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Behind the

Headlines in

Detroit-

voice of defeat.

The Morning After

IRVING RICHTER

amp. And Dick Frankensteen

tood higher after defeat than

His post-election state-

which carries with it its

There can be no victory for

the spreading of fear and

Now it has worked tem-

porarily in Detroit. But

Jeffries knows it won't

work for long. That is why

he sounded like a defeated

man weeks before the elec-

tion was over; that is why

he sounded like the voice

of defeat in his "victory"

otes Dick got—a total great-

r than any progressive candi-

late ever got. It was not only

he evidence of powerful, in-

ependent political action by

cal action, which scared Jef-

**Council Dance** 

Moved to Dec. 1

The CIO Council dancing

party at 109 E. South street

will be held Saturday, Dec-

ember 1 and not on Nov. 17

Clyde Perkins, Council

president, asked the Labor

News to notify our readers

that the date had been

as originally planned.

changed.

radio statement.

own defeat.

But it failed.

WALTER REUTHER FILES CHARGES THAT:

# GM CORPORATION REFUSES TO BARGAIN WITH UNION

# Labor Scores Several Victories in Election

NEW YORK (FP) - Labor-indorsed William O'Dwyer was swept into office as mayor of New York by a plurality of 685,175 votes over his two opponents Nov. 6 and carried in with him almost his entire Democratic-American Labor

Considered the most significant of the municipal elections that took place all over the nation, the New York vote revealed considerable strength for the ALP, New

York arm of the CIO Political Action Committee, which turned out thousands of unionists to canvass for O'Dwyer in the hectic campaign. Washington

#### CLEVELAND

In Cleveland, PAC-indorsed candidate Tom Burke won the mayoralty race over Republican Ray C. Miller by 125,640 to 59,791 votes. Burke won 65% of the popular vote, nearly matching the record of 71% vote piled up in the last election by labor-indorsed Frank Dick Frankensteen admited defeat at 3 a.m. on Novem- Lausche, now governor. In the er 7. Frankensteen lost the councilmanic election, 18 of 29 election, but over the radio PAC candidates won and six this morning his was the out of seven indorsed by PAC voice of confidence. Jeffries for municipal court judges alwon, but his voice was the so won.

#### WORCESTER, MASS.

There was no despair in our Charles Sullivan, PAC-indorsed, emerged the victor in the Worcester, Mass., mayore did at any time in the camalty race, defeating his Republican opponent.

### UTICA, N. Y.

ment marks the end of one Long domination of Republican forces in Utica, N. Y., battle, but at the same was broken with Boyd Golden, time it is an opening salvo Democratic - American Labor in a still greater battle. party candidate, elected may-Jeffries and his camp know what their victory or by a 4,000 plurality.

Frank Dardano, an official full of insults. means. It is one of the of the Amalgamated Clothing Hitler victories: a victory

### NEW JERSEY

pigotry, for intolerance, for In Mercer county, N. J., reaction. There may be tem- Harry Dieth, acting president porary success, a staving off of the New Jersey CIO Counof defeat, through red-baiting, cil, was elected to the state ashrough race baiting, through sembly with labor support.

### CINCINNATI

hate. It worked for 20 years in Italy, 12 years in Germany. Election of Rollin Everett, CIO candidate and editor of The Sun, to the city council in Cincinnati was considered cerain as incomplete returns on the proportional representation voting there showed him running third.

### NEW YORK

Final returns gave O'Dwyer ,119,225 votes, of which 859,-957 were Democratic and 259. See ELECTIONS, Page 4

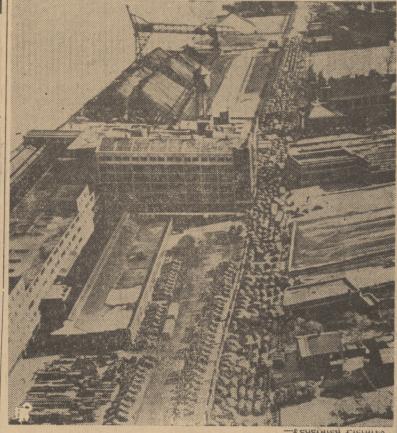
It was not only the 215,000 fries and his Fascist backers.

