

GENERAL MOTORS REFUSES PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT; STRIKE STARTS

Industry Won Something Every Year of the War

If you think the General Motors strike is big, listen to this:

Just about the biggest, most serious strike ever sprung in America occurred just as the war was about to start, threatening our national defense at a most critical time.

Industry and capital staged that strike. What they won and what they've been winning ever since AND WILL GET FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WHETHER THEY DO AN YWORK OR NOT is told in this chronological history of the events:

1940

Capital went on a six week sitdown strike and won the five year amortization agreement whereby U. S. taxpayers were to pay for and hand over war plants to contractors in five years. The same year the auto industry turned down the Reuther plan that might have produced enough planes to have prevented loss of the Philippines and Singapore and shortened the war by years.

1941

Big Industry killed the National Resources Planning Board and chewed up scarce metals and rubber in the biggest auto production on record.

1942

Capital quietly wrote into the tax act the carry-back and carry-forward provisions that today can finance a sit-down strike by industry to the extent of \$26 billions in the next two years. GM, for example, can lock out its 350,000 workers for all of 1946 and collect \$160,000,000 from the U. S. Treasury — your money.

1943

The Kilgore-Pepper-Tolen Bill was beaten. This would have planned reconversion in the interest of labor and the public. The Army-Navy lobby, Barney Baruch and James F. Byrnes did the hatchet work.

1944

Big Industry got the juicy contract termination act and beat the Murray-Kilgore Bill that would have assured adequate unemployment compensation to laid off war workers and veterans.

1945

Industry won \$11 billions tax refund and reductions and repeal of the excess profits tax while again defeating unemployment compensation.

Today

Financed by taxpayers, industry is on a sitdown strike for higher prices and excessive profits, while battling to hold wages down, even though President Truman and government committees have learned and have publicly stated that wages can be raised without increasing prices or jeopardizing reasonable profits. In this strike factories are deliberately withholding many lines of badly needed goods from the markets until they can make even more profits, despite warnings that this is a certain road to inflation.

GEORGIA IS DUE BACK WITH DEER — FRIENDS HOPE!

Miss Georgia Russell, employed at Olds Local 652 offices, again hid herself north to hunt deer from the Slagle Trout Club Camp, where she goes each year. Drooling friends waited this week for news of deer meat.

NOT 30 PERCENT

Stock Exchange President Gets 100% Increase

NEW YORK (LPA) — A pay increase of more than 100 percent — not the 30 percent workers are asking — has just been received by Emil Schram, president of the N.Y. Stock Exchange — and on a three-year contract. Mr. Schram had been getting only \$48,000 a year since becoming president in July 1941; now, until Dec. 31, 1948, he will get \$100,000 a year.

Rejoins Army

Civilian Wages Far Too Low Says Soldier

BEAUMONT, Tex. (FP) — Pfc. Anson John Manuel of Ville Platte, La., after five and a half years in the army, reenlisted here, announcing: "I have to work too hard for too little money as a civilian."

Manuel, who apparently has missed all those newspaper stories about the luxurious lives led by workers, said he could make more money as a private, with food and shelter furnished, than if he were earning 65c an hour and having to pay room and board out of it.

The first Louisiana man to become a qualified army paratrooper, Manuel asked for foreign service, preferably in Germany.

Director of Aux. Region Is Elected

The Michigan CIO Women's Auxiliary Council held a regional meeting Nov. 14 to elect a director for Region 3.

Delegates from Auxiliaries 75, 93 and 202 attended. Mrs. Lydia Bittel of Auxiliary 75 was elected.

There was also some discussion about holding a meeting of the three auxiliaries sometime in January.

Mrs. Dorothy McCurdy and Mrs. Audrey Jelley drove to Grand Rapids after the meeting in order to obtain information to organize an auxiliary there.

Could Mr. Babson Also Help Us With This One, Please?

Roger Babson, financial page columnist, probably has the answers to everything except the \$64 question.

Babson asserted in a syndicated column that—

"If the returning soldiers insist upon the open shop and peaceful collective bargaining, the postwar prosperity can be bright and of long duration with little unemployment; but otherwise, there will be much unemployment . . . They should insist upon freedom to work where and for whom they wish, with or without union membership unless they become employers themselves."

But in addition to working where and for whom they choose — and here is the big question, Mr. Babson — SUPPOSE THEY ALSO INSIST UPON WORKING FOR A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING, OR ABOUT 30 PERCENT HIGHER WAGES THAN ARE BEING PAID NOW?

With increased prices and taxes and a 40-hour week it will take at least 30 percent more to give a returned soldier the standard of living he left back there in 1941 and '42 to go to war.

Right offhand, Mr. Babson, do you recall any open shop that has voluntarily offered the returned veteran or anyone else the necessary 30 percent to restore the pre-war standard of living?

Do you think veterans will be satisfied with less than they made before while corporations pile up the biggest profits ever realized?

And suppose the veterans attempted "peaceful collective bargaining" with a corporation that, like General Motors, just kept on saying "NO" but never would say WHY or produce figures or reasons?

WHAT SHOULD THE VETERANS DO THEN, MR. BABSON?

—V. E. V.

Good Business In Lansing Needs Good Factory Wages

A high level of take-home pay is the only assurance of a prosperous Lansing community.

Slashing take-home pay below pre-war living standards, as has happened at Oldsmobile and Fisher Body plants, means diminished incomes for every merchant, every professional man — for it is the workers themselves who distribute factory money in the community.

Excessive prosperity for the factories, based upon low wages does you no good, Mr. Merchant. Neither General Motors nor its factories spends much money with you.

MR. GROCERYMAN —

How many lathes have patronized your store throughout this war to buy potatoes or bread or cereals?

MR. BUTCHER —

When pork chops were scarce and you tried hard to feed our people, how many automatic screw machines, or multiple drills walked in to buy your meager stocks of beef, wieners and fish?

MR. CLOTHIER —

We have seen a lot of unusual things in your stores the past few years but never have we seen a power drill or an automatic welder trying on your dresses and suits — and we seem to have forgotten any case of infants wear being sold for use in tool cribs.

MR. DOCTOR AND MR. DENTIST —

Were your waiting rooms crowded day after day with power hoists, forge hammers or filing cases?

Mr. Businessman, we know the answers to these absurd questions as well as you do. But are they so absurd.

Our people of UAW-CIO are willing to face the Corporation in this economic struggle for human justice. They will gladly bear the brunt of the battle, not only for themselves but for the benefit of all. We don't ask you to face the hardships of our picket lines in freezing weather. Nor to match wits with clever corporation lawyers or servile public officials. We have faced these troubles before — and alone — when the chips were down.

A CONSERVATIVE STAND

We have studiously avoided trying to be conservative in our views because we prefer to be liberal.

But until the science of economics has convinced us that reduced purchasing power brings "more and better things for more people" we shall continue to hold the view that sustained purchasing power of our people means a better community for us all.

Yes, we too have a slogan:

A RAIN-CHECK ON PAY CUTS IS A CHECK REIN ON DEPRESSION!

—K. McCreedy

HOUSING CHAMP



Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D. N.Y.) is pioneering again with the first comprehensive bill to provide decent housing for every American. Last week he joined with Senators Arthur Ellender (D. La.) and Robert Taft (R. Ohio) to introduce the measure. See page 3.

