



Appeasement and Pussyfooting Won't Work for Labor, Either

WASHINGTON (FY) — Addressing the New York CIO delegation for full employment, Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP, N. Y.) stressed the importance of immediate action on pending progressive bills before the opposition is able to introduce reactionary legislation.

REACTIONARY TREND IN CONGRESS

He said labor is "running against a reactionary trend in Congress and a conspiracy to put labor on the defensive. If we win the fight we will also win the counter-offensive against reaction. If we do not win the fight we will have to fight a defensive action against anti-labor legislation."

POLITICAL ACTION GROWING

"Let them know . . . the might of labor's independent political action. Political action is here to stay. It will grow . . . and be invoked in every precinct in the U. S.

Advising the delegates to be dignified in their duties of the day, Marcantonio added, "not begging, but demanding the right that there shall be a better America."

The delegation of over 1,000 CIO members from New York State arrived in Washington Sept. 19 as part of a nation-wide CIO program to put pressure on Congress for passage of important legislation.

BIG PARADE FORMS

Gathering at Union station, a parade was formed to march to the capitol. Unionists wore tags bearing the words "The American Way — JOBS FOR ALL." Others carried signs and banners with such slogans as "Jobs for GI Joe and Joe Worker," and "Jobs for Negro and White Alike."

All CIO unions were represented, as well as delegations from unions in all parts of the state, Buffalo, Utica, Westchester, Brooklyn, Albany, Schenectady and Elmira.

POLICE HALT DELEGATION

A hitch in the procedure was brought about when police refused to let the workers parade on capitol grounds. The long line of CIO members was held up over an hour while heads of the delegation visited Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D, Tenn.) and high police officials to obtain a permit.

Permission was finally received and the delegates marched up to the Senate office building and left their signs and flags in a truck and proceeded with the business of the day.

The first meeting was of the entire group in the House Caucus room. The room was overflowing and the crowd enthusiastic.

PRESIDENT, OTHERS VISITED

The afternoon was occupied by visits of various delegations to the President, Majority and Minority leaders of the House and Senate and others.

The group is demanding action on all the important legislation now pending in Congress which is of vital consequence to labor and the whole nation. They are pressing for unemployment compensation as presented in the original Kilgore bill, for the 65-75c minimum wage, for the Murray-Patman full employment bill, for continued price control, for a permanent FEPC and for increased benefits for veterans.

COMPENSATION REJECTED

WASHINGTON (FP) — Despite a vigorous speech by Major Leader Alben Barkley (D, Ky.) the Senate voted 51 to 29 against his amendment to the unemployment bill providing for a voluntary maximum benefit of \$25 a week.

The Kentuckian recalled that the Senate a year ago made provision for the physical reconversion of industry, calling for prompt payment of amounts due corporations in settlement of war contracts, and providing for loans to aid small business.

"At that time we promised to deal with the human side of reconversion later. I feel it is a national obligation."

FIGHTS FOR WORKERS

Labor's great champion in the Senate, Robert F. Wagner of New York rose Sept. 19 to demand rejection of the weak unemployment compensation bill backed by the finance committee and to pass the original \$25 for 26 weeks measure.

Wagner asked that the Senate accord "our war workers as generous treatment as we have given to business in contract termination and surplus property legislation, and in the carry-back provisions of our tax laws."

Expressing disappointment over the way state unemployment compensation has worked out in practice, Wagner forecast that sooner or later Congress "will be faced with rehauling the entire program. The American people will not permit retention of an unemployment compensation program with the many discriminations and inequities which now exist."

EASIER AT A BANK

Wagner said the purpose of unemployment compensation is:

"To pay persons benefits when they become unemployed. But the states seem to have forgotten that purpose."

"In most states an employee is presumed to be ineligible for his benefits until he has gone through a complicated process of proving his rights. The result is to delay payment of benefits, to discourage the unemployed worker, and to defeat the basic purpose of the law."

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STRIKE VOTE NEXT WEEK AT OLDS, FISHER

Almost unanimous approval to go ahead with a strike ballot was voted at both the Olds Local 652 and the Fisher Body Local 602 in special meetings last Monday.

FISHER WILL VOTE ON STRIKE OCT. 1

At 4 p. m. next Monday, Oct. 1, Fisher Local will hold a special meeting at the hall, 1111 W. St. Joseph, for a strike vote and a vote on a special assessment to support a strike. All members should be present.