uous weeks of the campaign released servicemen. carried more conviction; none abor. It was the great united front of all decent elements, lasting significance for Destanding as a solid foundation troit, and for America, than or future progressive politithe final statement Dick made New York CIO Council Nov. 5, conceding "defeat":

### Frankensteen's Statement

"In and for itself, this election was not, perhaps, of great or lasting importance. But in a few years there will be many others which resemble it in the sense that candidates coming out of the ranks of organized labor or receiving the organized support of

Auto Blockade at Ford's in Windsor CIO Council



How pickets, with 1500 cars packed tightly from curb to curb, stopped police from getting scabs into Ford plant at Windsor, Ontario, is shown above. The blockade has since been removed, though the picket line of Local 200, UAW-CIO continues to swell with additional CIO and AFL members. Even the mayor encourages the union in its fight for decent wages - for he knows better than many others how much the community welfare depends upon good wages. Ford has not shown that he cannot pay good wages and still make good profits.

#### NADER SAYS

### General Motors Trying To Provoke a Strike With Silly Wage Offers

By GEORGE NADER

Their idea of confusing the The Union has stated that if Workers (CIO), was elected to wage issue is to make ridicul- GM can show facts to substanthe Utica board of supervis- ous offers which they know tiate their claims of being unheard the Union state facts them in their claims. They based and their willingness to either.

in on the meetings so that everyone can see just who is General Motors seems to be not willing to lay the cards on the table.

will not be accepted. These able to pay without price inare an insult to the intelli-crease, they would either modgence of Americans who have ify their demands or join upon which wage claims are haven't been willing to do

have the public and the press | See SILLY WAGES, Page 2

### **Planning New** Local Action

Plans for a wider labor interest in civic affairs have been started by the Lansing CIO Council, according to No Apartments Clyde Perkins, president.

He is sending a letter this week to presidents of CIO locals requesting representation at a meeting called for 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, to start the ball rolling and establish methods for further action.

poses, this first meeting will city has no room for them. definitely take up certain anti-labor legislation in Wash- had ington, Perkins said.

or energy.

Some of these are:

um to be built in Lansing.

parking facilities? Is any-open for an apartment, but in one getting the real gravy vain. from the project? Could it be But when hubby arrived. done better, or is the present they both made a job of apartplan good enough? Who is ment hunting. They stood in doing the planning and do the line waiting for State Journals citizens of the community to come off the press in order See CIO COUNCIL, Page 2

### More Pages Soon

bor News plans increasing to a regular six pages or more. Following last week's eight-

page issue, it was planned to have six pages this week, but needed equipment did not arrive at the printers in time, so we were crowded into four pages again. The paper is printed at the

Campus Press, East Lansing.

# Unfair Labor Practices Cited in Complaint

### Should Vets Have to Live In Foxholes?

Discharged veterans re-While this group is not be- turning to their wives in Lan-

Apartments are not to be

Paul Stevens, for instance, But he pointed out to the is a former Olds production Labor News that there are im- employe from the forge plant, portant community matters where he was working when that union members, as home the army took him four years owners and taxpayers, as ago. Recently returning from renters and citizens, should be Europe, where he saw action thinking and talking about with the 122nd Field Artillery and to which they may be ask- division of the famous 7th ed to contribute time, money Army he was discharged at a Kentucky camp and arrived in Lansing Saturday, Nov. 3.

His wife, Ruth, who manag-1. The new civic auditori- ed a cafeteria in the Nash plant before it closed down with no plans for reconversion Is it going to be large to peacetime production of any enough? How about the kind, had been keeping an eye

to be among the first to see the want ads. They called real estate firms. They trailed moving vans — all to no avail. They couldn't catch up with

Meantime they are staying temporarily (they hope) someplace about 25 miles from town, where even the transportation is inadequate.

They - and many other veterans — are wondering what, if anything, is actually being done about the situa-

The UAW-CIO has filed charges of unfair labor practices under the terms of the National Labor Relations Act against the General Motors Corporation on the grounds that the corporation has refused to engage in collective bargaining in good faith with the union, the legally designated representative of its employes.

The charge was filed by Walter P. Reuther, UAW-CIO vice president and director of the union's General Motors Department, with Frank Bowen, NLRB regional director.

