

Reveals Facts Behind Wartime Strikes

80 Percent
Less Than
Before War

"Bad news travels fast. Labor strikes . . . are sometimes sensational . . . The loyalty of American labor, on the other hand, seldom makes the headlines . . ."

From Stars and Stripes, Service newspaper.

By R. T. FRANKENSTEIN
Vice President, UAW-CIO

The official figures for the Michigan automobile industry show that in the 3 years since the declaration of war, time lost on account of strikes has declined 80 percent compared to the 3 years before the war. For industry as a whole not more than fifteen-one-hundredths of one percent of all man hours worked has been lost in any year since the war began.

In other words, labor's record has been better than 99.44 percent pure in this war—far better than it was in World War I.

I give these facts not to defend or to minimize wartime strikes. My official position, as well as my personal conviction, has been that there can be no justification for work stoppages so long as this war continues.

HOW LITTLE STRIKES MAKE BIG HEADLINES

For every hour lost through strike action in 1943 at least 4 hours were lost through industrial injuries and accidents. A few weeks ago there was an accident—an explosion—in the Dodge-Chicago plant. Most papers in the country related the injuries and property losses.

No mention was made of the number of manhours that were lost. But let five truck drivers walk out of some small brass shop, and immediately headlines appear from coast to coast; editorials urge repeal or crippling of labor laws; radio commentators blow it up into a major catastrophe; soon the public is flooded with imposing statistics about strikes. Union leadership is castigated and the workers condemned as disloyal.

THE DODGE, BRIGGS STRIKES IN DETROIT

Certain employers welcome strikes. They can have their plants closed for months and still take all the profits the tax law allows them. They consider it will never be cheaper to destroy Unions than now.

Awhile ago the Dodge plant in Detroit was closed because management violated grievance procedure, firing eight people while negotiations were in progress.

Our union was working feverishly to put the people back to work, when out of a blue sky, the Briggs Manufacturing Company fired eight union stewards. Not only did this present a new

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Maintenance Workers Get WLB Directive

The War Labor Board has issued an important directive on the maintenance workers wage case which will be reported at a meeting at the Olds Local hall, 1118 S. Washington at 1 p.m. next Sunday, April 22.

Last Monday delegates from Nash, Reo, Fisher, Olds and No. 1124 attended a Detroit conference at which the directive was received. The delegates were from the Central Michigan Skilled Trades Council, UAW-CIO, Lansing sub-area, which has called the meeting for Sunday.