This meeting is being held to carry out the action ordered at last Monday's special membership meeting, it was announced by Chester Cowan, president.

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President R. E. Richardson of Olds Local said interest in the strike discussion was tremendous and that meetings packed the hall and by secret ballot voted over 96 percent for an immediate strike vote in order that Olds local may be ready to support their own and the International's demands with strike action, if necessary.

Richardson said that the local's demands, containing some 20 points, would be presented to the company this week.

OLDS LOCAL TO VOTE WEDNESDAY ON STRIKE

Polls for the strike vote at Olds Local will be open at 8 a. m. next Wednesday, Oct. 3, and will remain open 24 hours until 8 a. m. the following morning with voting throughout the entire period.

At the same time a strike committee will be elected. Olds local has already voted an assessment to support the strike.

If strike action is approved, as it undoubtedly will be by a majority at both Olds and Fisher, both locals will be ready for quick action to enforce serious consideration of the UAW-CIO demands for a 30 percent increase in wages along with other points demanded by the International and by the locals.

Says Russia Also Had the Atomic Bomb

DETROIT (FP) — The US SR had the secret of the atomic bomb just as we have but preferred to let America

Union President Tells What the Oil Workers Strike For In Detroit

DETROIT (FP) — In earnest with their demand for a 30 percent wage increase over 2,000 members of the Oil Workers Intl. Union (CIO) have tied up gasoline refining and distribution in the Detroit area. Though the newspapers howl about gas being cut from doctors and the city-owned bus system the fact is that all essential needs are being supplied by the union, according to Sec. Treas. Fred Fell of Local 389.

The oil workers turned down Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. (Standard Oil) offer of a 15 percent raise. Asst. Gen. Man. C. B. McCoolough is weeping publicly in big ads, asking, "Is the union justified in demanding a full 52 hours pay for 40 hours work?" The Rockefeller understrapper tries a final wallop in the ad that all man-

Murray Says:

Bills Need More Effort By President

WASHINGTON (FP) — The CIO, through Pres. Philip Murray, served warning on the Truman administration Sept. 19 that it is not showing enough effort to win passage of the full employment bill, unemployment compensation and 65 minimum wage bills asked for in the President's message of Sept. 6.

AL LEGGAT ELECTED TO GUILD POST

DETROIT (FP) — Al Leggat, editor of the Michigan CIO News and associate editor of the United Auto Worker, was elected chairman of the labor and miscellaneous unit of the Newspaper Guild of Detroit Sept. 20. The Auto Worker, a weekly from 1937 to 1940, became a semimonthly then and in September of this year was changed to a monthly as part of the union's economy drive.

Back Pay Is Awarded To Beauticians

DETROIT (FP) — Full pay for time lost on strike was paid to a score of members of Local 552, Journeymen Barbers Hairdressers and Cosmetologists (AFL), Sept. 11 after the Charmode Beauty Shop (Terminal chain) in the Hotel Book-Cadillac admitted that it had illegally broken the union contract, Sec. Geo. Husk of the local announces.

Manicurists were raised in the settlement to \$25 a week guaranteed plus 60 percent of the receipts over \$37. All incidental employees now have to join some AFL union.

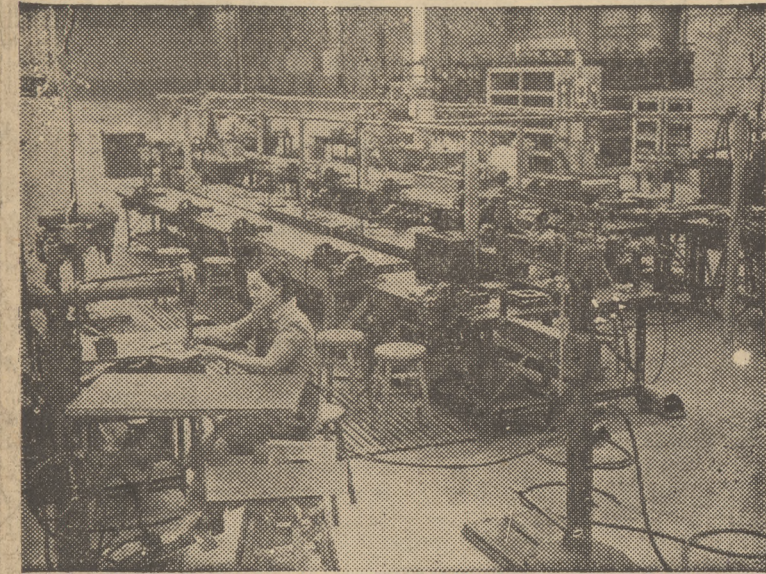
TOLEDO (FP) — Tom Burke of Local 12, United Auto Workers (CIO), was elected executive secretary of the Toledo Industrial Union Council to succeed the late Kenneth Cole.