Ford Strike In Canada Is In 10th Week

DETROIT (LPA) — The strike in the Windsor, Ontario Ford plant entered its tenth week with no signs of a settlement, despite proposals by the union to allow workers to man the plant's powerhouse and to reopen negotiations.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as well as provincial police, are still quartered near the plant, at an estimated cost to the city of Windsor of \$20,000 a week. Resentment is rising because of the continued presence of the police, who are being kept at the Ford plant on the excuse that the powerhouse had to be protected from damage.

On Armistice Day, mass meetings were held in every major Canadian city to support the 20,000 strikers. Contributions, according to officials of the United Auto Workers-CIO, are continuing to come from unions all over the U. S. and Canada, as the strike became a long-drawn-out battle.

UAW-CIO sec'y-treasurer George Addes conferred with the local UAW strike leaders and with government officials in Ottawa.

The Ford local still wants to bargain with the company on its demands for union security — which Ford locals across the lake in Detroit have — as well as a guaranteed annual wage, and two weeks paid vacation.

ROOM FOR RENT

Sleeping room, next to bath, double bed, suitable for one or

No Facts Presented; Negotiations Blocked

"The union expresses its regret that General Motors persists in keeping locked up in its vaults the arithmetic on which this dispute can be settled peacefully and fairly. The union is compelled to state that the corporation's wage-price-profit policy is arrogant and contemptuous of the interests of the public, the consumers, its employees and even its own stockholders."

That statement by Walter P. Reuther, UAW-CIO vice-president in charge of the GM negotiations, explains how the world's largest, richest—and most arrogant—corporation forced war upon the world's largest union.

UNION REFUSES BRIBE

In seeking a thirty percent raise, the union flatly turned down the corporation proposal of increases accompanied by price increases in automobiles and other products. In attempted negotiations Reuther had presented the corporation detailed production and profit studies showing the firm well able to raise wages and even lower car prices and still make high profits.

The corporation never presented other facts or figures to show that it could not do this — even though the union offered to accept less if facts showed the firm could not meet the 30 percent demand without raising prices.

HUNDREDS OFFER UNION HELP

Officials of the Olds and Fisher Body locals said hundreds of phone calls were received Wednesday offering the union any help that might be required, for which they asked the Labor News to express their sincere appreciation.

Truthful information about the strike, they emphasized, may be had by contacting the UAW-CIO headquarters at 1118 S. Washington, phone 45319.

Intl. Secretary's Husband Applies For Re-Enlistment

Pilot Officer Morris Jowett, who recently married the former Jerry Calder, local International UAW-CIO secretary, has applied for a two-year re-enlistment in the Canadian Air Force. He has served in Europe, where he had the experience of shooting down a German jet-propelled plane.

He holds the Canadian Distinguished Flying Medal.

Lovell Post Returns Home From Army Tues.

Staff Sgt. Lovell Post was discharged from the Army Air Force at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, and returned to Lansing Tuesday night. A former Olds employee and member of Local 652, he saw service with the 8th Air Force in the European theater, where he earned the Presidential Unit Citation.

His wife is the well-known Lansing CIO Council secretary, Imogene Post.

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Catholics Honor Bishop Sheil, Murray



For their fine work in promoting better understanding among Americans of different races and creeds Bishop Bernard Sheil of Chicago (left) and CIO Pres. Philip Murray will, at a dinner in New York Nov. 28, receive the 1st annual Msgr. John A. Ryan award of the Committee of Catholics for Human Rights.

Get Your Tickets Now For Dance

Get your tickets (only 50c) for the CIO Council Jubilee Folks? If not, better get them soon — the dance is Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Council Hall, 109 E. South St.

Arrangements are all made for everyone to have a big time. There is to be a "hard time" party and prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Other prizes will also be given during the party.

There will be modern and old time dancing from 9 to 1. Person selling the most tickets will also receive an extra consideration. Tickets are on sale at the Council Hall.

Auxiliary Sends Ford Strikers Aid

Regular meeting of Auxiliary 202 was held on Nov. 13 at the home of Mrs. Dorothy McCurdy.

The group welcomed two new members, Mrs. Abbie MacNaughton and Mrs. Nellie Gray. Mrs. Audrey Jelley, secretary of Michigan CIO Women's Auxiliary Council, was guest for the evening.

The Auxiliary voted to send \$10 to aid in the Ford Windsor strike. Plans were also started for our annual New Year's party.

Bunco was played with Sisters Gray and Jelley winning the prizes.

Next meeting will be a Christmas party on December 11 at the home of Mrs. Jessie Pritchard. All wives of members of Local 602 are invited to attend.

Simpson Is Now Awaiting Discharge

After two and a half years service with the Army in Europe, including Africa and Italy, Staff Sgt. Rolland Simpson, former Olds Local 652 member and Forge plant worker, is expecting a discharge soon. He is now at Romulus Field, near Detroit.

His wife, Eleanor, is a secretary at the Olds Local.

Picket Lucky Strike Firm



Preparing to join the picketline around Philadelphia plant of American Tobacco Co., Reg. Director Lew Bentley of Food Tobacco & Agricultural Workers (CIO), is welcomed by workers striking for union shop and 65c minimum. FTA is asking for nationwide boycott of Lucky Strikes and other America Tobacco products.

—Federated Pictures

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Most Powerful Friend of Democracy Is C. I. O.

Labor's fight for adequate wages is getting top emphasis in publicity these days, but Clyde Perkins, Lansing CIO Council president, points out that the public ought to be informed that the CIO has many other important objectives for which it fights continually, which make the CIO America's strongest and most effective defender not only of our standard of living but of democracy itself.

He lists the following CIO objectives:

1. — The organization of workers in order to advance and safeguard their economic and social welfare.
2. — Establishment of adequate wage standards, high enough to give a decent living to every member and his family.
3. — Shorter hours of work, that each member may have the opportunity of enjoying proper leisure, recreational and cultural development.
4. — Proper working conditions, including insurance against involuntary unemployment, security in old age and a reasonable assurance of the certainty of employment.
5. — Protection of the rights of collective bargaining and efforts to seek and maintain agreements with employers for such purposes.
6. — Preservation and extension of the democratic processes of our country, protection of civil liberties and aid in the adoption of legislation which will promote the economic and social welfare of its members and that of labor in general.

Lesson in Government

The other day, over 300 Congressmen swarmed into one of the committee rooms on the Hill to attend a hearing. This was headline news, because 300 Congressmen is an awful lot of Congressmen. As a matter of fact, that's more than can usually be found on the floor of Congress, let alone at a committee meeting. But, so anxious were these Congressmen about this hearing that they held up the testimony of the major witness for over ten minutes while they got it into the record that they had come out for this important occasion.

What was it that brought this army of statesmen out? Was it to provide the reconversion plan that this country needs so badly? Was it to go into the problems of the millions of workers who earn starvation wages in this day of atomic power and still rising living costs? Was it to plan something to take care of the unemployment and depression that economists predict for as soon as we settle down to "normalcy"?

Not on your life! No, this was a hearing on something much more important to most Congressmen than full employment. This was to prevent OPA from trying to keep down the profits which auto dealers will harvest at your expense as soon as the new cars begin to roll through their showrooms.