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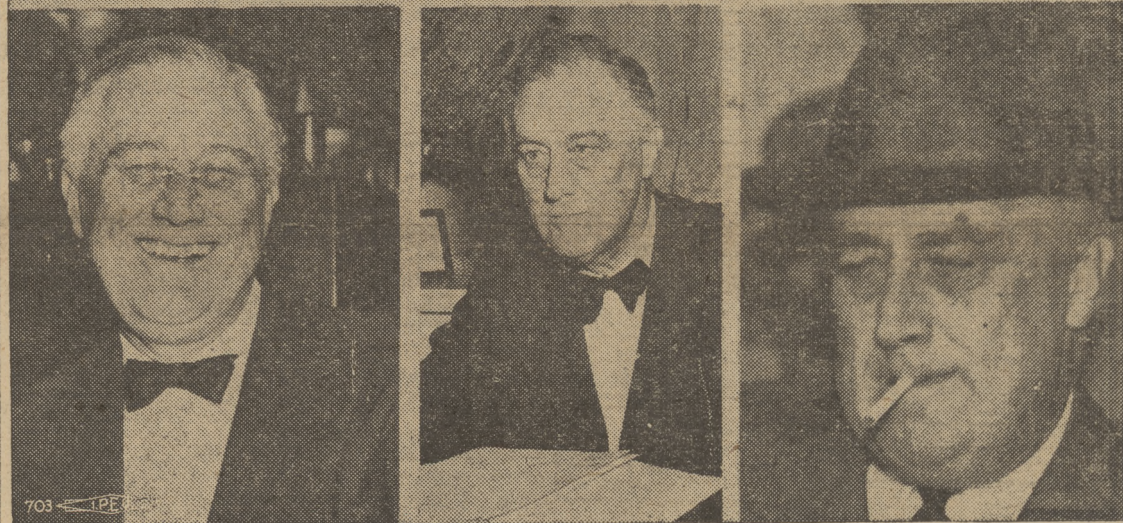
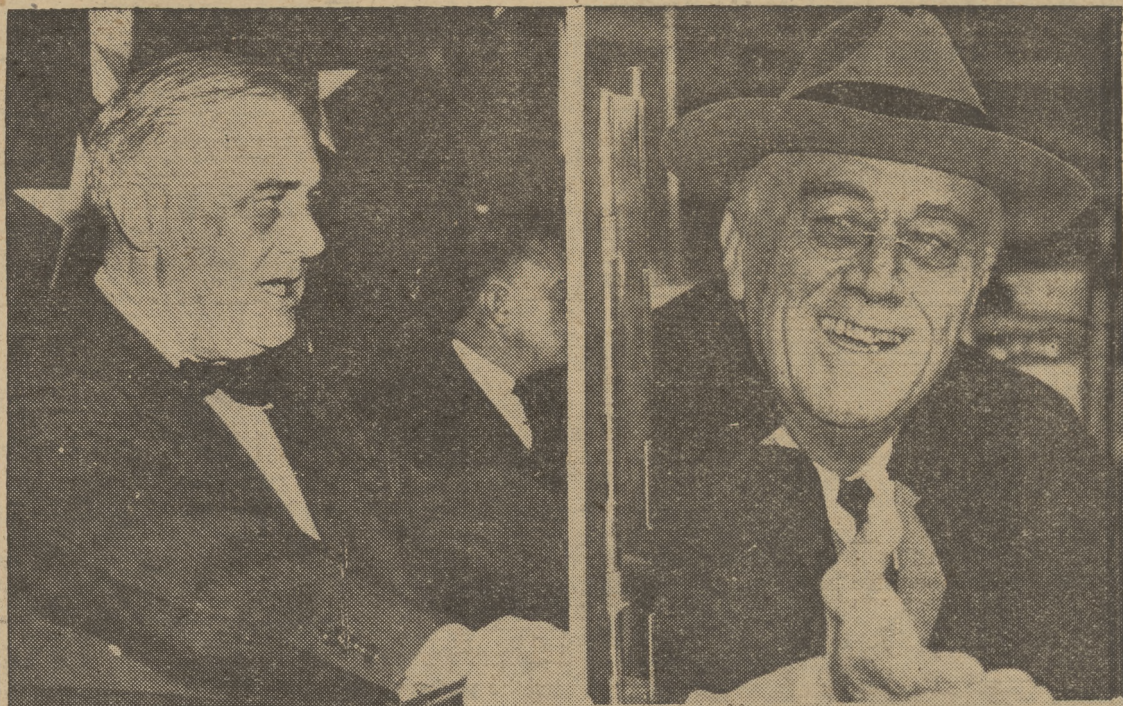
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Our Greatest War Worker As We'll Remember Him



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN MANY MOODS

Five characteristic poses that the whole world knew: Grave, hearty, gay, earnest, solemn.

Lansing CIO Leaders Express Labor's Loss

Raymond W. Reid, Pres. Reo Local 650

"In the passing of our president and Commander-in-chief the common people and labor have lost their greatest friend. His death comes as a great shock to myself and our organization. Now, more than ever, we can do him no greater honor than to carry on as he would have us do. His death is a great loss to the freedom-loving people of the world and his name will make a great imprint in the pages of history."

Paul Gardner, Pres. Nash Local 13

"We who believe in an all seeing power and in a creator who shapes all destinies must realize that somewhere in his overall plan of things to be this seeming disaster, this tragic loss to his family and his country of President Roosevelt has its place. We can rest assured that the spirit of our president has taken its rightful place among the greatest and mightiest leaders of all time in our world."

Chester Cowan, Pres. Fisher Local 602

"With the death of Franklin Roosevelt the common people of our country lost an understanding and sympathetic friend. How great this loss is can be determined only in the coming years. Every worker, his family, and the men and women in the armed services should make it their personal duty to see that his great program in war and peace is carried out to a victorious conclusion and they should give President Truman all possible support and aid in doing it."

F. J. Jolt, Sub-Regional Director, UAW-CIO

"America and the peace loving people of the world have lost
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G M Fights Organizing Of Foremen

Spearheading a campaign against organizing was a 100-irch General Motors advertisement in Sunday papers claiming that a union for foremen would be bad for labor (they didn't print labor's statement), bad for industry, bad for America and bad for foremen.

Arbitrarily deciding it would be bad for foremen makes it amusing when the advertisement so emphatically claims that foremen are definitely a part of management with "full authority" in many departmental matters and participation in establishing management policies.

This presumably has required through the years responsible, intelligent judgement.