incur the hatred of the Japanese people for that ruthless destruction of lives and property," Exec. Sec. Benjamin C. Marsh of the People's Lobby, Washington, told a Detroit audience at the YWCA Sept. 19.

"Labor Troubles" Being Forced

Management Sitdown on Wages Stalling Reconversion Throughout the Nation

Who Is Stopping Work Here?



—Federated Pictures

What happened to millions of war workers after V-J Day is summed up in this scene at the Douglas Aircraft plant in Long Beach, Calif., where a lone woman is the only worker in sight. The Nash-Kelvinator plant in Lansing presents a similar picture. Labor everywhere has been demanding that congress do something about reconversion legislation.

Thomas Exposes Company Delay



—Federated Pictures

UAW-CIO Pres. R. J. Thomas gives an interview in Flint, exposing the attempted hysteria over strikes and pointing out that big auto companies refuse to make counter-offers to the union's 30 percent wage increase demand.

General Motors Violates Contract, Provokes Strike In Ohio Packard Factory

WARREN, O. (FP) — The 2,500 strikers at the General Motors Packard Electric Div. plant in Warren are as solid today as when they first walked out Aug. 31 to protest the firing of their four union leaders.

The four include Pres. Charles Parker and Shop Committee Chairman John Beskid of Local 717, United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO). They were fired after workers held a protest meeting because GM was laying off in violation of the seniority agreement.

COMPANY ADMITS BREAKING CONTRACT

Confronted by the union with the contract violation, GM officials admitted that they were breaking the contract but said, "This is a special case," according to Intl. Rep. Neil Brant of the union. The strike is tying up other GM divisions.

"This provocation is a deliberate plan by General Motors Corp.," Brant told Federated Press, "to break up our union. If we had let them fire our top union leaders here no one would have security powers anymore, especially after GM had already torn up the contract."

The strike has been authorized by the international UE, Brant said, which is providing relief to the strikers and

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Layoffs since V-J Day now account for some 200,000 unemployed in Detroit. This economic catastrophe is not being viewed with alarm by these who are yelling loudest about how a few thousand Detroit people on strikes are holding up reconversion.

WHAT ABOUT NASH PLANTS?

WELL, WHO'S HOLDING UP RECONVERSION IN LANSING?

There are no strikes here, yet the Nash Kelvinator plants for instance, that employed as many as 8,000 workers, stand mournfully silent, not a thing being done inside those bleak walls to make post-war jobs of any kind. Where is the responsibility of industry? Where is the much vaunted private initiative that is going to create so many jobs in America if given a chance? And where are the loud critics who claim strikes are holding up reconversion?

RECONVERSION TO WHAT?

Yes, that is another point needing airing. The issue seems to be that industry is converting to modern, more efficient and more profitable post-war machinery at government expense while retaining, if possible, low pre-war wages.

PRICES ARE INCREASING

In addition, industry is fighting for raises in prices of cars, refrigerators, radios and just about everything up and down the line — everything except wages. And they are getting those higher prices, too.

In fact, nearly all living expenses have increased way above pre-war levels, yet wages remained practically the same. But take-home pay for a forty hour week has not remained the same. Income taxes of around 20 percent leave a pretty slim check for a man to support a family on with the increased prices of today.

Obviously, wages must undergo a reconversion, too. And, like machinery, wages must fit post-war conditions and not go back to impossible pre-war days which will never again exist.

Has industry taken the lead in this phase of reconversion? Have they done anything at all about it? Or have they kept silent and left workers no alternative but to threaten strikes in order to force some action?

