

Peaceful Picketing Lauded

Violence Mentioned In the Injunction Hadn't Occurred Yet

While Lansing businessmen, church leaders and other disinterested prominent citizens were acclaiming the General Motors strike in Lansing the best conducted one they'd ever seen or heard of, management representatives and a few office clerks pushed through or went around picket lines Monday to enter the offices as per advance newspaper advertising splurges.

When pickets maintained the same orderly attitude that has brought them praise, management rushed to the courts for aid.

They asked and received from Judge Charles H. Hayden a temporary restraining order prohibiting violence which had not even occurred and prohibiting pickets from barring people from the plant, although everyone who wanted to go in had done so that morning without illegal interference of any kind, union officers said.

ASK PAY FOR DAMAGES

The company's bill of complaint charged damage had been done its properties due to the strike, and asked financial compensation from union officers. Local officers said there were no complaints of pickets damaging anything, nor were any listed in the bill of complaints.

**Behind the
Headlines in
Washington**
with
IRVING RICHTER
Int. Leg. Rep., UAW-CIO

"Most Important Fight Of Our Time"

In a ringing challenge to reactionary Democrats and Republicans Rep. Charles La Follette (R) of Indiana stood up on the House floor on December 13 and said:

**"The GM STRIKE OF
THE AUTO WORKERS
IS THE MOST IMPORT-
ANT FIGHT OF OUR
TIME."**

The House debate last week on the anti labor bills showed that there are some men in Congress who know what the real issues are, and are ready to fight. History will show that in December, 1945, the United States was going through a crisis which would determine whether we would go forward or take the road to Fascism.

Whether history recognizes or doesn't recognize these speeches, they stand out as clear cut courageous expressions of the basic issues of our day.

Said Rep. Cleveland Bailey, (D. W. Va.), speaking in opposition to the vicious anti-labor May-Ahrends Bill, which was supported by some of the Democratic members:

"Mr. Speaker, the war may be over in Germany and Japan, but it is plain it is only beginning in the halls of Congress. There is no room in the American political picture for two conservative parties. . . . It might be well to remind my Democratic colleagues at this time that the Democrats have never won a national election when they tried to steal the Republicans' thunder."

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Don't Miss It!

Watch for special announcement from the Norman English Hawaiian studios to all CIO members next week.

Richardson Is Home From Hospital

R. E. "Bob" Richardson, president of Olds Local 652, is resting at his home, following a near escape from pneumonia which hospitalized him for several days.

At 2 a.m. Monday he was trying to get out some work at the Olds Local hall, 1118 S. Washington, where he has been almost constantly since the strike started, when members found him running a high temperature and showing symptoms of severe illness. He was rushed to St. Lawrence hospital, where it was found

'Hold That Line'

Olds Local President R. E. Richardson issued the above request to pickets from his bed in St. Lawrence Hospital this week. He said:

"Hold that line and keep up the good picketing. Keep faith with yourself and God bless you."

congestion had started to form in one lung.

He was released from the hospital Wednesday, much improved but pretty weak.

Roy Hoover, vice-president of the local, will continue as acting president until Richardson returns.

Strike News

Another Broadcast Scheduled

Latest Lansing information on the General Motors strike here will be given over WJIM in a special broadcast next week by a local representative of labor.

The time will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 26.

Mark it down and don't miss this chance to hear the last minute facts first hand from an authentic source.

Buy Victory Bonds

Planning Entertainment



At right is Bill Ingram of Fisher Local 602, temporary chairman of Lansing's new CIO entertainment committee, talking with Dick Dixon, manager of the Drake Refineries, which with the Norm English Hawaiian Studios donated the music and entertainment for free dance parties at the CIO Council Hall the past two Fridays.

Represented at the first meeting of the new committee were Olds Local 652, Reo Local 650, Fisher Local 602, Nash Local 13 and Amalgamated Local 724. Purpose of the committee is to coordinate and expand an entertainment and social program for all Lansing CIO members.

Mayor Crego, Other Prominent Citizens Broadcast on Strike

Mayor Ralph Crego and men prominent in Lansing churches and the UAW-CIO in a 9:30 broadcast over WJIM Monday evening urged a quick settlement to the General Motors strike.

The broadcast followed a week-end of fruitless effort on the Mayor's part to get Oldsmobile and Fisher Body management into a meeting, which union representatives said they would gladly attend any time day or night at the convenience of the company and Mayor for the purpose of discussing local issues, including the question of which employees were to be passed through picket lines for office work.

The city administration felt that this democratic procedure would help prevent possible misunderstandings and violence at the plant gates. But management would not participate, thereby maintaining the same attitude locally that has been manifested by officials of the corporation much of the time since the wage demands and other issues were presented last August.

The speakers on the radio program had the following to say:

MAYOR RALPH CREGO

Urged the utmost restraint upon both parties against possible unlawful acts which might reflect upon the good record of labor relations which this community has enjoyed and which has given Lansing something of a national reputation. He did not make reference to the difficulty of persuading local General Motors plant officials to attend a meeting which the union had agreed to attend anytime to help iron out local problems and preserve this record.

REV. E. E. HOATS

Of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pres. Lansing Ministerial Ass'n

Emphasizing that he was not representing labor, management or the church, but was only speaking as a citizen that the public might have a voice in the situation, Reverend Hoats urged an early meeting between management and labor here that everything possible might be done to end the strike at the earliest possible moment.

He said that while the strike was on not only management and labor are losing, but that the public loses, too. He said the public wants a speedy peaceful settlement and cited Lansing's years of labor peace.

REV. FR. W. J. FLANAGAN

St. Mary's Cathedral

Father Flanagan quoted extensively from Catholic writings about the necessity of adequate wages if a man was to support a family and live a proper Christian life.

Saying that he was paying for his own radio time himself and did not represent any organization, he emphasized a quotation from a pamphlet, "The Church and the Social Order," written by the Archbishop and bishops of the administrative board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, which said:

The first claim of labor — which takes priority over any claim of the owners to profits — respects the right to a living wage.