But when these same responsible intelligent foremen contemplate unionizing, the firm apparently decides they are not capable of intelligent decisions and buys three-quarter page advertisements to make the decisions for them.

And that, say the foremen, is the seat of the trouble. They no longer have much to say about themselves, labor policies or anything—though they get the blame for lots of things that are wrong. They find now that to be effectively heard by management, they will have to put their voices together in some kind of organization.

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WASHINGTON, (FP) — Pres. C. E. Wilson of General Motors Corp. and other members of the Automotive Council for War Production met here April 10 to consider the effect of the NLRB action reversing its former policy and granting foremen the right to be represented by labor unions in collective bargaining.

Instead of accepting the unionization of foremen as a step in gaining a measure of economic protection for a group that has been denied it, the automotive leaders saw the movement as another step by unions to participate in management.

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many members, he states, that on and after April 1 the assessment must be paid before the issuance of a receipt for the April dues.

The dollar assessment is levied on the members of all UAW-CIO locals by the International acting under authority vested in it by article 12, section 15 of the International constitution.

IT'S A 'MUST'

Pay Assessment Before Getting April Receipt

Odell Lamb, financial secretary of Nash Local 13, writes the Labor News to emphasize a point about the Int'l assessment of one dollar being collected now in UAW locals.

It apparently is not clear to

50 Percent Cutback Slated for V-E Day

WASHINGTON (FP)—Spokesmen for the automotive industry said April 10 they had been officially told that U.S. war production will be cutback 50 percent after V-E day, rather than the 35 percent previously announced. The motormen said they got the figure from WPB Chairman J. A. Krug, who told them:

"We'll be ready to cut loose within a matter of hours or days, not weeks. We hope we can do something on machine tools before then."

There was no comment immediately from Krug.

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A Tribute to Our Fallen Leader—

By GEORGE NADAR
Int'l Representative, UAW-CIO

The untimely death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt was a shock felt around the world. No other man has ever received such wide acclaim, in life and in death. He was a world figure.

Labor not only has lost a friend, but its champion in the White House. Franklin Roosevelt will live in the memory of organized labor forever, for through his understanding and help labor today has achieved most of its objectives. Through his help and with his co-operation other objectives are on their way to completion.

Labor is not alone, for the farmers will remember him as the man whose leadership helped to make it possible for thousands of them to own their own farms. Through his leadership bills were passed to assure them fair prices and the ability to go on.

Labor and farmers will be joined by business, who, without the help and leadership of President Roosevelt, would not have progressed and whose very existence was in danger.

George Washington lives in the hearts of his countrymen because of the leadership he gave to make this nation possible. Abraham Lincoln is immortal because he kept it together. Franklin D. Roosevelt will head the list, for his vision, courage, leadership were factors by which this Nation licked the depression, met the threat of war, and that same leadership was applied to plant the seed of peace for all the world.

Men like Franklin Roosevelt may die, but only the flesh is dead, the spirit lives on. And from it, men gain courage and determination to do the impossible. The spirit of our departed leader will serve to lead us to greater heights on the home front and on the battle fields.

Meat Workers Now Getting V-E Day Wages

CHICAGO (FP)—In an open letter to the President, the executive board of United Packinghouse Workers (CIO) warned that packinghouse workers are facing V-E day now. The letter is published in a pamphlet which warns that the "wage V-E day is in effect for us now" and contains photostats of check stubs showing actual take-home pay ranging from \$4.12 to \$25 a week.

"The overtime and premium pay the packinghouse worker has been using to help buy necessities has been taken away," the union pointed out. "The breadwinner in the packing plants who formerly worked a 48-hour week and who received 82c an hour (which is an overall average rate for the industry) made before deductions \$42.64 a week, but since being denied his overtime and even a full 40 hours work the same worker receives \$26.25. After deductions are made this breadwinner has about \$19.64 left as take-home pay to provide for a family of five."

The board asserted that "during the war years 1941 to 1944, the packers made more profits than ever before." Wage increases ordered by the National War Labor Board are being held up pending a study of "price relief" requested by the packers.

News from the AUXILIARIES

Fisher

Importance of April as cancer control month was stressed by Alice Geiger of Flint in speaking at the regular monthly meeting of Auxilliary 202 at the Fisher Local's hall April 10. She is a member of the Auxilliary's International Co-ordinating committee.

May has been set aside as Veterans' month, during which members of 202 hope to raise enough money to furnish two rooms at the Percy Jones hospital.