At the same time, Reuther renewed his request that the U. S. Department of Labor assign commissioners of concilng set up for political pur- sing are astounded to find the liation to attend the negotiations with the corporation.

In a telegram to Edgar L. Warren, director of the U.S. Conciliation Service of the Labor Department, Reuther

NOVEMBER 8, 1945

EDGAR L. WARREN, DIRECTOR U. S. CONCILIATION SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR BUILDING

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION HAS REPEATEDLY REJECTED OUR WAGE DEMANDS; SPECIFICALLY ON OC-TOBER 3, 19, 23, 24, 26 AND NOVEMBER 7. CORPORATION HAS INSISTED THAT IT WILL NOT PAY EVEN A ONE PER CENT WAGE INCREASE WITHOUT PRICE INCREASES WHILE AT THE SAME TIME REFUSING TO DISCUSS ITS ABILITY TO PAY ANL WAGE INCREASE WITHOUT PRICE INCREASES. IT HAS DONE SO AFTER PLEADING INABIL-ITY TO PAY WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY REFUSING TO REVEAL EVIDENCE IT MAY HAVE IN SUPPORT OF CONTENTION. IT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT COSTS, PRICES AND PROFITS ARE NONE OF LABOR'S OR THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS. I SPARE WESTERN UNION THE EMBARRASS AL MOTORS IN MAKING THIS STATEMENT OF CORPOR ATION POLICY. YOU CAN READ IT IN THE RECORD CORPORATION COMPLETED PRESENTATION OF ITS CAS NOVEMBER 7. ON THAT DATE THE UNION REJECTED CORPORATION PROPOSAL TO RAISE WAGES BY RAISING PRICES. SINCE CORPORATION HAS REFUSED TO CON SIDER UNION PROPOSAL OR ANY MODIFICATION THERE-OF WITHOUT PRICE INCREASES AND SINCE UNION RE JECTS CORPORATION PROPOSAL TO JOIN IN HIJACKING CONSUMER BY AGREEING TO WAGE INCREASES OBTAIN. ED THROUGH PRICE INCREASES, NEGOTIATIONS ARE AND HAVE BEEN DEADLOCKED. WE ASK THAT YOU IMPLE-MENT THE PRESIDENT'S NOVEMBER 6 STATEMENT THAT THERE "IS NOT ONLY THE RIGHT, BUT THE DUTY, TO BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY. I DO NOT MEAN GIVING MERE LIP SERVICE TO THAT ABSTRACT PRINCIPLE. I MEAN HE WILLINGNESS ON BOTH SIDES, YES, THE DETERMI NATION TO APPROACH THE BARGAINING TABLE WITH AN OPEN MIND, WITH AN APPRECIATION OF WHAT IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TABLE—AND WITH A FIRM RESOLVE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT FAIRLY.

WE AGAIN REQUEST THE PRESENCE OF A U. S. COMMIS-SIONER OF CONCILIATION AT OUR NEXT MEETING WITH THE CORPORATION: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 2:00 P. M. IN GENERAL MOTORS BUILDING, DETROIT.

UAW-CIO VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR, GM DEPARTMENT

### GM OFFERS NO EVIDENCE

In filing his complaint with the National Labor Relations Board, Walter P. Reuther, Vice President of the UAW-CIO and Director of its General Motors Department, charged that "General Motors Corporation, by its officers. agents and employees-

### REUTHER'S STATEMENT

"pleaded financial inability to pay any wage increase whatsoever, while at the same time refusing to discuss with the Union the Corporation's ability to pay. a wage increase; refusing to disclose any information, essential to collective bargaining over the issue and form of data concerning its cost and financial posi-

"entered negotiations with an expressly stated predetermination not to permit ability to pay to become a subject of discussion in collective bargaining over wages;

### PLUGS UP EARS

"deported itself in such a manner throughout nego-See GM REFUSES TO BARGAIN, Page 3



### Plenty of Empty Ships

# Why Aren't the Servicemen Being Shipped Home Faster?

cals estimated that in the port days. of New York alone at least Nothing Frankensteen said 50 merchant ships could be reover the air in the many stren- fitted in eight days to return

### 2,500 Jobs

At a press conference in the headquarters of the Greater the shipworkers' spokesman said that about 50,000 servicemen now stranded in Europe could be accommodated on the 50 ships, most of which can cross the ocean in 10 days. Work on refitting these ships would provide jobs for 25,000 to 30,000 workers, they pointed out, charging that the present do-nothing policy of the WSA has resulted in layoffs of thousands of workers.