By the term "living wage" we understand a wage sufficient not merely for the decent support of the working man himself but also of his family. A wage so low that it must be supplemented by the wage of wife and mother or by the children of the family before it can provide adequate food, clothing and shelter, together with the essential spiritual and cultural needs cannot be regarded as a living wage.

Furthermore, a living wage means sufficient income to meet not merely the present necessities of life but those of unemployment, sickness, death and old age as well.

In other words, a saving wage constitutes an essential part of the definition of a living wage."

GEORGE NADER

International Representative UAW-CIO

Even if the 30 percent raise issue is settled nationally that doesn't settle the strike for Lansing, for there are local issues involving the Oldsmobile, GM Forge and Fisher Body plants that must be settled here, George Nader pointed out, explaining that that was the reason Olds Local 652 and Fisher Local 602 wanted to meet with management.

Management has made certain requests here in Lansing, which the union is willing to discuss at a meeting with management any time, he said. But he added that—

"Mr. Skinner, who brags about the splendid record of Oldsmobile as pertaining to labor relations, agreed to meet only if the company's requests were granted in their entirety before the meeting. Certainly Mr. Skinner knows that that is not collective bargaining. . . . Mr. Clauson of Fisher Body had a different answer for Local 602, representing Fisher Body workers. He said that "they couldn't negotiate while the strike was in effect."

These appear to be deliberate attempts to avoid assuming their obligations to the workers and to the people of Lansing."

He challenged both men to cooperate with the mayor in his efforts to arrange a meeting between labor and management in order that local issues might be cleared.

MOORE WANTS MORE Hits Jackpot In 8 Bills Against Labor

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Reactionary solons are vying with each other in deluging Congress with anti-labor bills, but Sen. E. H. Moore (R., Okla.) is trying to outdo them all.

Moore set the pace last week when he poured eight bills into the hopper in a single day which, if passed, labor spokesmen said, would "just about wipe out unions and create a paradise for sweatshoppers."

Here's what Moore's bills would do:

Amend the Wagner Act to bar strikes, forbid collective bargaining on any basis larger than a single plant, and open the way to damage suits against unions; provide penalties of up to \$10,000 and 20 years in jail for union leaders or members who "interfere with trade or commerce;" subject labor organizations and their members to anti-trust law prosecutions; prohibit payment of unemployment benefits to any union members who are idle as a result of a strike, whether they are directly involved or not; repeal the Norris-LaGuardia anti-injunction law; regulate the internal affairs of unions; outlaw "union shop" contracts.

To top it all, Moore with a perfectly straight face, told Congress he considered that to be a "reasonable labor policy" which would "place industry and labor on equal terms."

Free Dance Again Friday

Another big free dance party will be held Friday night at the Lansing CIO Council hall, 109 E. South St. for General Motors pickets and their families and friends.

Music will be by the Norman English orchestra that has proved so popular, donated by the Drake Refineries and the Norman English Hawaiian Studios.

The party will start at 9:30.

Negroes Win

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (LPA) — Fighting for retention of their homes, 50 prominent Negro householders here received forthright backing from the judge who dismissed the suits of white owners basing their claim for ouster of the Negroes on a neighborhood restriction. Said the judge: "It is time that members of the Negro race are ac-

Here's Bigger Strike: Factories Hold Up Many Commodities

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Seasons greetings to all of Lansing Labor and their friends and particularly to those GM strikers and pickets who are fighting an outdoor battle in zero weather to give Lansing and community the best Christmas present it ever had—a decent standard of living for its workers and the local prosperity which that inevitably brings for everyone.

—Lansing Labor News

Atomic Power For Everyone Is Discussed

"We can now foresee a time when everyone can have an air-conditioned house, heated, lighted and cooled by atomic power. We will someday ride in automobiles which never have to be refueled, fly in huge airplanes which will travel many times faster than sound. There is no dream of man which atomic power does not promise a chance to attain," states a new pamphlet just off the press.

Shall we achieve untold benefits for all or develop atomic power just for another war—or turn the secrets over to business concerns to use only in ways which will bring them huge profits? These are some of the vital questions posed by this stimulating pamphlet on what is soon to become the most discussed subject of this generation.

Containing 24 pages, the pamphlet may be had for ten cents (less in quantities) from Pamphlet Press, 27 East 67th Street, New York 21, New York.

Recorded without reservation and evasions, the full rights guaranteed them under the 14th Amendment."

While a few labor strikes are hitting the headlines, a larger, longer strike involving factories all over America is keeping millions of dollars worth of needed commodities off the markets and out of your hands. This strike is being staged — and won — by managements in nearly every industry.

The following is from The Progressive, a national weekly published in Madison, Wis.:

Every labor strike is automatically news — often front-page news — but the fact that large segments of industry are systematically withholding goods from the market in anticipation of greater profits doesn't rate a line in your daily paper. When labor withholds its services for higher wages, it's a strike and news. When industry withholds its goods for higher profits, it's good business and not worth recording.

Reports last week disclosed that warehouses are bulging with manufactured goods which are not available to the public — mostly because the makers are anxious to profit from depreciation of inventory allowances and because they want to sell and make their profit after Dec. 31 — when the excess profits tax disappears from the statute books.

When the average American talks wistfully of a new car, someone is sure to tell him that strikes have ruined his chances of getting a new number for a long time. But when the same person mentions how badly he needs a refrigerator, a washing machine, a stove, or a radio—fields in which there have been no significant strikes—nobody bothers to tell him a management strike for bigger profits is responsible for continuing scarcity.

Admits Firms Conceal Big Profit Takes

NEW YORK (FP) — Admission that big corporations try to conceal their actual profits for fear they may have to meet union demands for a decent wage came Dec. 12 from Dr. Lewis H. Haney, economics professor at New York University.

Biting a big chunk of the hand that usually feeds him, the ultra-conservative professor told a meeting here that annual reports of corporations to their stockholders have a tendency to conceal good earnings by setting up excessive reserves and by covering up inter-company relations.