MANAGEMENT ON STRIKE

The critics cannot claim strikes are holding up wage reconversion. Yet what factory is doing anything about that? Management throughout the country is on a sitdown strike against action on wages and reconversion is being stalled everywhere because of it. Here is a strike so big it is nation-wide, yet it never makes the headlines. And because both government and management had no post-war plans ready, 10,000 are without jobs in Lansing, 200,000 are out of work in Detroit and millions have no employment throughout the nation. Yet this, too, is easily passed over by papers who prefer to run big headlines about a few thousand Detroit workers striking because they can't seem to get action any other way — only the papers don't say that.

WHAT DO WORKERS DESERVE

Certainly American workers who did such an impressive job of war work are entitled to plenty of post-war jobs and deserve to be paid at least as many cars, refrigerators, clothes and units of food as they earned before the war. But they cannot buy that many with the old pre-war wages and the higher post-war prices.

Labor is not holding up reconversion. Neither the government nor industry was ready for immediate reconversion when the war ended. The wage phase of reconversion could have been settled long weeks or months ago.

WHO IS HOLDING THAT UP?

Labor has been waiting patiently. It now appears that other action is necessary by labor to push reconversion of wages and end the sitdown strike of management everywhere.

—By the Editor

Campaign Is Started To Elect Perkins Alderman

Both aggressive and progressive action in community affairs is assured if Clyde Perkins is elected alderman in Lansing's first ward, where he has announced his candidacy for the office.

Though Perkins is president of the Lansing CIO council and is in other labor activities, he also has been interested in fraternal, civic and social activities and is as well qualified to represent all the citizens as he is to represent labor union members.

His record for participation in community affairs dates all the way back to his school years, through his extension work with the University of Wisconsin and connection with the Peoples University of Lansing. However, he has never been a member of any political party as such, preferring freedom to support progressive action in government wherever it could be found.

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Secretary of State Farsighted?

Laugh of the week is on Secretary of State Byrnes. He demanded of the Bulgarian government better arrangements for insuring a free secret vote for their people—no doubt fearing anti-British influences or something. Wording of the State Department demand was for an election "under conditions which will allow and insure the participation therein, free from force and intimidation, of all democratic elements . . ."

The Secretary of State is from South Carolina. As one columnist, Lowell Mellett chortled:

"He is asking the benighted Bulgars to achieve almost overnight a degree of democracy not yet reached by his own proud state."

Political Success Secret; To Ring Election Bell, Push Doorbells First

H. DEAN REED
Lansing PAC Director

The secret of political success today lies largely in doorbell ringing. It is necessary to visit people in their homes. That is why so much attention is being paid today to the organization of district, ward and precinct political organizations. The success of a political party depends on the ward and precinct structure of that party.

A ward is a voting district and includes about 10,000 voters, more or less. Here in Lansing each ward has two alder-

men or councilmen. Each ward is divided into precincts. The number of precincts depends upon the size of the ward. Usually there are about 600 voters to a precinct, although this varies.

A person familiar with a city can put his finger on those wards or precincts where large numbers of union members live. When carrying on a campaign it is important to know in what areas labor has its greatest voting strength.

Each precinct is made up of one or more street blocks. In our PAC structure we are organizing it on a block basis. The duties of a block or street committee are to poll the block or street, find out the number of registered voters and help members register who are not familiar with the procedure; to distribute literature; or to canvass the voters during election campaigns; or to get voters to the polls on election day.