The ports of Baltimore and

NEW YORK (FP) — Ac-|could handle an additional 25 cusing the War Shipping Ad- merchant ships at the same ministration and army and rate, the union leaders said.

Contracts Cancelled navy officials of fumbling the estimating that the several has been lying half completed they claimed. Lack of work job of getting millions of Am- hundred vessels now laid up in the Kearny, N. J. yard of has already resulted in layoffs erican GIs quickly back home, in scattered American ports or Federal Shipbuilding Corp. of almost 10,000 workers at representatives of six Indus- released to private commercial for two months, they charged, Federal Shipbuilding and one trial Union of Marine & Ship- shipping could be converted to while contracts for two others of its two yards is scheduled building Workers (CIO) lo- troop - carrying within 30 were cancelled by WSA almost to be completely shut down. three months ago. These three

### GI's Are More Important Than Bananas, Seamen Say

TAMPA, Fla. (FP)-Backed by veterans and civic groups, Tampa's organized seamen will give preference in manpower only to ships bringing home returning GIs, come Dec. 1.

"Calls for troopships will be filled first," Edward Gordon, port agent of the Natl. Maritime Union (CIO), told Federated Press. "Union men sailing out of Tampa will not be assigned to ships hauling bananas and gee-gaws so long as America's fighting men are waiting to come home from battlefields and foxholes. Which means that we'll give preference to troopships and not to commercial ships when we send out men from our headquarters."

Gordon said that Tampa seamen were "backing enthusi- led to many contradictions. It astically" the national policy outlined by NMU Pres. Jo- takes 30 days to lay up a Libthe Boston-NewEngland area seph Curran at a recent press conference in New York of erty ship in the James river, could match the port of New refusing to let union members man commercial ships after where we are told many are York's performance and the Dec. 1 unless the government provides sufficient tonnage now going, while it would take See FRANKENSTEIN, Page 4 | Philadelphia - Camden yards | to bring the fighting men back home.

transports could have been in A 4,000 - capacity troopship 12,000 GIs every two weeks

> Assertions by WSA officials that conversion of a merchant ship takes from 30 to 40 days were ridiculed by union spokesmen, who said that the government agency was not as concerned with getting work done as it was during the war. 'Both WSA and the shipbuilders act like the war emergency were over, but we don't think so-not as long as there are American boys stranded overseas," said Exec. Sec. Joseph Townsley of Hoboken Lo-

### If GI's Knew

Reg. Dir. Charles A. Leone said the "government's disregard of the urgency of bringing home high-point GIs has

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#### HITLER BACKED IT, TOO

### Our Secretary of State VS. Freedom of the Press

What is freedom of the press?

It's a good question and one we had better keep right on bringing up if any freedoms at all are to be maintained.

For 20 years the U.S. Department of State has had press conferences five or six times a week at which reporters could ask government officials just about anything-and print the answers—until the present Secretary of State, Jimmy Byrnes, who has cut these free-for-alls to one a week and is doing his best to muzzle the reporters with formalities and denials of traditional journalistic rights.

That bit of news was reported this week in Drew Pearson's nationally syndicated column from Washington, which cited a recent example about a reporter who inquired of Byrnes why the American position regarding the Dardenelles had not been given out three or four days before, when erroneous reports regarding that position emanated from Turkey. The irritated Secretary is reported to have blazed back with:

"You have no right to inquire about the American position. I will tell you what I want you to know when I want you to know it."

Pearson says Byrnes loves the phrase, "Freedom of the Press," but simply hates press conferences.

It is evident that Byrnes believes in his own kind of freedom of the press-the freedom to print what Byrnes wants printed. Hitler believed in the latter kind, too.