Haney said, however, that corporations couldn't help fooling around with their books, explaining: "This tendency is shortsighted but likely to be prevalent at times such as the present, particularly in view of the way in which government and the unions are trying to take profits away from superior enterprise. It has always failed, and has done harm to private enterprise in the past."

10,000 Pickets March in Detroit



Above is a picture taken when an army of 10,000 pickets recently marched before the General Motors building in Detroit. (FP Photo)

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Plenty For Labor To Be Proud Of

By BEN DOR, LPA Columnist
Never before has labor had so much to be proud of. Maybe you don't go for that statement. Maybe you'd rather say that never before has labor been faced with such terrific problems. I would agree with you on that point. Maybe you'd rather say that not for a long time has labor gotten such a kicking around. I would agree with you on that, too. Maybe you'd rather say that never before has labor had such tremendous responsibilities to live up to. I would agree with you that this statement is as true as the others. And then I would repeat: never before has labor had so much reason to be proud of itself, of the responsibilities we are carrying, and of the contribution that we are making to the welfare of this country.

REASONS FOR PRIDE
And here's my bill of particulars to prove I'm right.
15 MILLION STRONG

Take size. Never before has labor in this country been able to argue about whether it had 14 million members or 15 million. At the peak of World War I, we had about 3 1/2 million members. Now we have about 4 times that many. And these are members who belong to unions because they want to. They have shown over and over again that they are in the unions because of the things that the unions are accomplishing. Even when union contracts are written with "escape clauses," the experience shows that union members stick with their unions because the unions are doing what their members want to get done.

WORK CONDITIONS
There are reasons for pride, too, in what the unions have done for their members. If it just happens that you're too young to remember what those things are, ask some of the old timers. Ask them what they mean when they say that they won't go back to the old conditions at Ford's and the steel mills, or to the pre-union conditions in most of the big plants and industries.

Times have changed. Conditions of work as well as hours and wages are different now, because the unions made them different. That's something else to be proud of.

WAGES AND PRICES
And take the current wage cases. They're more than wage cases. Many of them are also price cases, and that helps everybody in the country who buys the things we make. And they're also employment cases, because only if wages go up and prices are held down can there be any hope of prosperity in this country. By making this fight, we are fighting for every member of this generation and of the next generation as well.

LIBERAL LAWS
So, our strength is being used, not only for our own good, but for the good and welfare of the people as a whole. And the same thing is true not only around collective bargaining tables, but in the halls of the legislatures right from Washington to the city governments. Labor is the spearhead in the push for liberal laws all over the country. Here in Washington, it happens over and over again. A liberal bill is presented to Congress, and immediately the cry goes up, "Get labor to push this bill!" Take the new health insurance bill, or either of the new housing bills as examples. Of course, every liberal organization is being asked to get into the fight. But the fate of all of these bills will probably depend on what kind of a battle labor can put up for them.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE
Labor is active, too, on the local level. It's quite clear, think, that political action will never again die down as it was. That will make a difference in the city and county governments. And the Red Cross, the Community Funds, and the other social service organizations will continue to feel the liberalizing effect of labor's interest in them. All of these are things for labor to be proud of.

FIGHT? OF COURSE!
Sure, says the sceptic, but look at the fights we get into. Why, of course each of these things takes a fight. Did anyone ever expect to win anything important without one? We've challenged the power of some of the biggest corporations that the world has ever seen. We've challenged entrenched political and financial interests which have grown fat and powerful on the spoils of decades. We're challenging greed and selfishness, hate and discrimination, and they're having to throw everything they've got to the fight against us.

JUST COMMON PEOPLE
And look who's doing it! We, the men and women from

RICHTER
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Strangely enough, the Congressmen from the automobile centers remained silent.
The issues on foreign policy are being made clear by some Congressmen. They are beginning to see that our foreign policy and our domestic policy are tied together. Rep. Mike Mansfield, (D. Mont.), last week lashed out at our "save Chiang Kai Chek" policy in China by saying:

"The settlement between Chungking and Yenan is a diplomatic problem with which our troops in China should have no concern. Russia and the United States should offer their good diplomatic offices to stop the conflict, but we should not, under any circumstances, participate in it."

THE FACTS ON CHINA
Rep. Albert Engle (R. Mich.), gave me a first hand account of what is really going on in China. He had just returned from a trip there as a member of the House Appropriations Committee. Engle believes that if we don't stop interfering we may find ourselves in a full-scale war, with a million American men involved.

Engle is trying to get General Joe Stillwell called before Congress because Stillwell has no ax to grind and knows China. Stillwell, unlike Hurley, is not an oil man. He is no politician. He wants a strong China. He doesn't want to see Americans lose their lives there now that we are at peace.

Engle found that most of the American arms sent to China were not used against the Japanese; they were stolen by war lords or used against other Chinese. And now American boys are there—some are dying there—to see that these war lords get all the Japanese arms to keep their stranglehold on the country—to make China safe for American oil and other imperialist interests.

Engle put the problem clearly when he told the Veterans of Foreign Wars last week in Lansing, Michigan:

"I don't believe we can have a strong, unified China unless these millions of coolies who are now in effect slaves are free. The war lords will never free them... America, which boasts of being a free country where each citizen is guaranteed the right of 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' cannot consistently support any war lord in China, whether he be Chiang Kai Chek, Lung Ying, or some other who denies to the masses of Chinese people the very right which we enjoy and boast of."

The same people who want to save Chiang Kai Chek also want us to join in shooting down the Indians, the Japanese and other Asiatics to make the world safe for British, Dutch and American imperialism.

Strangely enough, all the so-called "Isolationists" who yelled their heads off that we should stay out of the war against Fascism are now promoting intervention. That goes for Lindbergh, Wheeler, the Hearst-Patterson press,

the shops. We, the people from the wrong side of the railroad tracks as well as from the right side. We, the people who have been to college, but also the people who never had a chance to finish the elementary grades. We, the people, are doing this thing. Fight us? Of course they'll fight us. Tough? Sure, it's tough. But does anyone have any doubt as to who is going to win? No, not even those who oppose us! So, while you're buckling down for the fight, and while you're resting between taking and throwing punches—even when things are really going tough—be proud of labor, for it is labor that is doing these things. Keep punching, brother. But along with everything else, take time for pride.