New members being welcomed are Emma Lewis, Jessie Pritchard, Ruth Strong, Fannie Cowan, Virginia Ingram and Marie Stone. The membership drive has been extended another month and CIO men are urged to get their wives to join the auxiliary.

Plans are being made for a May breakfast. The next meeting is May 8.

Fannie Cowan was presented with a birthday gift last week. After the meeting games were played and she won again—scoring first prize.

Olds

Another card party at the Local 652 hall, 1118 S. Washington, will be announced soon.

The Olds Auxilliary, sponsors of the event, gave a party there April 10, including prizes, coffee, cake, salads and sandwiches donated by members.

On the committee were Mrs. Evalena Emmons, Miss Edith Bentley, Miss Henrietta Clear and Mrs. Jewel Atkinson. A new committee will be named each month for these parties.

Pvt. Chet Cowan At Chanute Field

Pvt. Chester Cowan, Jr., son of Fisher's Local president, is stationed at Chanute Field, Ill. He was graduated from a service radio school in Wisconsin.

President Truman and His Family



President Truman, his daughter Margaret and wife in a news photo made shortly before the Senator from Missouri became Vice-President.

\$2,000,000 Libel



Westbrook Pegler, longtime enemy of labor, has started feuding with industry as well.

A two-million dollar libel suit was filed against him and his employer Hearst, by the Intl. Latex Corp. of Delaware when he attacked the corporation's advertisement in support of Henry A. Wallace and continued allied unity.

Company Attorney Max Swiren declared that "with utter irresponsibility, Pegler treats these public service advertisements as Russian communist propaganda."

Dorothy McCurdy's Brother in Italy

Sgt. Louis A. Gray is in Italy as a flight engineer with the air transport command. He has visited Egypt, North Africa and France recently.

Sergeant Gray is a brother of Dorothy McCurdy, president of the Michigan CIO Women's Auxiliary Council.

CIO Education Conference Is Next Sunday

An excellent opportunity for Lansing local members to get acquainted with both members and programs of other Michigan locals will be afforded at a meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Olds Local hall, 1118 S. Washington.

It will be the first Outstate CIO Educational Conference. It is sponsored by the Michigan CIO council, with a busy day scheduled. Delegates are coming from Jackson, Ionia, Grand Rapids, Cadillac, Flint, Owosso, Muskegon, Grand Haven, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Bay City, Saginaw, Traverse City, Benton Harbor, Port Huron and of course Lansing.

Why Didn't They Give Us This?

Pfc. George F. McCreery (36874758, Port Tampa City, Fla.) writes calling attention to the Shell Union oil corporation which gave two months pay to all employees upon entering the armed service, if they were married with dependents made up the difference between their military pay and former wages with the company, and defrayed part of the cost of the National Service Life insurance.

Why doesn't Nash do this, wonders Private McCreery, a former Nash worker.

Sorry, George, we don't know the answer.

FREE ADVICE

The father said to his 12-year-old son, "My boy, you are nearly in your teens now and I suppose it is time we talked about the facts of life."

"Suits me, pop, I think I can tell you what you want to know."

New Delegates Named to Board Of Labor News

Odell Lamb, financial secretary of Local 13 and Roy Newton, new chairman of their publicity committee, have been chosen representatives of the Nash local on the Lansing Labor News board of directors. They replace LeRoy Munsil and Harold Norman. The latter served as president of the board.

Nash Gauge Checker In South Pacific

South Pacific greetings have been received from Tosco Clark, former Nash worker from the Cedar plant where he was a gauge checker and formerly on a truck on all lines. Says he wants to say hello to the fellows and girls through the paper.

He has been in the Pacific eight months, in hot spots all the time, repairing pieces used in the navy to time guns and attacks. He'll probably wind up in Tokyo. He once was a watch expert at the Busch jewelry.

He says it gets pretty lonesome. Why not write a few lines to Tosco G. Clark, SAI 3/c, USS Vestal (AR-4) Div. 5/0, % Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.

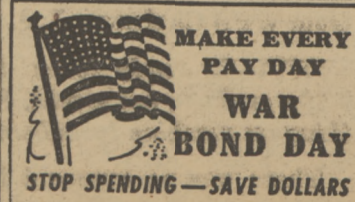
NAM Wants Law to Bar All Strikes

WASHINGTON, (FP) — Vice Pres. B. C. Hutchinson of the Chrysler Corp., and a director of the National Association of Manufacturers, said April 9, that the NAM has been working with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce on proposed legislation to outlaw strikes.