The major point that I wish to make is this: here's a marvelous example of what labor is up against in its fight for a postwar world that makes sense. The national automobile dealers association can get 300 Congressmen to scramble over to a committee hearing at the flick of a telegraph key; the people of this country haven't yet been able to get 300 Congressmen onto the floor of Congress to face the most serious problems in the history of this country.

— BEN DORR, LPA Columnist

Official Says:

U.S. Heading For Economic Smashup Soon

An economic smashup faces the U. S. within five years, Robert Nathan, deputy reconversion director, predicted in a recent speech to OPA workers. Present short-sighted reconversion policies are pushing the nation down a road that ends in a cliff — and the fall will be harder and deeper than the depression of 1929, according to Nathan.

Better Taxes Needed

First on Nathan's program for averting the chaos he sees looming up ahead is "a tax system that makes sense." That would mean a system based on ability to pay, one which would relieve low income families, encourage international trade, favor real venture capital and productive labor, and set the tax dodgers back on their heels.

That's the very reverse of the relief-for-the-greedy tax bill just passed by Congress, which is designed primarily to benefit the 900 biggest corporations and 99,000 wealthiest taxpayers.

Higher Wages

All of Nathan's points were based on the urgency of developing high-level postwar production and full employment. That requires higher wages and stable prices — and Nathan didn't fall for any of the sob-statistics offered by industry. Like President Truman, he bluntly stated that industry can afford wage increases by dipping into its past and prospective profits, without extorting price increases in exchange.

Nathan also spoke of the importance of broadening the social security program, supporting an adequate employment service and using the anti-trust division of the Dept. of Justice to smash monopolistic prices.

Industry Stages Sitdown

Any sabotage of this program invites economic disaster, Nathan made plain. Backing up Nathan's prediction, Bread & Butter, weekly letter of Consumers Union, says its economic consultants believe certain major industries may use sitdown tactics, as they have in the past, to strengthen their economic and political controls.

Today industry is sitting down with the objectives of crippling unions, obtaining higher prices and deferring sales until 1946 to save excess profits taxes. In 1948 there is some reason to believe that industry may provoke a "Truman depression" by cutting down operations again on the ground that production will be impossible unless "business-minded" public officials are installed.

Inventories by that time will probably have reached a peak peacetime point so that a shutdown will appear imminent anyway. Bread & Butter says the depression may come in less than five years—it may be here by 1948—unless the people succeed in winning their jobs-for-all program.

THANKSGIVING — 1945



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Union Federation Organized In Japan

NEW YORK (FP) — For the first time in Japan's history a central federation of free unions will be established in Tokyo in November, Tsunekichi Yamazaki, Socialist member of the Imperial Japanese Diet and veteran labor leader, told Allied Labor News in an exclusive interview in Japan.

He revealed that a conference of 200 union leaders in Tokyo Oct. 2 set up a committee to draft a constitution for the federation. This outline was to be presented to a national meeting scheduled for the middle of November.

"Our plans are incomplete," Yamazaki told ALN, "but I guarantee that the new central union will be democratic. We studying the forms of foreign unions to determine the best model. We have followed the progress of the World Federation of Trade Unions with great interest. After our union is organized, we shall apply for admission to that international body."

Asked about the current strike wave, Yamazaki replied: "It is not organized but is a spontaneous protest against wage cuts which followed the war. While salaries go down, food gets scarcer and prices rise steadily."

Since the arrival of American occupation authorities, ALN said, Japan's anti-labor laws have been rescinded and the government-sponsored Industrial National Service

Assn. abolished. As a result, free unions are springing up throughout Japan and outstanding progress has been made by the Seamen's Union at Kobe, the Municipal Train Workers Union in Tokyo and by railroad workers at Osaka. A Japanese Wagner act, encouraging unions and collective bargaining, is being prepared for presentation to the Diet.

In 1933 when the government outlawed unions, ALN said, there were 200,000 workers organized into two separate bodies, the League of Japanese Trade Unions, a conservative group, and the progressive Japanese Workers Conference. Government employees were organized into the government-sponsored League of Government Workers.

After 1933, under constant police pressure, free unions gradually dissolved. In their place the government organized the Industrial National

Maybe MacArthur Should Occupy Southern U.S.

ATLANTA, Ga. (LPA) — President Truman has been asked to apply to the south the program now being applied in occupied Japan by Gen. MacArthur. In fact, the Southern Labor Press Ass'n, federation of AFL publications, has asked that Gen. Mac Arthur be transferred from Tokyo to Brevard, N. C.

"We want him to institute in this Southland of ours," wrote SLPA secretary James F. Barrett to Truman, "that fine program for social reform which he has prepared for the Japanese people."

Especially needed in the south, Barrett said, is section two of MacArthur's ruling, which states as occupation policy that:

"Encouragement of unionization of labor that it may be clothed with such dignity as will permit it an influential voice in safeguarding the working man from exploitation and abuse and raising his living standard to a higher level: with the institution of such measures as may be necessary to correct the evils which now exist in child labor practices."

Home and Family Week

Governor Harry F. Kelly has designated the period from December 2 to December 8 for observance as Michigan Home and Family Week.

The C.I.O., representing many thousands of fathers and mothers throughout the Lansing area, will aid the Governor's program in bringing to our members the significance of a real home and family life. The result of working toward such an objective will give our children the opportunity to become highly effective examples of our workers home and family living practices and will expand the social, spiritual and economic attitudes of our children toward community life.

I ask that every Local Union and Auxiliary observe the designated period of Home and Family Week and that during the following months devote some time to the development of a program of discussion and action to facilitate the understanding of such a program.

CLYDE PERKINS, Pres. Lansing CIO Council

Ford Fined

ALBANY, N. Y. (LPA)—A jury here last week found the Ford Motor Company guilty of docking three employees for time they used to vote in the last Presidential election. The company was fined \$300 for breaking the state law that says that workers requesting voting time are to be paid for up to two hours so used on election day.



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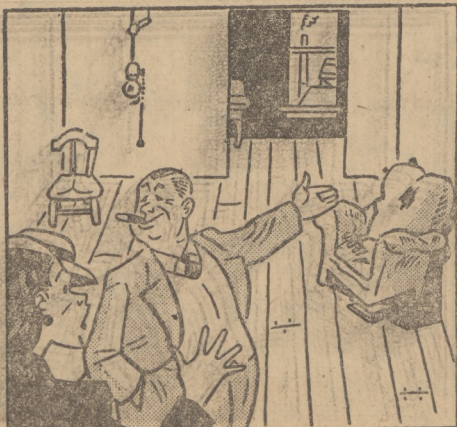
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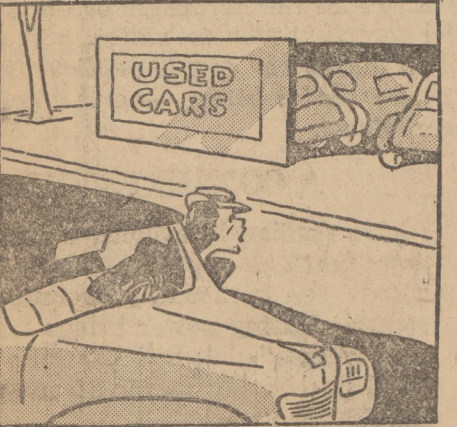
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"Must buy furniture." A gullible apartment hunter, she doesn't know it's illegal to jack up a normal rental by setting an exorbitant price on the furniture. In crowded cities, as much as \$4,500 has been asked for furniture in a \$75-a-month flat.