PLAIN TALK
From Our Readers
Expressions herein will not always reflect the policies or views of this paper or any UAW-CIO local. Mail articles to P. O. Box 657.

It seems a shame that more people do not take the opportunity to write news and articles for the Labor News.

For the first time in years we now have a chance to express our views on our pet subjects, but only a handful of people have taken advantage of this.

Surely, there are five or six people in each local union who could write a small column of news each week. By news I mean things that happen in the shops, union halls, also personal items. It is time we made our newspaper really a Lansing newspaper and not have so many articles that are taken from other labor papers.

COME ON, FOLKS, LET'S MAKE OUR PAPER SOMETHING INTERESTING TO READ.

— Dorothy McCurdy

FORMER NASH MEN OPERATING STORE

Howard R. Morehouse and Martin C. Harrison, employed at Nash plant for four years, are now operating the Better Housekeeping Shop at 202 East Michigan Avenue.

The store carries items ideal for Christmas gifts; the men say, including major electrical appliances, furniture, floor coverings, toys and small articles for the home.

and their stooges in Congress.

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Best by Taste-Test 2 full glasses 5¢

Most Members of 202 in Kitchen At Fisher Hall

At the regular meeting of Auxiliary 202 Tuesday, December 11, at the Fisher Hall, 18 members were present.

Mrs. Jessie Pritchard had charge of the party, at which Christmas gifts were exchanged by the members. Door prizes were won by Abbie MacNaughton, Clara Falor and Dorothy McCurdy.

Each member donated money to buy gifts for CIO

Christmas baskets. The New Year's party will be held December 29 at the Ukrainian Hall on West Mt. Hope Avenue. There will be dancing and everyone is invited to attend.

Nearly every Auxiliary member is working in the kitchen at the Fisher Hall.

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Can We Live 50%
Better Than Before?

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every sane American must
know — that we cannot begin
to learn to live 50 percent bet-
ter if the buying power of tens
of millions of American con-
sumers is cut.

Wage Adjustments
Must Be Made

In 1929 and 1930, we were told
that prosperity was "just around
the corner." You know how
empty those words were! The
same economic idiosyncrasy is shown
today by those who shout about
full employment and continued
prosperity, but who are com-
pletely silent about raising
wages. Wage adjustments must
be made. We in labor — every
American — reject a return to
the "normalcy" of idle men and
rusting machines.

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Full Employment Bill Is Killed In House Action

WASHINGTON (LPA) —
The full employment bill, hope
of millions of Americans who
may find themselves jobless
in the postwar years, was
knifed to death last week by
the House of Representatives.
By a vote of 254 to 126
the House passed a bill that
has only a farcical resem-
blance to what President
Truman cited as "must" leg-
islation.

The original bill proposed by
the administration was first
watered down by the Senate
and then referred by the
House to a committee headed by
Rep. Carter Manasco (D. Ala.)
which spewed out a legislative
monstrosity that had nothing to
do with full employment.

Rep. George E. Outland (D.,
Calif.) tried to stem the re-
actionary flood by substitue-
tion of the original House bill
which incorporated the Presi-
dent's and labor's demands but
this was voted down by voice
vote.

Only remaining hope of sal-
vaging the betrayed legisla-
tion now lies in the possibility
that Truman will request the
Senate and House conferees to
reinstate some of the bill's or-
iginal strength. That hope was
dim, however, even with the
possibility of Truman's inter-
vention. Armed with the two-
to-one majority the House
conferees are expected to hold
out for as complete an emas-
culation as possible of the
bill's original purpose.

Women Not Working

WASHINGTON (LPA) — About
a million women left industrial
payrolls, according to the Bureau
of Labor Statistics, in the three
months between June-September
1945. Of twenty industries sur-
veyed, only the food processors
still retained approximately the
same number of women workers.
Proportionately more women than
men were affected by cutbacks fol-
lowing V-J Day.

New Labor Paper

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A
new national weekly labor paper,
published by the Int'l Ass'n of Ma-
chinists, will come off the presses
sometime in February or March,
IAM President Harvey Brown dis-
closed here last week. The paper
will be called the Machinist, and
will be financed in part by a 5c
month tax which must be approved
by the membership of 750,000 in a
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WASHINGTON (FP) — Because leaders of industry and
of labor met for 26 days in an effort to find areas of accord
and concluded their meeting with some measure of agreement
on broad, generalized principles and found other, wider areas
of conflict, the Natl. Labor Management conference cannot
be termed an absolute failure.

But the public, and more particularly, the more rabid in-
dividuals in Congress, will profess disappointment for reasons
that will vary according to purposes.

The layman, who was led to expect too much from the
conference will feel let down because it did not produce the
advertised magic formula by which discord and strikes will
be eliminated.

On Capitol Hill, however, the tory bloc of polltaxers and
Republicans will use the record of the conference as a spring-
board from which to dive into a whole teeming sea of restric-
tive, anti-labor legislation.

*Management demonstrated that it still wants to
amend the Wagner Labor Relations act, to give "equal
standing before the law" to employers. Management
wants to put unions under bond for performance of
obligations under signed agreements. Management
wants to prevent unionization of foremen. Management
wants legislation to allow government interference in
what it calls jurisdictional disputes not settled imme-
diately to its satisfaction.*

Those are, briefly, the main areas of disagreement. They
were stoutly fought by all the labor delegates, regardless of
affiliation. They represent, in part, what management may
now seek to have accomplished through its agents in the
House and Senate. They all represent a warning to labor.

*The split in the labor movement is responsible for
the failure to get any statement on the need for wage
increases, real increases, immediately.*

Although the original resolution was introduced by CIO
Pres. Philip Murray, it was bottled up in the executive com-
mittee until the last day despite Murray's repeated efforts to
force it to a vote.

AFL Pres. William Green, when the parliamentary situa-
tion changed in the closing hours by adoption of the unit vot-
ing rule made AFL action necessary, introduced an amend-
ment that differed from the CIO instrument only in tone
and in not asking for "substantial increases," but rather for
"general increases."