Hutchinson said it was because of this endeavor that the NAM had refrained from endorsing the new labor-management charter announced by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the AFL and the CIO.

The NAM director called the charter "ambiguous," and criticized what it called its apparent endorsement of the national laws without amendments.

Hutchinson said the anti-strike legislation now being considered would be aimed at stopping strikes that attempt to "coerce the government" into taking actions; strikes to prevent the introduction of work-saving innovations, and strikes in violation of written contracts.



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● To Plant Gates

● To Station Inside Plants

American Legion Working With Labor For 55 Million Post-War Jobs

WARTIME LIVING

By BETTY GOLDSTEIN

Federated Press

FISHER AUX SPRING DANCE IS SATURDAY

The Fisher Auxiliary is celebrating the season with a Spring Dance this Saturday night, April 21, at the Fisher Local hall, 1111 W. St. Joseph st.

All CIO members and their families or friends are invited. Dancing will be from eight to eleven-thirty and refreshments will be served. Tickets are fifty cents each.

CIO Plans More Aid to Veterans

WASHINGTON, (FP)—Meeting in a two-day conference with representatives of three veterans organizations, the CIO Veterans Committee April 5 reported it would speed formation of additional national and local union veterans committees.

Preparing to report to the CIO executive board meeting here April 12, Chairman Clinton S. Golden of the veterans committee said it "is keenly aware of the responsibility of international unions and their locals in aiding vetrans to get jobs and will exert every effort to help create additional national and local committees to fulfill this purpose."

Representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Veterans committee and the National Conference of Labor Union Legionnaires of the American Legion agreed with the purpose of the CIO full employment program to help solve the problems facing not only veterans, but the entire nation.

Price Boost Won't Remedy Meat Shortage

WASHINGTON, (FP) — A former OPA enforcement administrator punched some swift ones into the U. S. meat trust April 10 while testifying before the Senate agriculture sub-committee investigating food shortages.

The witness, Gen. Counsel Thomas I. Emerson of the Office of Economic Stabilization, left OPA recently after some long and bitter experiences.

Highlighting his testimony was the remark, "You can't wipe out the black market by raising legal prices to black market levels." Undismayed by the looks of shock from the senators, Emerson added "it can be stated with absolute firmness that any increase in price will not increase the supply of meat by one pound."

Emerson tried to explain that the meat shortage was largely due to bad distribution—from everybody trying to buy meat from the big packers in federally inspected plants—rather than a question of paying more money. He also told the committee that the black market isn't so much a criminally-operated proposition as it is one operated within the normal channels of the industry.

The witness said the meat shortage exists only in the big industrial centers and that the solution could be found if the

CIO, AFL, Etc., Are Invited to Conference

WASHINGTON (FP) — The American Legion, which tried to destroy unions after the last war, launched a new nationwide program April 5 seeking the cooperation of organized labor to assure jobs for all after World War II.

The program was presented at the opening of a 2-day conference here in which for the first time leaders of the AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods were asked by the Legion to participate along with representatives of government, industry, agriculture, education and veterans foreign affairs.

All Groups Represented

Participating organizations included the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Committee for Economic Development, the Assn. of American Railroads, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Natl. Farmers Union, the Natl. Education Assn., the Veterans Administration, WPB, WMC, Depts. of Labor, Commerce and Agriculture, the CIO Veterans Committee, AFL, and Railway Labor Executives Assn.

"No one organization, no one group, can assure maximum postwar employment," Chairman Lawrence J. Fenlon of the Legion's Natl. Employment Committee declared. "The Legion, the veterans, cannot do it alone. Labor cannot do it, nor industry, nor agriculture, nor government."

"But working together as a great single team of Americans—have seen in war production camps—in the same spirit we and on the fighting fronts,—the Legion believes that we can attain maximum postwar employment within the framework of our American system of free competitive enterprise."

Full Employment Vital

Asserting the Legion believes the fight for full employment the most critical of all postwar problems, he said employment for veterans was its most crucial aspect but that it wasn't solely a veterans' problem.

The program calling for 55 million postwar jobs will be carried to the grass roots in a vigorous campaign in which the 20,000 Legion posts will ask local chambers of commerce, central labor organizations, church, professional and civic organizations, individual manufacturers and merchants to join in a Community Postwar Employment Committee, it was announced.

TO FEATURE NEW AND OLD DANCES SAT.

Modern and old time dances will be featured at a party at the Woodmen's hall 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 21.