Gas booby trap. Our little believer-in-signs is fooled by regular gas in premium pumps, pays an extra two cents a gallon for her mistake. She should learn that, regardless of what the sign says, regular gas is usually colored orange, premium is red.



Car jack-ups. In the market for a used car, she should be wary of the time-payment racket, which can cost her \$300 more than a cash purchase; and the falsified "certificate of transfer" not clearly describing the model and year number of her car

Decent Home For Every American Object of Wagner's Newest Bill

National Housing Policy Would Promote Building And Abolish the Slums

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A bill dedicated to attainment of a decent home for every American family was introduced into the Senate last week by Senators Robert F. Wagner (D. N. Y.), Arthur Ellender (D. La.) and Robert Taft (R. Ohio). Hearings, Senator Wagner announced, will begin before the Bank and Currency Committee on Nov. 27 and will continue for several weeks.

"The bill sets forth for the first time in our history a clearcut national housing policy and objectives, as well as providing for practical methods for attaining these objectives," Sen. Wagner said on introducing the bill.

Known as S. 1592, the bill has the backing of a powerful trio, and is the product of several months of intensive hearings, study and debate by a joint Senate committee. It is conceded a good chance of passage.

MILLION HOUSES A YEAR

All federal housing activities would be centered in one agency under a single policy-making head. Sights have already been set on a program to build one and one-fourth million housing units each year for the next ten years.

Here are some of the things which the bill will do:

COOPERATIVE BUILDING PROJECTS

1—Mutual or cooperative housing enterprises — undertaken by labor groups or by others — would be encouraged. Federal Housing Agency insurance would be made available, as high as 95 percent, for as long as 32 years. This would be aimed at home ownership and rental projects, where the rental is between \$20 and \$40 a month, or he house is mortgaged for not more than \$5,000 — which means about a \$5,300 house.

FIVE PERCENT DOWN PAYMENTS

2—In this same "middle income" group, which has been ignored by both federal low-rent housing programs and by the private builders, the amount eligible for FHA insurance would rise from 80 percent to 95 percent of the cost of housing, thus reducing the down payment required of the middle income family to five percent. In addition, payments would be extended from 20 to 32 years.

BANK LOANS MADE EASY

3—A new FHA insurance system to encourage financial institutions — banks and insurance companies, for example — to make direct investment of their funds in large scale housing projects, by guaranteeing a yield of two percent annual return on capital in exchange for specified investment.

500,000 LOW RENT UNITS

4—Resumption of the low rent public housing program, with a four year program of Federal annual contributions amounting to \$88 million to aid local housing authorities. This would provide about 500,000 additional units of low rent public housing.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

5—A five year program of federal aid to localities for land assembly, clearance and preparation for redevelopment. This will involve about a billion and a half dollars worth of land acquisition and preparation for redevelopment. It is estimated that this would cover about one-tenth of all the slum and flighed areas throughout the country, and might generate six or seven billion dollars worth of rebuilding activity.

MONEY FOR RESEARCH

6—For research to aid localities in meeting local housing needs, an appropriation of \$12,500,000 is authorized. Another \$25,000,000 for local housing planning studies to be matched by the states, is included.

WILL AID FARMERS

7—A substantial program of rural housing, to help low income families on the farm and in other rural areas. Low interest loans by the Dept. of Agriculture and a system of annual contributions of \$5,000,000 a year for a five year period, to enable farm families of a very low income to obtain decent housing and gradually move toward home ownership. This latter program, it is proposed, would be operated through local housing agencies adapted to rural conditions.

Catholic Women's Council Supports Liberal Measure

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Endorsing the principles of "equal pay for equal work" as proposed in the Pepper-Morse bill, the Nat'l Council of Catholic Women last week adopted several liberal proposals.

Repudiating efforts to endanger women in industry through the so-called "equal rights amendment," the Catholic Women's board of directors supported such measures as the full employment bill, the abolition of compulsory peacetime military training, and the 65c wage law. Concerning this last, they saw it as lessening "the need for wives and mothers to supplement inadequate family income by working outside the home."

The British and Dutch are fighting in the Dutch East Indies, France is fighting in Indo-China, the U. S. is fighting in China.

Maybe Congress had better send an investigating committee to the USSR to look into the Russian conspiracy to make peace.

CIO BUYS FIRST BOND



CIO BUYS FIRST ROOSEVELT BOND in Connecticut as Pellegrino Mannello, committeeman for Local 3381, United Steelworkers of America, CIO, at the Farrel Foundry, Waterbury, Conn., signs up for a \$200 Roosevelt Memorial Bond in the Victory Loan Drive. Left is Edward Lavery, president of the Connecticut State Industrial Union Council, CIO, and Steelworkers' international representative. On the right is George Murdock, of the Connecticut War Finance Committee. This was the first Roosevelt Bond sold in Connecticut.

Yank's Owner, Larry McPhail, Faces Charges

BEL AIR, Md., (FP) — That old hustle and fight so appreciated by bleacher fans in New York's Yankee stadium got Yankee President Larry MacPhail of the American league club into something worse than being sent to the showers when he used his fists to protest against strike action by the independent telephone workers in their recent nation wide stoppage.

MacPhail's ire was aroused October 5 when the Bel Air exchange was unable to complete a call from his country estate near here to New York. He stormed into the telephone company office and began taking direct action — just as his hired hands do with an umpire whose eyesight they feel has been faulty.

The local grand jury has indicted MacPhail on a charge of assault and disorderly conduct. The indictment claims the baseball club owner struck Mrs. Anna Towner, the operator, and her superior, Manager Thomas Dwyer, who interceded for her.

A&P Exposed By Censors At Radio Station

INDIANAPOLIS (FP) — Secretary Walter Frisbie of the Indiana CIO Council called on the Federal Communications Commission to revoke the license of Station WTRC, Elkhart, Ind., for "its failure to operate in the public interest."

Frisbie charged that 10 minutes before a CIO broadcast was to be made on October 31, the station informed the broadcaster that a part of the script would have to be cut out.

The censored section of the script, which had been approved by the Indianapolis station, WFBM, the previous week, dealt with the way the daily press suppressed news of a Department of Justice suit against the A. & P. stores, while playing up a debt owed by Elliott Roosevelt to John Hartford of A. & P.

One of the statements which the station blue-penciled was this quotation from George Seldes' newsletter. In Fact:

"The \$20,000 Roosevelt deal is picayune compared to the gain by the A. & P. of \$20 million by short-weights and short-changing the American people, faking prices at check-out counters and other practices of the great A. & P. officially charged by the government and reported by Congressman Patman in the Congressional Record — a privileged document. The fact that the U. S. government made the charge and the fact that it appeared in the Congressional Record completely show up the corruption of the press. The

Foremen Want A Spot On Committee

WASHINGTON (FP)—The Foremen's Assn. of America (unaffiliated) wrote the national labor-management conference Nov. 14 that it wanted representation or the right to be heard before any committee of the conference that considers the question of the unionization of foremen.