A united labor movement would have found suitable
phrases upon which all elements could have agreed and per-
haps taken along a small part of management in support of a
position.

Hurt by the maneuvering within the committee which
bottled up his resolution, Murray took the floor at the plenary
session to denounce its actions and, by implication, the role of
AFL Pres. Green.

*Green, in his turn, had previously said he was for
general wage increases, but insisted that no such reso-
lution was necessary at the conference. Murray re-
peatedly shouted that the wage issue was the biggest,
most burning one before the country and that the big
national conference called by Pres. Truman was pre-
cisely the place for it.*

When Murray forced action on the floor, Green came up
with his amendment and asked: "Can you imagine repre-
sentatives of labor being disinterested in adequate wages?
Every labor leader is a champion of high wages." Then, with a
pointed slap at Murray, Green said, "There is more than one
champion of high wages in America."

For labor, Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Work-
ers (unaffiliated) had the final say. Lewis devoted his ad-
dress to a call for labor to join in the job of unifying its own
household. He said labor had learned much at the conference,
including the fact that management now is "a more formid-
able adversary."

To labor, he said it had grown greatly, but that its divi-
sions bring it a "weakness and failure to reach its objectives."

The uniting of labor, he said is "a task which is labor's.
That is not the public's task, not government's, and least of
all, it is not management's. I think it is necessary for all of
us (of labor) to give attention to putting our own house in
order."

Seek Freedom

NEW YORK (LPA) — Sixty-
two leading clergymen, educators
and other prominent professional
people have signed a petition ask-
ing that President Truman release

the 3,000 conscientious objectors
now in federal prisons. Among the
signers of the plea initiated by the
American Civil Liberties Union
were three bishops, several uni-
versity presidents, and many out-
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FORD CAN'T AFFORD Unusual "Company Security" Offer Rewarded With "No" on Raises

DETROIT (LPA) — The
Ford Motor Co. last week re-
plied to an unprecedented offer
of "company security" by
the United Auto Workers-CIO
with a flat rejection of the
union's demand for a 30 per
cent wage increase.

No wage increase of any
kind, in fact, is possible at
present, according to John S.
Bugas, Ford's Industrial Re-
lations Division director. He
contended that even with a 16
per cent increase in productiv-
ity by workers the company
would still "lose about \$27 on
every motor car and truck we
make — or a total of about
\$35,000,000."

Ford's \$35,000,000 loss was
attributed by Bugas to OPA
ceiling prices and was con-

strued by union officials as
one more attempt to coerce the
government into permitting
new car prices to sail sky-
high. The question of "annual
wage" or "year-round employ-
ment" was tentatively discus-
sed with no conclusion nor final
definition of the two terms.

The UAW's "security" offer
to Ford, proposed by Richard
T. Leonard, UAW Ford divi-
sion director, provided that
UAW members participating
in an unauthorized strike
would be docked \$3 a day for
the first walkout and \$5 for
the second strike. (Meanwhile,
in Windsor, Ontario, Ford
turned down a UAW proposal
for arbitration of a three-
month long strike that has the
plant shut tight.

in legislation introduced by
Sen. Sheridan Downey (D.,
Cal.). By Thursday, however,
Downey was forced to scale
his figure down to 17.3 per
cent when a large group of
senators, including Sen. Byrd
(D., Va.), so-called "economy"
champion, said they could not
support the bill. To top it off
Byrd wasn't even satisfied
with that reduction and on his
own behalf offered a bill
granting only a 10 per cent
wage hike.

Senate Kills 30% Raise For Federal Work

WASHINGTON (LPA) —
The desperate hopes of hun-
dreds of thousands of U. S.
government workers for a 30
per cent raise evaporated into
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Discrimination Against Negroes In Army Cited

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The Jim Crow practices of the Army and Navy in segregating Negro and white troops in separate units was branded as a "tragic blunder in the policy of a democratic nation," last week by Monroe Sweetland, former Nat'l CIO War Relief director and for the last 23 months an American Red Cross field supervisor in the Pacific combat zones.

While American Negroes suffered under a Jim Crow program, no discrimination was directed at Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Chinese, Koreans or Japanese-Americans, Sweetland declared. In Red Cross activities where a policy of non-segregation was the rule, the canteens, hospital libraries and recreational facilities were shared equally by whites and Negroes and no instance of friction was ever recorded, he continued.

NAM Observes 50 Years Of Union Busting

NEW YORK (LPA) — The union-busting Nat'l Ass'n of Manufacturers this month celebrated its Golden Anniversary, the beginning of its 50th year, and brought forth a renewed anti-labor program. Actually the NAM's new position, expressed by its president, Ira Mosher, was an open-war challenge to organized labor.

Mosher dragged out some of the oldest anti-labor epithets and smear-words to emphasize his organization's anti-union stand. Demanding anti-labor legislation, Mosher declared that "the position of labor today is that it has been legally established in the driver's seat and it is unwilling to give up any of the special privileges..."

The NAM head did not even like President Truman's proposal for fact-finding boards which has been denounced by both AFL and CIO. He wanted to make it tougher, more restrictive.

Thinking, undoubtedly, of the demand by the United Auto Workers (CIO) that General Motors expose their books to public scrutiny, Mosher insisted on five prerequisites for any fact-finding legislation. The fact finders would not be permitted to examine the company's books to ascertain whether or not it could afford to pay raises. Mosher also contended that the fact-finders should have no subpoena power and should not be permitted to "take sides" in their recommendations.

Mosher gave lip-service to full employment without endorsing the legislation that is now being ripped to pieces in Congress. In his speech and in a following press conference he demanded restriction of labor's "special privileges" but refused to define what the privileges are. Another NAM official, W. B. Weisenburger, executive vice president, proposed to business that it establish a new lobby, a super-lobby, that would represent not simply one firm but all business interests.

The NAM delegates, representing 4,500 corporations, applauded the Mosher recommendations, but had little handclapping for speeches by Commerce Secretary Henry Wallace or Van A. Bittner, of the United Steelworkers (CIO).