The party, open to all CIO members and their friends, is sponsored by members of the Olds Local, with Nick Carter chairman, assisted by Jack Davis.

Admission is \$1.50 per couple. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

army, UNRRA and lend-lease took more of their supplies from non-shortage areas.

Big Legion Program Hailed By Union Veterans Groups

WASHINGTON (FP)—Hailing the American Legion's new program of cooperation with organized labor, industry and government in the fight for full employment, Sec. George Danfield of the Natl. Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires told FP April 5:

"It is a step in the right direction. The program is not perfect but it gives labor a chance to get in and work with the Legion in the communities," he said.

Danfield, who comes from Local 147, Bro. of Painters (AFL) in Chicago, said the new program is a great victory for the union legionnaires, who now have 123 posts throughout the U.S.

Chairman Ted Silvey of the CIO Reconversion Committee, while pointing out the weaknesses of the Legion's program, stressed the significance that the Legion is mobilizing a campaign for full employment and has for the first time invited organized labor to take a full part.

"When before has the Legion told its posts in the field to work with unions right along with the churches, the Rotary and the Kiwanis Club?" said Henry Geisz of Local 3, Int. Bro. of Electrical Workers (AFL) and head of the New York labor legionnaires. "If the labor movement doesn't make this thing work, we're missing the boat."

Appreciates Papers That Were Sent

Francis Hannah, Nash Local 13 member in the navy, writes his appreciation of papers sent him by the local, hopes he'll get more.

He says all's fine there (presumably in the Pacific) but that it's so hot and dusty one does not care to do much; that they have movies every night and the day he wrote a USO stage show was scheduled; and that he's been out there 18 months.

His complete address is Francis Hannah, SK-2c, NSD Navy 3115, Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.

Negro Auto Worker Elected to Council

YPSILANTI (FP)—First impact of the army of auto workers around Willow Run in the political field was the election April 2 of Frank Seymour as alderman from the first ward to the Ypsilanti common council. He is a Negro committeeman of United Auto Workers Local 50 (CIO) which has the contract with the Ford Motor Co. at the bomber plant. Seymour won over the incumbent who was serving his second term.

IT HAPPENED HERE:

Is Abusing Man's Family Good Labor Relations?

Because the writer of this letter remains anonymous, we let the company and the supervision mentioned remain unnamed too.

We direct this not just to the large Lansing war plant where it happened nor just to the members of supervision concerned in this case, but to industry as a whole, in Lansing and elsewhere, believing that labor relations divisions can and sometime will eliminate all such offenses against common decency.

—Editor.

BY A LANSING WAR WORKER

I would suggest that certain supervision do just a little investigating or thinking. Why make a big noise over some little matter that doesn't amount to a tinker's damn and let such matters as labor turn-over and promotion of good will with workers go over their heads life a fast freight passing a bum?

There are such things as courtesy, tact and diplomacy.

An employee, ill at home, asked hi wife to call the employment office, as well as his supervision, to report that he would not be in. She was informed that everything was in order.

He was taking treatments to ward off pneumonia when he received one of those form letters, signed by Mr. X, about absenteeism, saying they wanted him back on the job, etc. etc.

Again his wife called in to explain to Mr. X that her husband was a sick pup.

But in a couple of days his supervision dropped around to the house. Convinced the man was actually ill, he then pointed a finger at the wife, saying, "I've got a bone to pick with you."

Whereupon he reprimanded her for calling Mr. X, saying she had gone over somebody's head. Is this good labor relations?

Since when is it against good ethics to phone a man who has written you a letter? Apparently the foreman just wanted to spank the employee over his wife's shoulder at a time when the man was unable to sit up. Is this common, everyday respect for a man's family?

Sure, I know this foreman. He doesn't like me because he knows I won't take this kind of stuff. He knows I have the guts to fight back for my good old American rights, instead of putting my tail between my legs and taking his abuse.

I will clash with Mr. X or that foreman anytime they attempt to use on me such antiquated methods of handling men, inferior labor relations, no common sense, poor psychology—or call it what you will.

Maybe it's just small-town stuff.

There has been a lot of talk in the newspapers lately about a food famine in this country . . . rumors that Americans are going to starve because Pres. Roosevelt is foolishly planning to send all our food to our allies overseas . . . threats of a meat famine and a general food panic unless prices are raised.

The Food Scare

Beware of these rumors. They were planted in the papers by the big packing and other food companies who want to cook up a good food scare to break price control and by the old America First isolationist crowd that still hasn't given up the struggle to keep the U.S. out of the war and the peace.

