, Rep. Emmanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) wished he could bring it to Washington "and show some of those people down there just how mighty the voice of labor can be.'

BELOW: Their banners tell the story for these workers—part of he 7,000 CIO membeers who rallied in Chicago to demand government action for full employment. Following a meeting where they heard Vice Pres. Richard T. Frankensteen of United Auto Workers (CIO) and city officials, the workers marched through Chicago's streets shouting, "We want jobs!

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Fishing is fun, decides Clatie White of Local 7, United Auto Workers (CIO), as she gets a lesson on how to bait her hook from Olga Mader of the union's recreation department. Clatie was one of 150 women auto workers who spent a happy day at YWCA Camp Talahi, 40 miles from Detroit, by arrangement of UAW.

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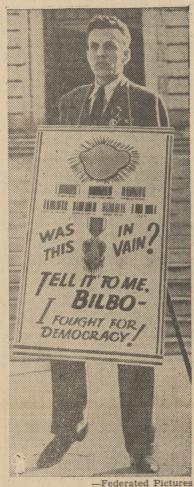
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Bilbo Protest



Horrified by the anti-racial filth of Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo (D., Miss.), Edward Bykowski, a wounded veteran, picketed the Senate office building in Washington, D. C., with this dramatic sign. Ushered away by Capitol police, he intends to remain in Washington until he sees the poll-

Forced Out



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Gen. Joseph Stilwell (above) was asked to leave China because he told Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek that American arms were to be used against Japan and not Chinese guerillas. That's what he told a Congressional delegation on Okinawa, Rep. Ellis E. Patterson (D., Calif.) reports.

Bosses Won't Meet; Patternmakers Strike

DETROIT (FP) - About 2,000 members of the Patternmakers League of America (AFL) in Michigan are on strike because the employers refuse to grant a minimum scale of \$2.25 an hour and refused to attend a scheduled meeting to discuss the demand. The strike vote was 482 to 20 at a meeting in Detroit Aug. 28.

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After being adjourned for the latter part of the summer, bers are players of varying de- of the highlights: grees of skill - from outright beginners to some pretty clever chessnuts.

Editor of this paper is presicalled at 49788 for further information, if desired.

-Labor In-

By FEDERATED PRESS

INDIA

The war's end has brought needs of Indian labor.

The Indian workers are faced ment employment. with severe shortages of coal ers who, by their obstructive production."

On the national situation, the council unanimously demanded the immediate, unconditional release of all political prisoners, removal of the ban on the Natl. Congress and other political organizations and the restoration of civil liberties and the holding of elections for provin cial and central legislatures.

The Greek minister of labor has set aside as invalid results trade union federation.

The minister's action backs up the charge by EAM, liberation movement, that a national election or plebiscite held under the present Voulgaris government would be a mockery.

nant" that their union delega- is expected to get a favorable tion to the U.S. was denied per- report. It then goes to the full mission by the managements of Committee, and then to the Senthe Packard and Pontiac com- ate floor. panies to visit their Detroit plants, Allied Labor News re- House Banking and Currency ports from Moscow.

Boris Altshuller, leader of the Soviet Auto Transport Workers Union, said that Soviet drivers of Packard cars objected strenuously that their representatives were not allowed to talk to American workers in the Packard plant.

The Soviet Packard drivers asked Altshuller to convey to the Packard workers in Detroit the hope that "despite this the friendship between Soviet and American workers will grow stronger as a result of the visit of the Soviet trade union delegation to the U.S."

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Full Employment Bill Is Only third floor of the Women's A First Step, Says Richter

By IRVING RICHTER

There is a lot of confusion the club had its first fall meet- about the Full Employment ing this week. Included among Bill, also known as the Murray Who Backs It? the more than two dozen mem- Bill (S. 380). Here are some

everyone a job. It does say - sponsoring the bill. Republican history — that everyone willing man and most of his Cabinet dent of the club and he may be and able to work is entitled to (most of them feebly) are backa job. It creates the RIGHT to ing it. So are many bankers and

Second, the government un- all walks of life. dertakes the responsibility to plan jobs for all. It is, as CIO preparing some strengthening President Murray said in his amendments. A revised and testimony, "the declaration of strengthened bill is being draftintentions." It is "enabling leg- ed. islation", setting up a machin-

How It Works

What is the machinery? A terrific problems of reconver- national budget is to be prepar- You Can Help sion to India's workers, too. ed by the government each year, What can you do? Study the Allied Labor News reports showing the number of jobs bill. (Ask your congressman for from Calcutta that the general private enterprise expects to a copy). Write letters to Concouncil of the All-India Trades give. When there is a prospec- gress - your own Representa-Union Congress has worked out tive deficiency in the budget, tives and Senators. Ask them to a program to meet the economic the government is to make up become co-sponsor. Write to the

The government would not and housing, the council said, be able to give these jobs withdemanding that "the govern- out additional legislation. Take ment should not hesitate to take the Missouri Valley Authority over coal mines from those own- as an example: This project would create jobs. It would cretactics, are hampering national ate cheap electric power in the JOB. Missouri Valley, prevent floods, irrigate the land, etc. Congress would have to first approve the MVA plan and appropriate the funds, even if the Murray bill were passed.

Why is the Full Employment bill necessary? Private enterprise, alone, has never been able to provide full employment. It has already failed its post-war test. Millions of war veterans and war workers are already out of jobs, or face the prospect of unemployment.

Who Fights It?

Why is the bill being opposof a recent union election in ed? Because it goes against the Athens for the national union idea that labor is a commodity, leadership. His reason was that to be bought and sold under the "the Communist workers or- laws of supply and demand, ganization gained a majority," and at a PROFIT. It goes his way of describing the vic- against the idea first expoundtory won by ERGAS, left wing ed by Samuel Insull, as quoted EAM - Socialist - Communist by President Murray before the Senate Committee:

> "The surest guarantee of a contented working force is a long line at the employment office window."

Where does the bill now stand? Hearings are going on before a sub-committee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, under the chair-Soviet workers are "indig- manship of Senator Wagner. It

Hearings will be held in the Committee soon (Brent Spence, Chairman). The House must

then act on it. It must then be signed by the President.

Who backs it: About 110 members of the House and First, it does NOT guarantee eight members of the Senate are for the first time in American and Democratic. President Trubusinessmen, and people from

The sponsors of the bill are

Opposition forces will use the strategy of trying to pass crippling amendments to defeat the intent of the bill.

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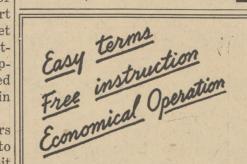
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