The manufacturers were given a jolt when Commerce Sec'y Henry Wallace urged that a high level of consumer spending be promoted by the NAM.

In a speech which ran very close to the lines of labor's case for higher wages and lower prices, Wallace said:

"A high level of consumer spending would mean that industry could operate at a high breakeven point... If business and industry are doomed to operate at two-thirds of capacity year in and year out, business men inevitably must set prices so that they can make money at two-thirds of capacity operations. But if we succeed in reaching a higher operating level, and if the wide swings of the business cycle can be minimized, the low break-even point is no longer essential."

There was a respectful silence and little else when Bittner told the meeting that wages are tied to purchasing power and prices and that increased wages are necessary to a healthy economy and full employment.

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WILL STRIKE JAN. 14

Can't Wait 9 Months for Gov. To Act, Say Steelworkers

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (LPA) — Unless the steel industry will go a lot further than it has to meet the demands of the CIO United Steel workers for a \$2 basic pay increase, the biggest steel strike in the history of the country will take place in 1946.

And to prove that the workers mean business, the 175-man wage policy committee of the union last week met and set the time. Steel mill owners were placed on notice that the strike is now scheduled for 12:01 a. m., on Monday, Jan. 14.

This was the union's answer to President Truman's request that they stay on the job while he set up a "fact finding" committee to investigate the merits of the case. Government agencies already have all the facts they need on the steel industry's favorable financial position, the union asserted.

Steelworkers President Philip Murray also pointed out that it took the War Labor Board, equipped with a large staff and considerable funds, nine months to issue a directive in the 1943 steel case. That involved only part of the industry; this time, 95 per cent of steel production is involved in the wage demand and the scheduled strike.

Meanwhile, workers in the industry were preparing for a showdown battle, with no holds barred. Union leaders pointed out that the steel industry is trying to reinstitute the union wrecking plan of the 1920's, which killed the steel workers' union in those years.

The union is fully prepared for a struggle even more bitter than the bloody "Little Steel" strikes of 1937. This time, a powerful union that is expected to call out 700,000 workers replaces the then newly-born Steel Workers Organizing Committee that was just getting on its feet.

Stassen For Labor

NEW YORK (LPA) — Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, told the Nat'l Ass'n of Manufacturers they should not put legislative shackles on labor's right to strike. "If you pull down the house of labor you will pull down the house of America," he said in a talk at a session which elected Robert R. Watson to succeed NAM president Ira Mosher.

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ARCHBISHOP SAYS

Labor Should Be on Boards Of Directors

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Another influential Catholic prelate has added his voice to other spokesmen of his church who have proposed that labor should have representation in industrial management.

Archbishop John T. McNicholas told a rally of the Holy Name Society in Cincinnati that:

"Labor should have a voice and a vote in the meetings of the board of directors." "Moreover," declared the Archbishop, "A certain substantial portion of the stock of a company should belong to labor—not, indeed, to individuals, but to the whole group which constitutes labor. This arrangement will allow succeeding members of labor to share in the profits of a corporation as their predecessors did."

"Every man is entitled to live according to the dignity of a human being," he continued. "He is entitled — by fulfilling his part of the contract with management — to the means to live in keeping with human dignity. He is entitled — by fulfilling his part of the contract — to security, to a family wage which will enable him to found a home and maintain a normal family."

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True Story Of the Steel Contract Told

PITTSBURGH (FP) — The United Steelworkers (CIO) wage policy committee followed up its strike vote Dec. 12 by branding as "a legal hoax" efforts of the steel companies to convince the public that a strike would violate their union contracts.

The union made public a legal opinion by CIO Counsel Lee Pressman, who declared that the

"United Steelworkers, (1) has legitimately exercised its rights to reopen the matter of a general wage increase, (2) has the right to engage in collective bargaining on the matter of a general wage increase and since an impasse has been reached, to engage in a strike without in any way violating any of the provisions of such agreements."

The steel companies base their anti-union propaganda on an agreement which is to terminate on Oct. 16, 1946, asserting that if the union engages in a strike over the demand for a \$2 daily wage increase, it will violate its outstanding collective bargaining agreement.

Pressman in his letter to Steelworkers Pres. Philip Murray pointed out, however, that the agreement contains "a provision that in the event of a change in the national wage policy the matter of a general wage adjustment can be reopened by either party for collective bargaining."

This change in national wage policy was officially proclaimed by Pres. Truman on Aug. 17 and later by the Nat'l War Labor Board on Oct. 25, which said: "The issue of a general wage increase when so reopened should be the subject of collective bargaining between the parties."

"In the event the subject is reopened and in the course of collective bargaining the parties cannot agree," Pressman asserted, "clearly, the union would have a perfect right to strike on this issue. To deny the union the right is to make meaningless the right of the union to reopen the matter of a general wage increase. If the right to reopen means merely the right to discuss the union's request with the corporation and to hope for a mutual agreement, this right is devoid of meaning."

Affirming the right of the union to strike against the steel companies, the policy committee charged that "under the cover of pious pronouncements about the sanctity of contracts" the steel companies "now threaten to achieve their long-standing objective of violating their contractual commitments with respect to checkoff and maintenance of membership."

This campaign is merely a smokescreen behind which Messrs. Grace (Pres. Eugene

C. Grace of Bethlehem) and his associates hope to restore the steel industry to the open shop citadel which it was in the 1920s."

At his daily press conference Murray announced that the policy committee's decision to strike on Jan. 14 is being hailed in telegrams received from steelworkers in all parts of the nation.

He revealed that weekly

earnings of a steelworker average from \$45 to \$46. While the workers' wages have fallen by 30 per cent since V-J Day, the steel companies are saving \$3 on a ton of steel due to downgrading of workers' jobs and the return to a 40-hour week, Murray declared.