Dr. George W. Taylor, conference secretary, said the letter was signed by Pres. Robert Keys of FAA and was considered by the executive committee, which has not yet decided which of the conference-committees has jurisdiction.

Both the committee on management's right to manage and the committee on collective bargaining claim jurisdiction, and the decision of the executive committee or of the whole conference in plenary session may determine the light in which the foremen's issue is to be considered.

Should the committee on management's right to manage get it, there will be a big section feeling that the management delegates have won an important point because of their determination to insist that foremen are instruments of management.

On the other hand, should the issue go to the collective

newspapers cannot deny the importance of the news and cannot claim fear of a libel suit as the reason for suppression."

bargaining group, it may spur labor delegates to intensify their efforts to include foremen as workers in a broad definition of the elements of collective bargaining.

Dr. Taylor said he, personally, saw no progress yet in spelling out such a definition of collective bargaining because of the extremely diverse views of the two groups—labor and management.

On the question of union responsibility under collective bargaining, he said, the committee is considering penalties on union violating a contract, and the problem of union security.

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Brewery Men Get New Head

CINCINNATI (FP) — William J. Kromelbein has been named secretary-treasurer of the United Brewery Workers (unaffiliated) to succeed Pres. and Sec.-Treas. Joseph Oberfell, who died here Nov. 2.

The union's executive board, which named Kromelbein to the post, declared the office of president vacant until the next convention of the union, scheduled to be held in Galveston, Tex., in September 1946.

Kromelbein, for many years a prominent labor leader in

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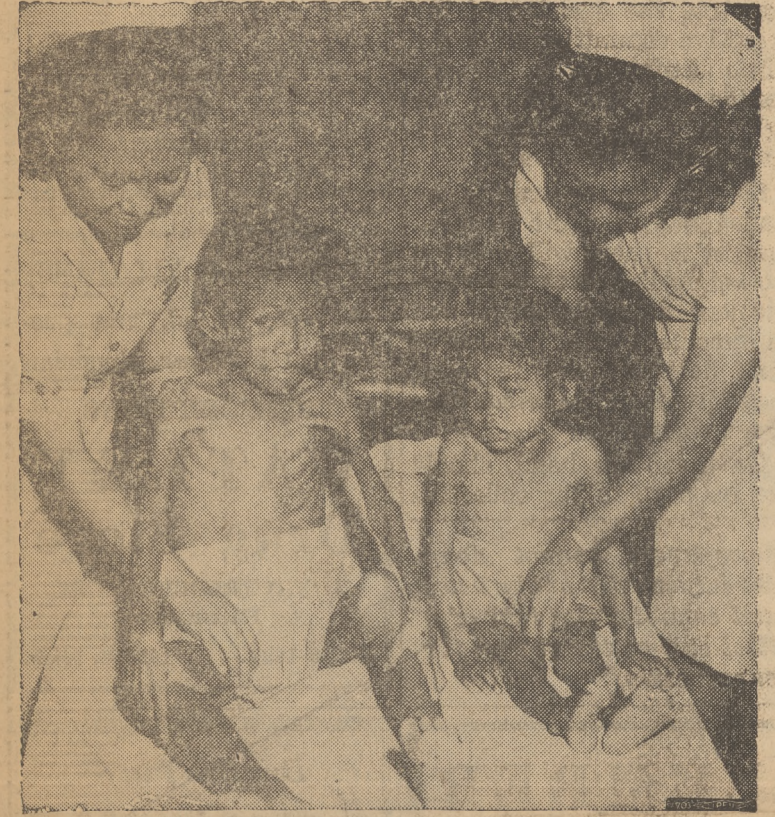
Pres. Manuel Roxas of the Philippine Senate, former attorney for the economic royalists of the Philippines, voted in the Japanese puppet cabinet to declare war on the U. S., but through his connections has escaped punishment and is competing for the Presidency.



—Federated Pictures

Sergio Osmena, President of the Philippine Commonwealth and candidate to succeed himself, has been weak in fighting collaborationists, labor and liberal leaders charge.

JAPANESE WERE NOT KIND



—Federated Pictures
These two emaciated children, being cared for by Filipino nurses after Tarlac province was liberated, were among the lucky kids. Others were bayoneted and burned to death.

ARMY FORBIDS FEEDING



—Federated Pictures
The food shortage was great in the Philippines and remains bad as the country struggles to its feet. These kids in Manila got rations from sympathetic soldiers but now the U. S. Army has forbidden giving food or clothing to the natives.

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Co-ops Quickly Picked the Meat Out of This One
SUPERIOR, Wis. (LPA) — Armour's, one of the nation's giant meat packing concerns, got its policies mixed up last month.
One division — which sells fertilizers — decided to squeeze out the farmers' co-operatives by refusing to supply them with fertilizer. When the co-ops set up a hue and cry about this discrimination, Armour's fertilizer division heard from Armour's meat division.
It seems that the co-ops in upper Michigan are one of the best outlets for Armour's meats. All is well now, according to the Cooperative Builder, and Armour's will continue to supply both the co-ops and their competitors.
Negroes Hired
NEW YORK (LPA) — Since the state law against discrimination became effective on July 1, several influential concerns here have voluntarily hired Negroes for the first time.

WHY WE'RE INTERESTED:

U. S. Labor Wants Good Market, Not Nation of Sharecroppers

The inside story of what General MacArthur is permitting to happen in the Philippines is important news, but you won't find it in most papers and magazines.
The Philippines are thousands of miles away from the U. S. They are more than 24 hours away, even by the fastest commercial airplane. Does it matter much to American labor what happens in the Philippines? IT DOES.
American workers know how many jobs they get out of manufacturing goods for American sharecroppers — just about none. In the Philippine Islands, the great majority of the 16 million people are sharecroppers. This one fact — and it is the outstanding fact in Philippine economic life — demonstrates two things:
1. Why the people of the Philippines want economic freedom as well as political independence, and why they want to industrialize their country.
2. Why American labor should be interested in seeing that the Philippines get that freedom—so they can be as good customers of American industry and American labor as the farmers of Ohio or the midwest wheat belt, instead of non-customers like the southern sharecroppers.
Once more is demonstrated the fact that an injury to one is an injury to all; what affects labor in the Philippines affects labor in the U. S. Labor's interests are international.

By ALFRED G. LARKE
Federated Press

The people of the Philippines— a colonial possession of the U. S.— fought and died for the U.S., the United Nations— and themselves.
They formed the guerrilla bands, they harassed the Japanese, they even planted microphones in Japanese military headquarters. They destroyed their crops to keep them out of the hands of the Japanese, they suffered starvation and semi-starvation.
PATRIOTS KEPT FIGHTING BACK
Whole villages of men, women and children were burned, bayoneted and shot to death for their resistance to the invaders. Their country was severely damaged by the fighting when U.S. forces returned and their capitol city was nearly levelled to the ground.
The people of the U.S. may be proud of the fact that one of their colonies has been treated well enough that it is one of the few, if not the only colony, in history to fight for instead of against its master nation.
What have the Philippines got out of their heroism and their choosing our side? It is always good to be on the winning side in any contest but sometimes some members of the winning team are left on the outside looking in when the captain receives his testimonial banquet.