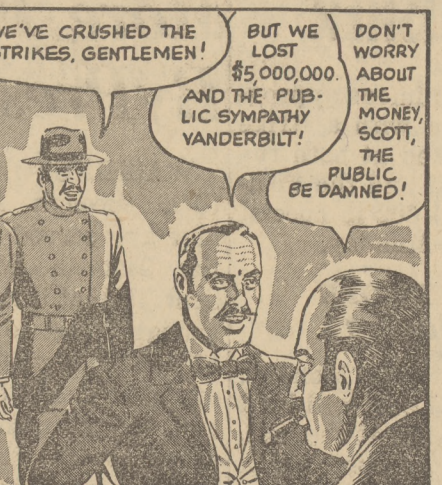
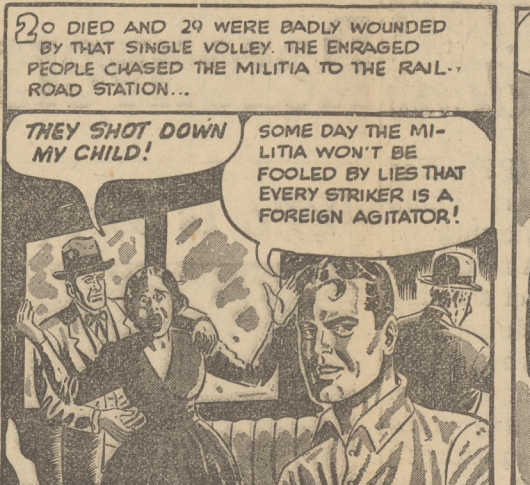
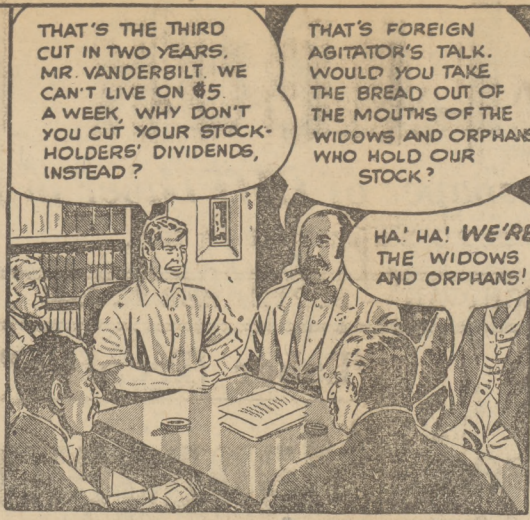
In each precinct and neighborhood, political action needs leadership and guidance. The precinct captain is the person who is responsible to the PAC for carrying on political work in the precinct. He knows the neighborhood, organizes campaigns to visit people regularly, helps build precinct or block organizations, and carries on duties in his neighborhood somewhat similar to those of a shop steward in his department.

Watch this paper next week for another article on this same subject. Volunteers are needed to build this organization. If you are interested in helping out please contact me at 109 E. South St., or call 2-9621.

THE Story of Labor

INDUSTRY GREW RAPIDLY AFTER THE CIVIL WAR.

IMMIGRANTS JOE WORKER POURED IN. THEY WERE ENGLISH, IRISH, GERMAN, SWEDISH, DANISH, RUSSIAN, CZECH, POLE, ITALIAN. THEY WERE PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC, JEWISH. THEY WORKED IN FACTORY AND MILL, STITCHED CLOTHES, BUILT RAILROADS AND MINED COAL. THEY WERE AMERICAN LABOR! THE UNIONS LIKEWISE INCREASED IN NUMBERS AND INFLUENCE. UNTIL THE PANIC OF 1873, THEN, IN THE MIDST OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND STARVATION, THE EMPLOYERS ANNOUNCED WAGE CUTS. THE MINERS STRUCK. FOR THE FIRST TIME, BUSINESS USED PINKERTON DETECTIVES TO SMASH A STRIKE. IN 1877 THE RAILROAD UNIONS ALSO WENT ON STRIKE AGAINST REPEATED WAGE CUTS. IT WAS THE BLOODIEST STRIKE IN AMERICAN HISTORY. IT WAS ALMOST A REVOLUTION.



30% Increase, \$1 Minimum Rate Annual Wage Asked Chicago Firm

CHICAGO (FP) — Demands for a general 30 percent increase, a guaranteed annual wage and a \$1 hourly minimum wage in the Intl. Harvester Co. chain were put to the company by the United Farm Equipment & Metal Workers (CIO).

FE represents about 30,000 Harvester employees, 17,000 of whom work in Chicago plants of the company. Announcing the union's bid for national negotiations on con-

tract changes, Gerald Fielde, director of the union's Harvester Council, said: "It's no secret that Harvester dominates the industry and sets the pace."

Present contracts between the company and the union, signed in 1942 for the duration of the war, expire upon 30 days notice of a desire to effect changes but contain a provision allowing for a 60-day negotiation period. Unlike the steel or auto workers, whose contracts limit them to wage demands at this time, the farm equipment union is reopening all contract issues.

Negro Workers Are Barred By Telephone Co.