We'll take the other kind—in which the reporters try to report things they believe most people want to know about. And one of the things they want to know about is just what Mr. Byrnes is doing with our foreign affairs and whether we are being steered toward peace and world prosperity for all or toward excessive prosperity for a few-which means another war. \_V. E. V.

eight days to turn a Liberty out interruption or discontinship into a troop carrier. We uance of present dry-docking



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more than the GIs could, if they knew about it.'

Fifty ships could be converted every eight days withcan't understand this any or collision emergency work, Leone said. Naming 10 shipyards which could easily do the refitting, the unionists pointed out that not a single job of refitting is underway in the entire port.

San Francisco

Meanwhile in San Francisco seven maritime unions charged that more than 20 troopships available to bring servicemen back for discharge were lying idle in San Franeisco bay. These and other ships if placed in service would be capable of transporting from 50,00 to 100,000 troops at one time

Terming it a "scandalous situation," the unions asked Pres. Truman for an immediate public investigation. Their charges followed a protest transfer of 55 Victory ships picture of Dick — showing to intercoastal trade.

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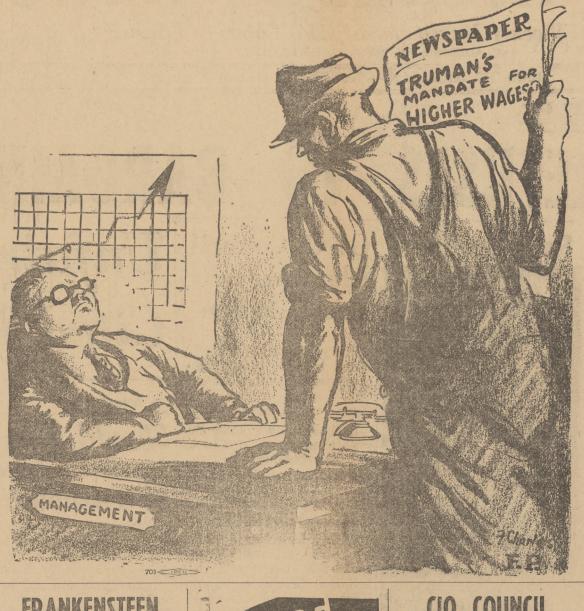
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labor will be standing for office. These candidates will be standing — not as representatives of organized labor alone — but as men whose purposes are those of the majority of the people. This is an inevitable need of the times. In free elections this can happen without there being appeals made by conservative interests to race and class prejudices, without the injection of slander and personal vilifica-

"Well, there will be other labor-endorsed candidates running in many a future election as labor's objectives gain wider understanding as the real objectives of all the people. It is my deepest hope that as this happens there will never again be a campaign which relies for its success on the propagation of fear

"Progressive forces do not look upon the election results as a defeat. We have polled the largest vote ever given a progressive candidate, even a winning candidate. This can mean but one thing: That despite the injection into this campaign of issues having no place in a democratic election — despite this, more thinking voters than ever have seen through the haze of race and class hatred to the basic truth that the aims of progressive forces are the ultimate aims of the American people."

After the elections the pavoiced a week earlier at the pers printed their first honest him clean, smiling and confident. Jeffries' sickly smile, plastered over the front pages, was full of fear and hate.

As we left the party, we It's Your Last Chance to Buy felt more closely knit, more Bonds to Finish Winning determined than ever. When Dick said to us at 5 a.m., 'We've got to get started tono one thought it was prema- hotel. We, a group of camture; no one looked dubious.

It was a long but pleasant candidate

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were converting.

Although some departments were confused, the overall picture wasn't bad. In fact, I departments. I hope that this letics in this cmmunity.

When a girl is unable to cut ed by such action. job, she should be given a chance at another, not a slip saying she quit. After all, she didn't choose the job.

Reo is still down to about ,400 employees. I hope we will be able to clean up the piece work mess 'cause those jobs no longer are in the plant and the sooner we can clean up, the sooner we can start over on a clean slate.

Nash is down to about 150 employees — a plant that employed up to 8,000 now an empty investment.

Lundberg and Novo, where they need more help.

Deer (four-legged ones) will be the objective of thousands in the next few weeks to you who are going — best of luck.

The War

morrow for the next battle," and cheerful ride back to the

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> SIMPSON'S FRENCH

### COUNCIL

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have a voice in those plans?