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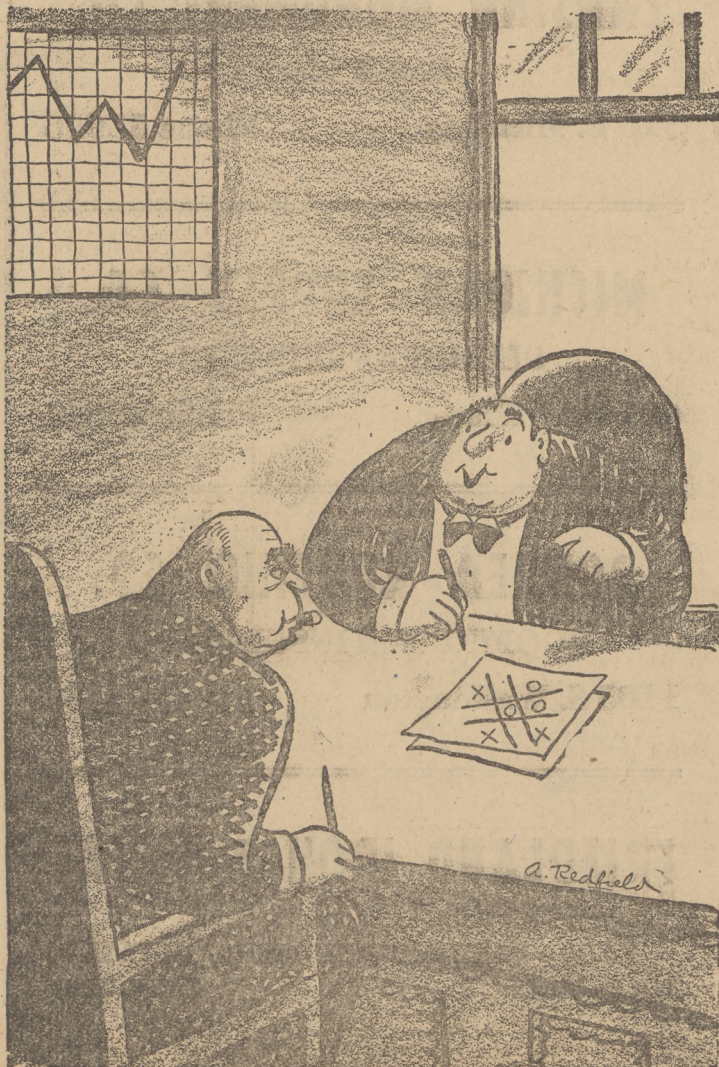
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LABOR SAYS Atomic Energy Doesn't Belong To the DuPonts

NEW YORK (LPA) — Representatives of labor parties in Great Britain and Canada, and an official of the CIO, last week told the Nation Institute that control of atomic energy must remain in the hands of the people, and not in the possession of "big business."

M. J. Coldwell, leader of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation of Canada, and a member of the Canadian Parliament, told the sessions, "We cannot allow this revolutionary discovery to be controlled by private industry. Its implications are too vast and too dangerous. We know from bitter experience that big business in all our countries observes no national loyalties or human ethics where profits are concerned."

"We have seen how this desire for profits by giant monopolies and through international cartels has caused secret agreements, jeopardizing the welfare and security of all the people throughout the world."

"Yet, atomic research is largely in the hands of DuPont in the United States, Imperial Chemical Industries in the United Kingdom, and their creature — Canadian Industries, Ltd. in Canada."

Coldwell urged a special body under the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations Organization, made up of scientists, to administer research on atomic energy. Organized labor, Coldwell added, if conscious of the enormous implications of atomic energy, could demand that workers employed on the project should work only in properly government owned and internationally inspected plants.

Harold J. Laski, chairman of the British Labor Party who flew to the U. S. to attend the meetings, made three points about the future development of atomic energy.

"First, there can be no secrecy; if the common people are to decide, the full materials for decision must be made known."

"Second, there must be no blackmail of the scientist into an enforced silence; those who seek to break the international community of scientists and men of learning prostitute knowledge to the service of power."

"Thirdly, in the exploration of this new realm of awe-inspiring possibility, the claim of private interest to own or control materials or processes would be to impose new chains of servitude upon mankind."

James B. Carey, secretary of the CIO, told the conference that the people of the United States—who footed the bill for the tremendous research program that made the discovery possible—were the rightful possessors of the benefits of atomic energy.

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WASHINGTON (LPA) — "The safest place on this tortured planet should be an atomic war break out will be deep below the surface of the ocean," the Senate Atomic Energy Committee was told last week.

Dr. Alvin M. Weinberg, chief of the theoretical physics section of the Clinton Laboratories at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and one of a series of scientists who have been heard by the committee, once again posed the terrible choice between using atomic energy for warfare or devoting its fabulous power to human welfare.

Atomic energy, he said, can be used, for example, in treating 100 persons at a time for certain types of cancer. Industrial development would be possible in vast regions devoid of water power, and settlement of the Arctic would be feasible.

Important Changes in Auto Laws

As a caution to the rural motorist, Automobile Club of Michigan has listed the effect of changes in the state's motor vehicle acts during the 1945 legislative session.

Most important, according to Howard D. Brown, general attorney for Auto Club, is an amendment making it unlawful to overtake and pass a school bus which has stopped to receive or discharge passengers without coming to a stop 10 feet to the rear.

Brown stresses this act does not apply in incorporated cities or villages, and that it is applicable only when stop signs are painted on the back and front of the school bus. The motorist does not have to wait, but may proceed with caution after the stop.

Several other laws which have been present in some municipal ordinances are now statewide, according to Brown. They include amendments which make it unlawful to drive a vehicle over a fire hose without permission of the fire department, to park in front of any theatre, to block immediate exits of buildings and to block or hamper use of fire escapes from buildings.

Another new act abolishes the immunity of governmental agencies, state, county and municipal. Where in the past, the "king could do no wrong," they are now liable for damages in the same manner as privately owned automobiles.

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No Surplus Policy

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Chances for full employment and speedy reconversion may be vitally harmed unless a sound policy for disposal and use of \$14,000,000 worth of government-constructed property is agreed on, according to the Civilian Production Agency (peace time successor to WPB). To date, there has been a loss of about 30c on the dollar on the less than 300 plants that have been or are being disposed of; and a greater loss is expected on the rest of the 1,300 wartime constructions because naturally they will be less desirable, the longer they remain out of use.