CHICAGO (FP) — First known violator of the city of Chicago's new fair employment ordinance is the Ill. Bell Telephone Co. When two Negro girls answered ads for switchboard operators the company told them its policy is not to hire Negroes for such jobs.

Complaints asking prosecution are being prepared by the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, according to Sec. Ira Latimer.

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IN LOOK MAGAZINE
NEW YORK (FP) — AFL Int. Rep. Robert J. Watt and Pre. A. F. Whitney of Bro. of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) came out strongly against any law aimed at the forced incorporation of unions in the Sept. 18 issue of Look magazine.

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The Answer Is: Full Employment

In cooperation with the CIO Political Action Committee, we are publishing a digest of the latest PAC pamphlet, "The Answer Is: Full Employment," written by Joseph Gier and Robert K. Lamb and illustrated by William Kroyn. We hope to present these digests to our readers as a regular feature as all of PAC's pamphlets will describe in detail the CIO program for the achievement of full peace-time economic security—Editor's Note.

In five out of every six years, since the Civil War ended, we have suffered from sizable unemployment in our country. Unemployment and depressions seemed to follow wars with monotonous regularity. For a short time, after each war, we experienced a temporary boom, followed by a roller-coaster drop in employment that took our breath away.

Now we are at the end of the most destructive war in all history. And unless we get together and plan firmly for continuous full employment, we shall again be faced with a depression far worse than the one created by World War I in cooperation with the Hoover Administration.

Depressions breed wars. But we can see clearly now that another World War might mean the end of civilized living.

To prevent war, we must prevent another depression.

We can prevent another depression only if we nail down and secure continuous full employment.

Philip Murray, demanding quick Congressional action on the Full Employment Bill, stated: "The country must be mobilized for an attack upon poverty, ignorance and fear that compares to our wartime effort*** We must use what it takes to prevent the catastrophe of mass unemployment just as we need our resources in cooperative endeavor to prevent the catastrophe of fascism from overwhelming our world."

There is no other way.

WE CAN HAVE FULL EMPLOYMENT
On July 1, 1945, in a report to the President and Congress, Judge Vinson, then Director of War Mobilization and Reconstruction and now Secretary of the Treasury, said:

"In 1939, our national output hit its highest peacetime level, higher than in 1929, higher than in any previous year of our history—\$89-billion. Five years later that record figure was dwarfed by a new record output of \$200 billion. We succeeded in piling on new wartime economy on top of a peacetime economy; in achieving feats of production no one believed possible. In so doing we opened a totally new vista of what the future can hold."

"It would be disastrous to go back for we would be going back to the misery of mass unemployment."

We dare not go back. We must go forward.

When Philip Murray announced his Reemployment Plan, which was adopted by the CIO Convention, he showed clearly how full employment can be attained through "teamwork on the part of labor, industry and government in organizing production around an overall national plan."

We can and will have jobs for all at good wages if we plan for it, and if our Congress passes bills to support our plans.

What we must have is an overall plan regarding wages, price control, taxes, every aspect of social security, community development, planning for more education and for leisure, the establishment of racial and religious equality, and all these must be integrated by a Federal Full-Employment Plan to assure the continued success of such a program.

The CIO has such a program and has been advocating it for some time. Now the time has come to realize it. Congress and the President must be told that you expect such a program and want early action on it.

1. Adequate Basic Wage Rates. We cannot possibly have continued full employment, unless workers receive adequate pay so that they may have the purchasing power to buy the goods and services they produce.

2. An Annual Wage Guarantee. Better wages are not enough unless workers can know that they are going to get those wages continuously. Just as industry has been given a carry-forward carry-back guarantee whereby it may claim tax refunds to cover future deficits, workers should likewise be guaranteed income year-round to assure them a continued annual wage.

3. A Minimum Wage at Current Prices. The Minimum Wage should be raised to 65-75 cents per hour. The 40 cents per hour established as a minimum wage seven years ago was inadequate at that time—now that the cost of living has gone up so high, it is utterly insufficient.

4. Prices Must Be Controlled. It will benefit the wage-earner little if his wages are increased but at the same time we allow prices to go up.

5. Our Taxation Must Be Revised. We must revise our tax laws so that the burden is light-

ened on the shoulders of those who can least bear it.