A HOLLOW VICTORY

The Philippine Islands, which bid fair to be the only colony to get freedom after World War II without fighting Allied armies to win it, are threatened with a hollow victory when the U.S. gives them their independence next July 4.
Their freedom threatens to be the kind of freedom Americans were offered in the depression of the 1930s— the freedom to work but no jobs to work at.
A small group of large landowners, mine operators and commercial interests that controlled the country before the war, aided by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and American officials who worship the status quo, are fighting hard to keep the country in a semi-colonial condition— prosperity for only themselves and the Americans for whom they have been straw bosses.
Ten years ago this November the U.S. voted independence for the Philippines as of July 4, 1946, and the Filipinos foresaw independence, industrialization of their country and a level of prosperity that would bring their standard of living up to American levels.

MacARTHUR HAS INVESTMENTS

Today the vested interests still occupy positions of importance and are supported in the Philippine Congress by men who were members of the Japanese puppet government during Japanese occupation. Thirty percent to 40% were in the puppet congress. Recently they voted themselves longer terms— puppets and patriots alike— and back pay was voted for the years of Japanese occupation.
President of the Senate is Manuel Roxas, a member of the puppet cabinet, whose minutes show that he supported a declaration of war against the U.S. Chief of the Economic Planning Board that furnished war supplies to the Japanese, Roxas used to be principal attorney for a financial group that owned big mines in the Philippines, mines in which MacArthur, as one of the leading residents of the Philippines, also owned stock.

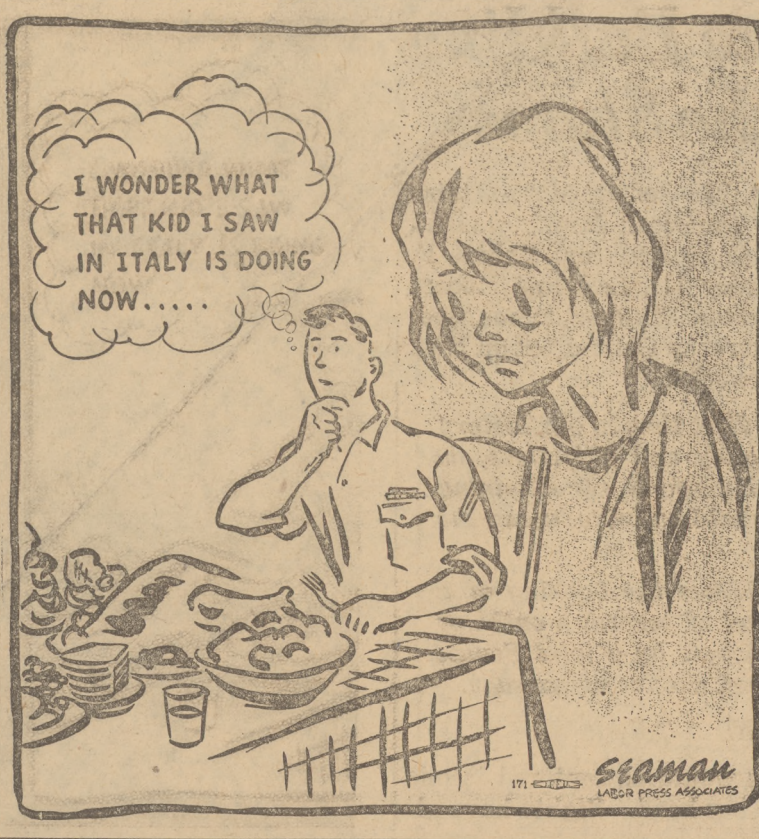
CENSORS FORBID CRITICISM

Roxas, back in power as Senate president and supported by collaborationists who fear a purge, was freed on MacArthur's personal guarantee after he had been captured as the Japanese evacuated him and other puppets. Senate committees he controls have high-pressured patriotic anti-Japanese out of major jobs. The Philippine press, as long as MacArthur was in the Philippines, dared not denounce collaborationists. Censors forbade it.
The same censorship made it difficult to tell the story of the Philippines to America. Nothing critical of MacArthur was permitted to go out of the Philippines— according to correspondents, to Filipinos, to men in the army. The prohibition, the latter said, applied even to personal letters.

MacARTHUR'S FRIEND GETS CONTROL

The economic interests represented by Lawyer Roxas, the friend of MacArthur, are to be given the inside track on food and the few consumer goods that reach the Philippines. In a war-devastated country like the Philippines,

Thanksgiving Thought



possession of such goods means control of the government.
Roxas and his former clients— the interests of MacArthur, Andres Soriano (ex-Spaniard, pro-Falangist, American citizen since late 1941), Joaquin Elizalde (old Spanish land-owning family), Brig. Gen. Courtney Whitney (mine stockholder)— are sitting pretty.
But the people of the Philippines want something better. When July 4, 1946 comes they want to quit being a colony. Not only political independence, but economic freedom, is what they want:

WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT

An end to the oppressive sharecropping, under which tenant farmers keep at the very most 50% of their crop (the top rate in the U.S. is 75%).
A beginning of consumer industries, to give jobs to the city people and to furnish goods cheaply to the rest of the Philippines.
Government ownership of the public utilities and of the big land holdings— held under a feudal setup established when Spain ruled the Philippines.
Industry and agricultural improvements financed by government loans from the United Nations under the Bretton Woods plan— not financed by private landowners and commercial interests devoted to making profits on the improvement of the standard of living.

DAIRY WORKERS

The boys are returning. Donald Adcock and Eldon Greenfield from the Army and Ed Kelper from the Navy will be back on the job soon. Everyone is looking forward to seeing them again.

Jane, pretty cashier at Arctic, is going to be married in December. The wolves are going to have to quit howling so loudly.

Bill Fudge, Eustace Roggau and Bud Dart have joined in a business of their own. Good luck to them on this venture.

Bob Heichtchew has left to go back into his store. Bob has a union store agreement, but we understand that a little peeve of his has caused him to change from some union made goods to scab products. Let's hope he gets back on the beam soon.

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College Union
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FALSE
That is not the truth! "Take-home" pay of auto workers can be restored without increasing car prices one cent.

The Office of Price Administration knew what it was doing when it asked the auto industry to hold prices on cars down to 1942 levels. OPA economists knew that, in 1941, the auto industry had piled price increase upon price increase, to assure high profits even though car output was cut.

PRICES
Here's what happened to prices, between 1940 and 1942, on General Motors, Ford and Chrysler standard low-cost models:

	Jan. 1940	Jan. 1942
Chevrolet	\$766	\$907
Ford	707	960
Plymouth	740	972

In this two-year period, long before UAW-CIO's fight against cuts in "take-home" pay had even been started, the average price of the cheapest cars put out by the "Big Three" had been pushed up by \$176. Costs of materials did not increase like that. Steel and other basic raw materials that go into a car increased slightly, if at all.

Labor costs did increase, due to wage adjustments, but by less than \$25 per car. They are due to drop dramatically as new tooling and streamlined production send output per worker skyrocketing.