Should the school be moved from its present leation? I visited the Olds plant last What about the disposition of veek. Having worked there land and buildings if the for 12 years, I was quite inter-school is moved? As a citizen

3. Stadium for Sexton

think they have done a nice who doesn't? Why the two grading or the nearly 50% injob and was impressed to see sides? Should CIO interest crease in the cost of living. females on jobs in so many itself in the progress of ath- No, 10% will not make up for

while we give girls an even the Lansing CIO Council will of living. hope that real progress for an both farmer and business wel-Attention: Mike Mirmo: even better city shall be help- fare depends on the buying

2. The controversy over he Boy's Vocational School:

ested in just how well they do you wish to have any voice in the matter?

break, we don't allow discrim- undoubtedly be taking some ination against male em- position on many of these issues and of course with the

### SILLY WAGES

(Continued from Page 1)

proof for its claims and that ing for all Americans, instead GM's statements are not facts, of for a privileged few.

It's no wonder C. C. Carlton refused to accept the challenge I made to debate the wage issue. He knows that facts are needed, not just wild statements in a debeate.

It's no wonder C. C. Wilson refused to debate Walter Reuther on that subject.

Industry hopes, by insults, to cause wild work stoppages, thereby spoiling the effectiveness of a united action. I am confident they again will find themselves on a limb. Their hopes will not materialize as we are sure of our ground. We are confident that once the public is aware of the facts, we can't lose.

The government has upheld our claim that wage increases must be made to maintain the buying power of the American people.

We have presented facts. We challenge industry to repudiate them. We challenge them to prove their wild claims. If — as GM says this is of concern to all the American people (and we agree that it is) why are they afraid to furnish facts and let the American people

Their influence of press and radio, their wild accusations will not mislead the public. You can't fool the American public or the returning soldier with lies. They want

Ten per cent will not make up for 23% lost through cut in hours, nor will it make up Who wants a stadium - for 10% to 20% through down these nor will it help America practice continues — and that Before long the delegates to to have an American standard

Their attempt to pit labor against the farmer or business will also fail. Because

power of labor. The three depend on each other and their welfare is that of the Ameri-

can people. There is good reasons for Yes, GM must quit bluffing GM's refusal. They can't af- -time has come for action, ford to have the public and action that is for the best inpress know that they are not terest of all Americans. The bargaining in good faith. They war cannot be won unless we don't dare to have the public win the peace, and maintain know that the Union has an American standard of liv-

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LOCAL 650 NEWS AND VIEWS By ERNEST MILLER

Here in Rec our eyes are on the GM wage negotiations. We hope the GM workers can win their just demands without a strike. Labor does not like to use the strike weapon unless it must, but if it must it will. As our Bro. Fishbeck says a strike is as much as economic waste as a depression. The Union seems to have established and unassailable case for the GM workers which is largely backed by Government economists and the President himself. The Union rests its case on reason and facts. Will GM management meet us on the same level?

We anticipate no particular trouble at Reo. Management has repeatedly assured us that they are willing to pay the area rates. If the area rates are upped we should benefit.

Your delegates had an interesting time at the special convention in Flint Sunday to elect a regional director. As everyone probably knows by this time Jack Holt was elected. Jack is a pretty decent fellow, a tough bargainer, as Local 650's Bargaining Committee knows, and a man whose integrity and devotion to organized labor is beyond question. Good luck, Jack, the region is behind you.

Ray Reed had to leave in the midst of the convention for him. With that big black probably emerge soon. cigars like a bunch of king- ica and a free world. makers. But a couple of them, Salter and Lewis, spoiled the effect by pilper- and our fight for a decent living wage? ing their unused lumps of sugar when they had a cup

Our Local has been havmuch grief with seniority. Our departmental seniority setup is an unmitigated headache and occasionally dat ole debbil "ability to do the work" raises his ugly head. The only real answer to seniority is, of course, full employment. If everyone were gainfully employed, seniority would be a minor problem. Incidentally it should be emphasized that full employment is the Union's number one objective. Everyone who can work must work if we are to have an expanding economy. Industry should realize that without mass purchasing power their sales and profits will shrink. It is to their interest as well as ours that we have full employment and we hope they see this.