6. Unemployment Compensation. We are today faced with grave unemployment due to the sudden shift from war to peace, and due to the fact that our Congress failed utterly to prepare for this emergency situation. We must therefore pass at once emergency legislation to give \$25 a week for 26 weeks in unemployment compensation to all those now without jobs.

7. Social Security for All. In addition to the increased unemployment compensation, we must improve our Social Security System in two ways: (a) we must include under it all those not now covered by law, and add sickness and disability benefits not now granted; and (b) we must increase considerably all the benefits so that they may truly offer the beneficiaries real security in time of need.

8. Community Development. If our people are to live securely then we need to do much to improve the housing situation and to develop each community to make it a better place for Americans to live in. Community development needs government planning and government support.

9. More and Better Education. For better living we need more and better education, more education for all who are able and eager to become educated. Education will make jobs.

10. Planning for Leisure. We, Americans, love to have fun. But leisure, too, must be planned. It requires the building of playgrounds, ball fields, stadiums, parks. Plans for leisure will create many jobs.

11. Good Race Relations. Without full employment we cannot hope to improve the disease of race prejudice. But even with full employment, we must plan and fight to eradicate prejudice. And the first step is to establish a permanent Fair Employment Practices Act, and enforce it with firmness.



12. Freedom for Political Action. If we are to gain full employment and hold on to it, the people must hold on to their right to freedom of speech, the right of workers to collective bargaining, and the right of all citizens to take part in all elections without hindrance of any means—test or a poll tax.

THERE IS A BILL
There is a Bill now before Congress which starts us toward the main highway of full employment. It is known as the Murray-Patman Full Employment Bill.

We of the CIO-PAC are wholeheartedly for it.
The Murray-Patman Full Employment Bill calls for the establishment of a national policy with regard to every person's right to work within our free enterprise system. The Bill states that every person able and willing to work has a right to "useful, remunerative, regular, and full-time" employment.

If this Bill passes, it would become the duty of the President of the United States to report every year to Congress how many people there are in the country willing and able to work; how many workers can and will be employed by private industry; and, if there is any danger of unemployment, he will recommend the necessary legislation for useful public works to offer employment to the anticipated unemployed.

The Murray-Patman Full Employment Bill does not propose the guarantee of specific jobs to specific people. It does not authorize compulsory assignment of workers to jobs. It does not authorize full government control of wages, prices and production. It does not authorize government guarantees of markets and profits. This Bill does not propose any of the things the enemies of the Bill claim it does.

Full employment is the road of a peaceful and prosperous America. Who blocks that road? All the enemies of labor block that road.

The blind industrialists who measure our future with their past. The native-fascist legislators

and newspaper owners and race-hatred agitators.

The Bilbos and the Rankins. The Hearsts and the McCormicks.

The Peglers and the Fulton Lewis Jr.s.

They are all against it. Just look and see who is against legislation for full employment, then you'll know why we must fight for it.

Let all the enemies of labor take note: We have our marching orders in President Roosevelt's Second Bill of Rights.

We shall not be denied. We, the people of the United States, are on our way to a better future for all of us—a future in which there shall be no wars, no depressions, no unemployment, no strife.

We shall not be denied.

ACTION, ACTION, ACTION

1. Get your community-wide Full Employment Committee to roll up its sleeves and keep everyone in your community informed on what must be done locally to create jobs for those released from jobs and how to secure all jobs.

2. Write to your Congressman and ask him to work for and vote for the passage of the following Bills:

(a) The Murray-Patman Full Employment Bill (S-308 and HR 2202).

(b) The 65 cents Minimum Wage Bill (S-1349).

(c) The Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill (S-1050).

(d) The Permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee Bill (S-101, HR 2232).

(e) The Wagner Housing Bill (S-1342).

(f) The Missouri Valley Authority Bill (S-555).

3. Let your Congressmen know, let your Governors know, let your Mayors know that you are counting on them to take the lead in the drive for full employment.

4. You must not rest until everybody in your community understands the danger of unemployment and is enlisted in the struggle to attain full employment.



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I am very much interested in the reaction of the public to our demands and to the alternative. There are those who ask — is this the time for our union to take such action? Are we able to stand a strike? Can we win?