FACTS
These are facts. They are the facts back of UAW-CIO's assertion that car prices need be no higher even if auto workers' "take-home" pay is restored. I car prices do go higher, the auto industry's profits will rise above the highest levels in history.

PENALTIES
The UAW-CIO is heartily in favor of reasonable profits for the auto industry. But the UAW-CIO insists that such profits shall not be made by raising prices. That will penalize you, the consumer.

The UAW-CIO insists that such profits shall not be made by slashing auto workers' "take-home" pay. Such profits will victimize our children. Profits made at the cost of less food, less medical care, less education for our children are profits that mean tragic losses — losses in health and happiness to the Detroiters of tomorrow. The UAW-CIO insists that Detroit cannot afford such losses. Auto workers' "take-home" pay must be restored!



"I took 'Cold Capsules' and used 'Nose Drops' till I was blue in the face"

"I kept working, but couldn't shake my cold. I finally got so sick that I lost a week's work. Half the fellows in my department came down with colds, too, one after another."

Jim Jones didn't know that a day or two spent in bed when he first felt his cold coming on would have shortened the time he had to be off the job, and would have saved him much misery. Two days of rest, quantities of fruit juice and avoidance of fatigue would have made him a well man again. He would then probably not have infected the other men at his shop. Jim didn't know that most of the so-called "cold capsules" and "nose drops" you buy at your drug store are practically worthless. Jim could not be expected to know, for hundreds of radio programs and newspaper ads are beamed at him, advising him to take their products for a cold. His corner druggist, too, says, "Take my cold capsule, Jim."

But this common cold is an uncommonly bad enemy. Every day throughout the winter approximately one person in every six is laid up because of a cold.

The ingredients in most of the patent cold capsules are aspirin, acetanilid, caffeine citrate, and cathartics. While certain combinations of some of these ingredients are sometimes effective, they should be prescribed for you by your physician and not taken without his advice. Some people are made deathly sick by aspirin. Others find that acetanilid, a coal tar derivative, produces dangerous symptoms. Cathartics should not be taken indiscriminately, and should not be taken either directly before nor after a meal, nor when symptoms of pain exist in the stomach. When prescribing for you, if your doctor advises a cathartic he rarely combines it with his prescription for relief of cold symptoms.

Remember that colds are infections, and they should be taken seriously. Your physician alone is qualified to diagnose and to treat you when you are ill.

—Health Institute of the UAW-CIO
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Propaganda Stunt Pays Off For NAM

NEW YORK (FP) — The way the American press willingly fell for an expensive propaganda stunt cooked up by the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers to blame labor for reconversion delays was told in the Nov. 19 issue of In Fact, weekly newsletter.

In the month of October the NAM hired an airplane — the first civilian hiring since the war — and took 20 leading newspapermen on a 31-day trip to 20 industrial cities and 50 plants, plying them with liquor and big business propaganda, In Fact said.

ANTI-WAGE NEWS
Only a few of the newspapers which carried stories on the trip mentioned that it was financed and sponsored by the NAM.

Throughout the trip the journalists supplied not only their own newspapers, but many more belonging to press syndicates and services, with "the propaganda of big business, biased against labor and government controls," In Fact said. Employers were quoted saying reconversion would go better if labor did not strike or threaten to strike.

No mention was made of the fact that strikes are being provoked by refusal of employers to grant a living wage.

A typical propaganda piece was headlined *Newsman Pro-*

Passengers Union

LONDON (LPA) — A "Passengers' Trade Union" is crystallizing here as a result of long dissatisfaction with antiquated methods and rules of travel within the city. A million Londoners are expected to join, to get for themselves and others relief from crowded, dilapidated bus and train transportation systems.

duction Languishing From Strikes And Idleness. Written by Morley Cassidy of the Philadelphia Enquirer, it was reprinted by the NAM News Oct. 27 as proof that the trip was paying off.

TRIP PAYS OFF
NAM's propaganda clip-sheet, Industrial Press Service, Oct. 29 carried a part of the report of Joseph Garretson of the Cincinnati Enquirer which alleged that "so many war workers seem to prefer unemployment compensation to jobs."

The NAM clip-sheet also carried a half column story about the conclusions of Russell Porter of the New York Times predicting rapid reconversion "unless the present waves of strikes and labor disputes broadens into widespread and prolonged interruption of production."

"The amount of space the New York Times gave porter on his NAM propaganda equalled — at advertising rates — the cost of the whole NAM junket," In Fact observed.

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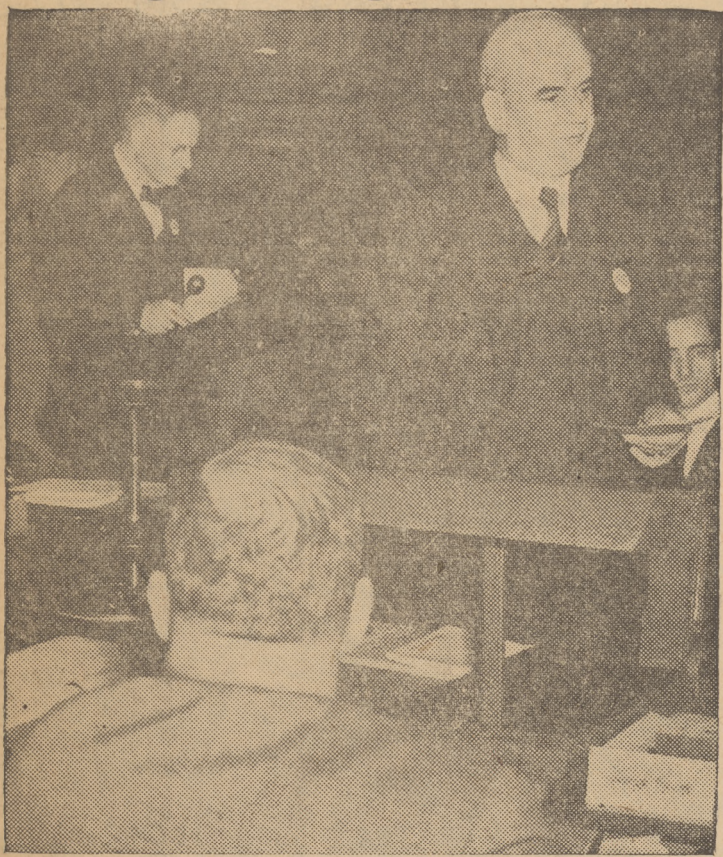
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Fights for Wage Discussion



Insisting on need for including the vital question of wage demands in the labor-management conference in Washington, CIO President Philip Murray addresses one of the sessions.

U.S. Steel Demands A Price Raise

WASHINGTON (FP)—For the second time, the U. S. Steel Corp., spearheading the costly industry campaign to force a test of power with American labor, has notified Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach that it will not meet with the United Steelworkers (CIO) and a special conciliator named by him to resume negotiations over the union's demand for a \$2 a day wage increase.

President Benjamin F. Fairless of the corporation wired Schwellenbach November 13 that further collective bargaining "cannot be expected to accomplish anything until

Schools Menaced

WASHINGTON (LPA) — "Success in holding prices steady in the months just ahead," said OPA Administrator Chester Bowles here recently in connection with American Education Week, will directly affect the future of education for America's children and youth.