Our capable recording secretary, Dollie Fitzpatrick, who has been ill for some time, has been sorely missed at our membership meetings. But we are happy to hear that she will be with us again

I heard Dr. Pitirim Sorokin's lecture on the Ayres Foundation. His conclusions were more pessimistic than the press reported. With scientific accuracy and detachment he depicted the increasing number of antagonistic groups in our civilization who lack a common fund of supreme values and whose antagonisms begin in mild rivalry and competition, and cul-

### **Brewery Workers** President Dies

64 after an illness of two passed in 1933.

A member of the brewery union since 1900, Obergfell rose to early prominence in the labor movement. After holding several local posts in the highest universally Indianapolis, his home town, he was elected to the union's general executive board in Sermon on the Mount and 1907 and was reelected anually to that post until 1915, mankind do so at this late when he was chosen general date? The history of the recording secretary of the inpast half century makes ternational and moved to Cinone doubt it. Yet if the cinnati to assume the duties world is not to be utterly of his new office.

devastated by future wars He served as secretarytreasurer of the international

## What Is Happening To Our Victory?

By H. DEAN REED

People all over the country are asking what's happening to the victory we won over fascism and reaction? Where is this new world that we planned at Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Woods, San Francisco conference, etc?

What's happening on the legislative front? Let us take

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (\$25 for 26 weeks for the unemployed during reconversion) Bill has passed in a modified form in the Senate but is now bottled up in the House Ways and Means Committee. At the present time it's chance of passing is poor.

FULL EMPLOYMENT BILL; passed Senate Committee, now buried in House Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments. Hearings have been completed on this bill but it is having tough Republican opposition.

THE 65c MINIMUM WAGE bill which would increase to attend a funeral in the minimum wage standards by amending the Fair Labor family. Alternate delegate Standards Act is in the Senate Committee on Education Thomas Gilbert substituted and Labor and in the House Committee on Labor. It will

cigar stuck in his face he There are many other bills we in the CIO are interested looked just like a politician. in, not alone for our own protection and security but be-In fact almost all the Reo cause we believe that workers throughout this nation and delegation were smoking big the world are vitally interested in preserving a free Amer-

WHAT IS THE ANSWER to this stalling by Congress

The answer is for all liberal and progressive forces through the country to line up together and present a of coffee. The sugar short- unified front. This can and will be done. In fact, within age must be acute in their the last few years the liberal forces have been working closer together than ever before. We who are fighting for these same priciples have to work together if we are to attain the success we hope for in having a free America and a freeworld.

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tiations as to discourage collective bargaining, by indicating repeatedly that its position would remain unchanged regardless of any facts, reasoning or argument which might be advanced by the Union during the course of negotiations, by absenting from bargaining conferences its authorized representatives competent to commit the Corporation to wage agreements, leaving the Union representatives to present their case to minor Corporation representatives, and in general by indicating its contempt for the entire negotia-

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"By the above and other acts the Corporation by its officers and agents has discouraged and sought to discourage membership in, and activity on behalf of, the Union of its employees, thus interferring with, restraining and coercing its employees in violation of Section 8, Subsection 1, of the Act."

union from 1924 to 1942, when the office of president was created and he was elected to both offices. Obergfell gained national fame during the prohibition era from 1920 to 1933 CINCINNATI (FP) — Jo- as a leader of the forces fightseph Obergfell, president and ing for repeal of the 18th secretary-treasurer of United amendment and saw his ef-Brewery Workers (unaffili- forts prove successful when ated) died here at the age of the prohibition repeal law was

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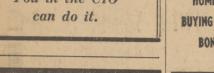
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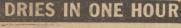
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Mr. Arbuthnot had covered several large sheets of paper prices and why price boosts date, won out. with figures. He had calculated and recalculated, added, subtracted, divided, multiplied and allowed for liberal percentages of deterioration, wear and tear, death by accident and catastrophes like earthquakes, floods and atomic explosions, which he grouped together under a heading: "ACTS OF GOD."

"There's no use, Crudlow," he said, finally, throwing down his pen. "There are just too many people. There's no getting around it. We're licked."