It happens to be a fact that Americans are eating more per person than they did before the war the civilians here are eating almost three billion pounds more meat per year than they used to eat. More Americans can afford meat at last. If the supply is still short, it's not because foreigners are eating it up, but because more Americans are competing with other Americans for it.

Children Pick Garbage

And this is the only country where people have been able to put on weight during the war. Here we're eating 3,367 calories per person per day, as compared with a prewar average of 3,236. The Greeks get 700 calories a day, the French 1,900. It's a common sight in Europe to see children picking through our military garbage.

In 1944 American farmers produced 37 percent more food than this or any other nation ever produced before the war. For 1945 the farmers have set goals calling for an even greater crop acreage. We have the best-fed army and navy in the world—they have first call on our food.

During the second quarter of 1945, civilians will get 73 percent of the total food supply, the armed forces 17 percent and only 10 percent will go to lend-lease and allied relief agencies. Both English and Russian officials have told us that if it were not for American food, they could not have gone forward as they did in smashing the Germans.

Remember these facts and these words of Food Administrator Marvin Jones to keep a clear head about the food scare. "No one has gone hungry in this country. No one is going hungry. Our armed forces will continue to be well fed. We will continue to help our fighting allies. Our own people will continue to have plenty of good, wholesome food, and we will contribute our share to the relief of starving people, even if it means a new hitch in our belts. This is a practical matter and a part of the war itself."

Local 728 Boasts

75 Percent Carry Journeymen Cards

Olofsson Tool & Die Local 728 is proud that 75 percent of its members working at the plant are journeymen and carry a journeyman's card issued by the Central Michigan Skilled Trades Council.

Bill Watts, president, in making that statement to the Labor News pointed out that after the war there will be a large number of the remaining members eligible for applications.

To have someone call during my absence and not leave his name or number.—H.E.

New Jersey Passes Fake Labor Law

TRENTON, N. J. (FP)—Hoping to block any real anti-discrimination legislation, the Republican-dominated New Jersey legislature passed a fair employment practices bill which looks good on the books but has no teeth to protect anyone.

The bill as passed requires indictment by a grand jury before anyone can be convicted of discrimination. All the strengthening amendments demanded by labor, civic and church groups in two public hearings here were defeated. Enforcement of the anti-discrimination provisions is left to the state Education Dept., which does not want the job and has continued to permit operation of 70 Jimcrow schools in the state in violation of existing laws.

Terming the law "a gross fraud upon the people of New Jersey," CIO State Sec. Carl Holderman said that the involved proceedings of discrimination cases which include grand jury action make it highly unlikely that cases will come to trial. Even if they come to trial, grand juries would be unwilling to indict in view of the drastic penalties, he said. Violators are subject to a maximum fine of \$500, imprisonment up to two years, or both.

The many organizations which united in the drive for a workable FEPC announced they would continue their efforts to obtain more effective legislation.

FOREMEN

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Wilson summed it up by saying "the issue boils down to the question of who is going to run the plants." He indicated that his group would fight "with everything in our power" to oppose unions for foremen and hoped that either the courts or congress would decide the issue soon.

LOS ANGELES (FP)—Strong opposition to a bill permitting horse meat to be sold in butcher shops was voiced here by Meat Drivers Local 626, affiliated with Joint Council of Teamsters No. 42 (AFL).

Peace Plan Menaced

Congress May Kill Bretton Woods Fund

WASHINGTON, (FP) — Because of a lack of full knowledge of the plan and possibly because of the opposition of some leading banking figures, the U. S. Congress may cut the heart out of the Bretton Woods agreement—the international monetary fund for currency stabilization.

Many Washington observers believe Congress will approve both the monetary agreement and the international bank for reconstruction and development. But the bug comes in the currency stabilization plan—which is aimed at keeping a balance between the currencies of the world. This idea of cooperation between governments to prevent financial breakdown and economic chaos has been severely criticized by oldline, international bankers.

Cutting the stabilization fund out of Bretton Woods is another way of killing the whole proposal and opens the gates for various nations to make individual deals to protect their own currencies. That would let in the

Roosevelt: War Strategist, Peace Planner



President Roosevelt is shown here at Teheran with Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill when they planned the coordinated efforts that brought victory to the United Nations and laid the foundations for the peace to follow.

U. S. Gets Jobs For 85,485 Vets In One Month

WASHINGTON, (FP)—America's returning ex-servicemen are being placed back in the ranks of industrial wage-earners at an increasingly high rate, the United States Employment Service said April 9.