"From 1939 to 1943 and particularly in the school years of 1941-42 and 1942-43," he continued, "the average salary of teachers throughout the country lagged markedly behind increases in their cost of living. A postwar inflation this time would seriously threaten the standards and morale of our teachers and in turn the quality of education offered our children now in school."

the OPA authorizes adequate increases in prices of steel products to which the steel industry has long been entitled by reason of past heavy increases in costs."

Little Luther Negotiates Increase In Allowance

By JOHN PAINE
Federated Press Columnist

"Pop, I need an increase in my allowance," Little Luther announced. "The price of movies is up. You're only getting half as big a comic book for a dime nowadays. Hamburgers cost 15c. A double-dip soda costs twice as much as before the war. You're making more than you used to..."

"Whoa, Luther! Stop right there," Mr. Dilworth demanded. "What I make is none of your business. It has nothing to do with the matter. You were talking about wages. Stick to the subject."

"What you were making had a lot to do with it the last time you cut my allowance," Little Luther said. "A least that's the excuse you gave me then. Said you were broke, going to the poor house and what not."

"I hereby officially declare these negotiations have broken down," Mr. Dilworth announced, "and therefore we will not discuss the matter further. If I have anything more to say, I'll say it to the Parents Protective League which is, incidentally, unaffiliated."

"Pop, as I live and breathe, I'll picket this house if you don't negotiate."

"And I," blustered Mr. Dilworth, "will call the cops if you picket. We've had just about all the juvenile delinquency we can stand. While you kids were collecting salvage for the war, we overlooked it. But now, with all the young parents back from war, we're going to clamp down on you."

"I'll tell Dorothy Dix about you," warned Little Luther.

"Not a bad idea, son," Mr. Dilworth said. "What do you say we have a conference to settle this problem?"

"Anything that settles it right is OK with me," Little Luther said.

"Fine," Mr. Dilworth beamed. "Now we'll have the cop on the beat as chairman, and of course we'll have Dorothy Dix and maybe Mr. Anthony to represent the public. And me, and maybe your mother. And you. Of course, we'll let you come. This must be democratic."

"Generous old skintint, aren't you?" said his son. "I'm supposed to get an increase singlehanded out of a packed jury like that?"

"Increase?" asked Mr. Dilworth. "What do you mean, increase? Who ever said anything about increases?"

"Well, I did, for one," Little Luther said. "I said I wanted an increase. You said I couldn't have one. That's two people that said something about increases."

"Oh, THAT," said Mr. Dilworth. "That was back in the negotiations that broke down. This is entirely different."

"I'll say it is," Little Luther admitted. "Me against two parents, two 'experts' and a cop. But if the conference is not about an increase, what is it to be about?"

"Well, procedure mostly, I'd say," Mr. Dilworth explained. "We'll sit right down around a conference table and freely and openly negotiate, and when we're through we'll have a procedure for discussing that other thing you mentioned."

"The increase?"

"Please, Luther, don't say that word again or I'm afraid I'll have to call the conference off," Mr. Dilworth said sternly.

"Call it off? queried Little Luther. "You haven't called it on yet."

"See? See? That's what we parents have to put up with," his father wailed. "All right, that's the end of it. I'll write Congress and THEY'LL pass a law that will take care of you little pests."

"OK, Pop, but how about an increase in my allowance in the meantime?"

UWA-CIO Wins at Willow Run



Signing agreement in Detroit to recognize United Auto Workers, CIO, as sole bargaining agent for production and maintenance employees in the 100 million dollar Willow Run plant, recently leased from government by Kaiser-Frazer Corp. and Graham-Paige Motors, are (left to right) Intl. Rep. Harry Foster of Region 1-A; Reg. Director Percy Llewellyn of Region 1-A; Director James Morgan of Region 1-B; and Director of Intl. Relations E. D. Riordan of Graham-Paige.

Postwar Living

By SUSAN ALEXANDER
—Federated Press—

THE HIGHEST BIDDER

OPA held a novel kind of auction recently in the public square of Jackson, Tenn. Bidders came from all parts of the state to vie for the scarce articles being auctioned off — a 1946 Ford, a 100-pound bag of sugar and a 50-pound keg of lard.

Anxious bidders in the crowd pushed close to the auctioneer's stand, frantically trying to outshout each other. At the end, the lard was sold for \$15, the sugar brought \$35 and the Ford \$2,500. Novel aspect of the auction came when an OPA spokesman stepped forward and told the crowd that the sales were illegal. The auction was a hoax — a demonstration to prove that the law of supply and demand makes price control an absolute necessity.

Without price control, miniature auction scenes would be staged every day in front of counters, in butcher shops, groceries and department stores throughout the country — only the housewife would really have to pay fantastic prices because there would be no OPA agent to assure her it was all a hoax.

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HEAVY UNDERWEAR

Topping off three wartime increases, manufacturers of heavyweight knit underwear have wrested another price increase from OPA. The industry refused to turn out heavyweight knit items unless prices were raised and had to comply. OPA says retail prices won't be affected.

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PEPPER PROSPECTS

The government reports no immediate letup in the pepper shortage is in sight. There have been no official reports on pepper suppliers in the Dutch East Indies, which before the war furnished 95 percent of the world's supply.

NUTS FOR YOU

Want to know how to estimate the amount of meat in nuts bought in their shells? According to the government: One pound of almonds yields about one cup of shelled kernels; one pound of filberts, about 1 1-3 cups; one pound of peanuts, about two cups; one pound of pecans, almost 1 1-2 cups of halved kernels, and one pound of black walnut, about 1-2 cup of broken kernels.

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Closed Shop Ban In Florida Faces Supreme Court Test

WASHINGTON (FP)—Can a state prohibit the closed shop or maintenance of membership agreements by enactment of a constitutional amendment?

This last hope of the anti-union, open shop forces will

get a final answer soon from the U. S. Supreme Court, which agreed Nov. 13 to hear arguments on the question from the AFL and the state of Florida.

Florida adopted a constitutional amendment in 1944 stating: "The right of persons to work shall not be denied or abridged on account of membership or non-membership in any labor union or labor organization; provided that this clause shall not be construed to deny or abridge the right of employees by and through a labor organization or labor union to bargain collectively with their employer."

A three judge U. S. district court in Florida upheld the closed shop ban and the AFL brought the case directly to the Supreme Court, which has limited arguments to the jurisdiction of the federal court. A similar test instituted by the CIO has also been dismissed by the same district court and is pending before the Supreme Court.

The NLRB has ruled in several cases that state laws must bow before the weight of the Wagner labor relations act. One of these NLRB de-

cisions came in a Florida case instituted under the constitutional amendment. In it the NLRB upheld maintenance of membership clauses signed by three AFL unions in a paper mill.

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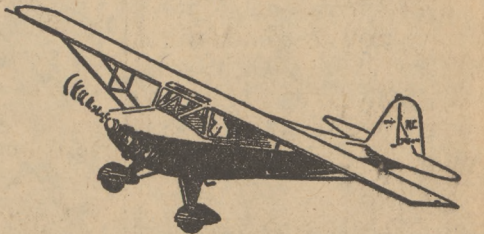
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