Archibald Croudlow had been making calculations of his own on an adding machine, saving the paper tapes, clipping them together and piling them in little stacks. He leaned over Mr. Arbuthnot's shoulder and studied the jungle of arithmetic scribbled on the paper.

"Have you figured in birth control?" he asked. "It seems to me you could deduct another 10% for that."

"I've got that," said Arbuthnot, irritably. "I allowed 15%, then deducted 2% of that, allowing for a certain amount of employment involved in manufacturing devices. Then there's a percentage of sterility. It's on the increase, I understand. Poor diet. City living. That sort of thing. One percent should cover it. But any way you figure it, there are too many people."

"What in the name of God do you suppose God was thinking of?" asked Crudlow.

"It's beyond me," said Arbuthnot. "All he has to do is produce them, I guess. But we've got to employ them. It can't be done."

"Still and all," said Crudlow, "if you look at it from his standpoint, there's plenty of room. God knows we can produce enough food. There's no particular shortage of anything. We can manufacture enough clothing, furniture, whiskey, automobiles, and alarm clocks for 10 times the population."

Mr. Arbuthnot beat on the desk with his fists. "Production! Production! Yes. Certainly. We can produce the stuff. But how are they going to pay for it? Who's going to pay their rent? It's all right to talk about production - production - production. But I'm thinking in reasonable terms of dollars and cents. Who's going to pay for it, and who is to employ all of these people?"

"It's a hopeless mess," said Crudlow.

"You're telling me?" said Arbuthnot. He picked up one of the sheets of paper and began pointing. "Look at this. One hundred and thirty-seven million Americans. Forty million Frenchmen. Forty million Englishmen. Eighty million Germans. More than 350,000,000 Indians. Three hundred million Russians. Four hundred million Chinese. Why, it's ridiculous! We don't need all these people. Why, in America alone, employing only a fraction of the population, we can turn out enough goods to supply all our domestic needs and half the foreign market. With atomic power, we won't even have to employ that many. It's insane."

"We need another war. That's the only answer," said

"I'm afraid you're right," said Arbuthnot. "I don't see any other way around it."

"Either that or we'll have to raise wages and shorten the hours of work in order to give everybody jobs."

"Now you're talking like a madman," said Arbuth-

"Well, look at it this way," said Crudlow. "Our productive power is great enoughh to supply everything. The only trouble is, if the people haven't got jobs they can't buy anything. And we don't need them all. We can produce enough for all of them by employing less than half of them. The only thing to do is spread the work and raise purchasing power."

"What sort of idealistic dreaming is that?" demanded Arbuthnot. "What are you? A Roosevelt-Wallace experimental visionary, or a practical businessman? ... It's a plain case of too many people. Too much production and nobody to pay for it."

"You'd think if God was going to send them here," said Crudlow, "he'd have figured out some way of paying their bills."

"It isn't God's fault," said Arbuthnot, reverently. "After all, he's not a businessman. He doesn't reason things in down-to-earth dollars and cents."

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Third runner-up with 399,-437 votes was City Council Pres. Newbold Morris, who entered the campaign late on a hastily assembled No Deal ticket. Morris was backed by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, whose 12-year rule of the city will come to an end Jan. 1.

#### OTHERS IN NEW YORK

Elected to office with O'Dwyer for a 4-year term were Lazarus Joseph, comptroller, and Vincent R. Impelliteri, city council president. Also brought to victory by sizeable margins by the Democratic-Labor coalition were Borough Presidents John Cashmore of Brooklyn, James A. Burke of Queens and Capt. Hugo E. Rogers of Manhattan. In the Bronx, where the

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#### HURTS DEWEY

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J. Goldstein, Republican-Lib- tion results that success is eral-Fusion candidate who possible only by uniting and came in second with 434,000 rallying around genuine provotes, was a setback for Gov. gressive candidates of distinc-Thomas E. Dewey's chance of tion with a real program for 1946 reelection and his hopes labor, small businessmen and of winning the 1948 Republi- liberal forces generally to govcan nomination for President, ern the state of New York and Labeled as Dewey's "per- to strengthen the progressive sonal choice," Goldstein, who group in the New York state delegation. to win the mayoralty nomina- O'Dwyer, in his victory statetion, won 123,218 votes on the ment, expressed appreciation of ALP support.

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