During February, the USES said, it found 85,485 jobs for veterans, including 12,788 for ex-servicemen with physical handicaps. Of the total 37,306 men were placed in manufacturing and 7,969 in transportation, communications and other public utilities. Another 7,178 went into retail trades.

More Parties for Counselors Seen

A hundred and fifty CIO folks enjoyed the Counselors Ball at the Women's Club house last Friday, where they danced to round and square dances.

Many remarked they would like to see more such parties, for which plans are already being considered. Proceeds from the dance will be used to train union counselors at Olds, where a successful program is now pretty well under way.

Olds Stewards Meet Friday

Officers for the year will be elected at the regular meetings of the Olds stewards and committeemen's council this Friday, April 20, at 8 p.m. and later the same evening at 12:30 a.m.

The program of the meetings will include two legislators who will discuss labor legislation.

WAR STRIKES

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problem but it also aggravated the Dodge situation. That indicates not only an individual management provocation but a conspiracy between certain employers.

LOOK WHO GOT A NEW JOB!

There is an interesting sidelight to the Dodge affair. The strike leader at Dodge, who advised the workers to ignore the UAW's instructions to go back to work, last week was given a management position in a Labor Relations Department. Was that a reward for services rendered?

Why do some workers permit themselves to be provoked into strike action?

Wages have been frozen while prices have risen and are still rising.

THE FACTS BEHIND UNREST OF LABOR

Workers know that industry profits are up 327 percent above the 1936-39 average. They contrast this with their own wage freeze. They know that the postwar profits of those corporations have been guaranteed. But our own government's postwar security program—the plan for 60 million jobs—has been ridiculed and attacked by these employers.

Workers wait as long as two and one-half years for War Labor Board action on their grievances. Yet, more and more managements are evading union grievance machinery in the plants and are adding to the Board's backlog by nonchalantly saying to union committeemen: "If you don't like it, take it to the War Labor Board."

They have seen waste and idleness encouraged by employers enjoying cost plus contracts who use every opportunity to brand their workers as loafers.

It is a tribute to the patriotism of the average American worker that he has not allowed such grievances to make him forget his most immediate obligation—to do his utmost to win the war.

Nash Affiliates With the Medical Research Clinic

Nash Local has voted to affiliate with the CIO Medical Research clinic in Detroit.

This means that henceforth Local 13 members will be eligible to attend the clinic for expert diagnosis on occupational, industrial or other diseases at no charge for the services — even though they might run to \$50 or more. The cost to the local is 12c per member per year, or one cent per capita per month.

People who have attended the clinic have been amazed to find it one of the most modern in the country, completely equipped and well staffed.

MOURN LABOR'S LOSS

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a friend and a great leader with the passing of President Roosevelt."

R. Lyle Stone, Int'l Repr., UAW-CIO

"Labor joins the nation in mourning the loss of our president, who will be remembered in the annals of the history of our nation as being one of our greatest Americans."

George Nadar, Int'l Repr., UAW-CIO

"A nation accustomed to shocks received its greatest shock this April 12, 1945. His name will go down in history as the greatest president, a great humanitarian. Every American will pay tribute to his memory by doing his part to bring about the things he stood for as he so gallantly did his part to the very end."

A Day Before the 1944 Election



Shown above with Mrs. Roosevelt, the President is waving a greeting in this photo made the day before the 1944 election.

Tell Congress To Vote For These 4 Bills

By Federated Press

Organized labor is letting Congress know it is watching its vote on the following:

BRETTON WOODS (H.R. 2211 & S 540)

Lays sound basis for expanding world trade to create jobs for U.S. workers. House hearings winding up. Senate hearing scheduled. Unionists urging congressmen to support without amendments which would jeopardize entire agreement.

FEPC (S. 101 & HR 2232)

Bill puts teeth in fair employment practice through a permanent agency with enforcement powers. Now bogged down by tories in House Banking & Currency Committee.

POLL TAX REPEAL (HR 7)

Way is being cleared to force this issue on the House floor through a discharge petition (No. 1). Unionists are wiring their congressmen to sign the petition and vote for the bill.

PRICE CONTROL (SJ Res. 30)

This bill renews price control act for 18 months with business lobby seeking amendments to limit OPA powers and extend law only for 12 months. Labor is fighting for prompt renewal for 18 months and for defeat of all riders that would check real enforcement.

KEEP 'EM FLYING

Invest in Victory — Buy War Bonds and Stamps.