The first question can be answered by stating that while the time to challenge is not after you have been challenged. If you realize that sooner or later you must have a show-down you can't afford to back-down, when they force the issue.

The fact that the cost of living has gone up to nearly 50 percent (100 percent on some commodities which while not considered essential, are necessary to a healthy America) leaves us no choice.

All that labor is interested in is a wage which will assure a decent standard of living. As long as the issue is not how much we get but how much buying power it has, then we must demand an increase to keep up with the rising cost of living.

The issue as to whether we can stand a strike is clear. If we can't now, then certainly we can't later, after we have been kicked around and wages are so low that we can't afford to survive.

Whether we win or not will depend on our ability to mobilize our forces, to get them familiar with the picture, have a program of action and follow it. It's also very important that we familiarize the general public with the true issues and be able to fight the propaganda that has started and which we know will increase to discredit us.

MERELY PROPAGANDA
For years as the time approaches for negotiations or union demands, strange stories originate and begin circu-

lating in the shops in order to discredit the local involved or the whole labor movement. Some of those stories are so slick in their construction that even union members begin to believe them.

This year being no different than others, the latest story has it that committee-men were hob-knobbing with management at a dinner given by the Man Power Commission.

It is true there was such a dinner, a dinner called and arranged by the City Mayor to which representatives of management and labor were invited to discuss unemployment in Lansing. It would have been unpopular for labor to have rejected the invitation of the Mayor, which really would have put labor on the spot as unwilling to cooperate in a program to assure full employment.

Not just the officers of one local or the committee of one local were invited; every local in the city, both A. F. L. and C. I. O., were invited and the International UAW-CIO office, too. Spokesmen were on the program for all of them, as well as for management, the Man Power Commission and the city.

For anyone to misconstrue labor's part in this into something other than an honest effort by union men to show Lansing their sincere interest in community welfare is a silly and ridiculous attempt to discredit individuals, locals and the labor movement. Furthermore, the C. I. O. men are under no obligation to anyone, for like others present, they paid for the plates at \$2.26 per.

In the future let's check the facts and avoid helping to spread false propaganda.

N. Y. Painters 7-Day Strike Wins Demands

NEW YORK (FP) — New York painters won their 7-day strike for job security and wage increases after a meeting of the State Mediation Board with officials of Dist. Council 6, Bro. of Painters (AFL), and the Master Painters & Decorators Assn.

Chief issue of job security was covered by establishment of a joint fair practices committee which will hear cases of unfair dismissals. This sets a precedent in the building trades industry, where employers have always had the right to fire at will.

The painters also won a 2 1/2 percent wage increase and provision for a 3 percent employer payroll contribution to a union welfare fund. The contract will last two years but the union will be allowed to reopen wage clauses before the end of the first year with an arbitrator appointed in case of dispute. The contractors association agreed to the settlement after about 150 contractors signed separate agreements the second day of the strike.

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the legislation which was to give the workers some assurance of security during periods of unemployment.
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MANAGEMENT REFUSES TO DISCUSS CASE

At a conference at General Motors headquarters in Detroit Sept. 21 the company refused to talk unless everybody first returned to work. The UE demanded that the four discharged leaders be reinstated first and then the membership would return to work. After that the contract violations by GM would be discussed. So the strike goes on.

The Packard Electric Div. makes wiring harness for Cadillac motors and other GM divisions. Detroit sources say that production has been slowed down and people told to go home by Cadillac.

The company seized on a technicality to fire the four leaders. When the union announced a meeting on company time but not on company premises to protest the discharges, GM in Detroit notified Brant, who is UE legislative representative in Washington that the meeting would be deemed a strike if held on company time. Before Brant could connect with the local by long distance the meeting had been held and GM went through with the elimination of the leaders.

GRIEVANCE COULD HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED QUICKLY

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NEW YORK (FP) — The Post War World Council called on Sen. James E. Murray (D. Mont.), chairman of the Senate committee on education and labor, to start an investigation into the railroad camps of the Mexican war workers brought to this country during the past three years to help in the war effort.

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drivers. After they take out 20 percent withholding tax for the government, what does a man have left for his family. When we worked 48 hours a week we got 30 percent more than we do now. We think the serviceman will understand that very well when he comes home. He will be tickled to death to get old basic rate back, plus 30 percent won for him by the union."

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