Supreme Court Breaks Scheme Against Unions

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Employers who cherish the hope that they can break the back of a labor organization by refusing to recognize a certified union and handing out pay raises instead were given a rude shock last week by the U. S. Supreme Court which ruled that such attempts constituted an unfair labor practice.

The decision was handed down against the Famous-Barr Co., a St. Louis department store, which refused to deal with certified unions but requested permission from the War Labor Board to raise the pay of nearly all of its 4,500 employees \$2 a week. The court agreed first off that the company should have recognized the union and then, in a majority opinion, asserted that the company's attempt "interferes with the right of self-organization by emphasizing to the employees that there is no necessity for the collective bargaining agent."

Furthermore, the court ruled, the action "minimizes the influence of collective bargaining." If successful in securing approval for the proposed increase it might well... block the bargaining representative in securing further wage adjustments. The court agreed with the Nat'l Labor Relations Board finding that "the manner of presenting and publicizing the application had the effect of coercing the employees." Justice Reed wrote the majority opinion and was supported by Justices Murphy, Black, Burton and Douglas.

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Auto Accidents Are Increasing Rapidly

Automobile fatalities are increasing in Michigan at a rate that is fast becoming a state-wide calamity, with high speed driving and lack of caution accountable for the majority of these tragedies, it is asserted in a statement just released by the Automobile Insurers Safety Association.

Since V-J Day the toll has been mounting steadily; already in rural areas the accident rate has practically doubled and in urban centers the percentage likewise is mounting, the association states.

Basing their statement on figures compiled by the Michigan State Police, the Safety Association, which is conducting a campaign to reduce this slaughter on the highways, asserts that only slower speeds and more careful driving can cut down the auto casualty rate. It cautions that safety officials may feel obliged to advocate a return of the 35-mile speed limit on rural highways, as that is where most fatalities occur.

KILL 105 IN A MONTH

The effect of unlimited, fast driving began to reflect itself in State Police reports immediately following the lifting of the speed laws, and has continued ever since. An increase of 20 percent in accidents and 33 percent in injuries during August, has accelerated to the point where latest figures showed 105 persons killed in one month, an increase of 54 percent, and 2,792 injured, an increase of 49 percent.

The fatality increase occurred in rural areas, where the number of persons injured was 90 percent over the number injured in the same month of 1944. The number injured in urban areas was up by 31 percent.

Of 109 drivers involved in fatal accidents during that month, 49 violated a traffic law at the time of the accident, 30 were traveling in excess of 35 miles per hour and 18 were reported as "had been drinking." The most frequent violation reported was "driving at a speed too fast for conditions." This was followed by "failure to grant right-of-way," "disregarded stop sign or signal," "driving on wrong side of road" and "improper passing."

It is significant that more than 50 percent of the fatal mishaps occurred on Saturdays and Sundays and over 66 percent during hours of darkness.

Drivers under 20 years of age were accountable for nearly 14 percent of the fatalities and in 47 percent of these cases, high speeds were blamed. In this connection, Capt. C. J. Scavarda, of the State Police, asserted: "The hurry, the impulsiveness and failure on the part of young drivers to seriously consider the hazards of driving at excessive speeds are to blame for these accidents. Young drivers must control their desire to exceed careful and prudent speeds, or increasing numbers will be deprived of their driving privileges."

Thomas Asks Aid for Vets

WASHINGTON (FP)—A call for the Veterans administration, Congress and the various state legislatures to provide unemployment compensation for 50,000 veterans put out of work by the General Motors strike was issued Nov. 29 by Pres. R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers (CIO). Text of his statement is published in this issue.

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Chinese in Lansing to Study Roads

Wen Hua Wang, director of traffic control for Chinese Bureau of National Public Roads, and Shu-Yu Chen, assistant director of the bureau, are visiting the Michigan State Highway Department offices in Lansing to study American road and bridge design and construction methods.

The information gained here will be used by the Chinese officials in replacing Chinese highways and bridges wrecked during the war and also improvements planned for the peacetime advancement of China and its communication system.

Wang graduated in civil engineering from Purdue in 1931 and Chen in the same course at University of Michigan in 1936.

Two other Chinese, Hung-Chow Chin and Lih Tsao Nu, both of Chekiang province, China, who were sent to this country under a lend-lease agreement, along with 25 other engineers to study American road building methods have been spending several days at work in the Highway department drafting rooms in Lansing, studying Michigan highway design.

SAN FRANCISCO (LPA) — Grunt and groan men (wrestlers) here have decided to break the hammerlock their agents have on them, and get a better share of gate receipts as well as better working conditions. Led by Ted "King-Kong" Cox, they have organized a wrestlers' union, affiliated with the AFL.

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Starved Nazi Victims Become Children Again

Six thousand refugees cared for by UNRRA after rescue from the German horror camps of Dachau and Buchenwald relived their infancy, childhood and youth while recovering from acute starvation. When they first came to the camp at Feldafing in Germany, the starved and beaten victims were too weak to do anything but eat, cry and sleep, UNRRA workers there report. Helpless and incapable of any memories of the past, they were like very young infants.

As rest, care and a special diet gradually restored their powers, the patients underwent a series of changes that repeated their whole life cycle in ten weeks. From a state like infancy they advanced to querulous small child attitudes, then to boisterous and clumsy pre-adolescence. Finally, the patients regained adult stature and once more reacted as responsible human beings. Then they began to recapture their former highly developed skills. Scientists could again tackle complex problems; musicians could play; artists were able to use their creative powers in painting and writing.

At each stage of the cure the victims exhibited all the characteristics of the age they were passing through. The "childhood" phase caused most difficulty to the caretakers, with men and women as difficult to manage as the average growing youngster. As adolescents, the patients had "puppy love" affairs, made violent impetuous attachments, and sent each other mash notes.

After their cure, the refugees participated actively in the adult life of the camp, which is known for its self-government, including courts, police force and schools, all run by the occupants themselves. Most of them are stateless Jews with no place to go. Until Allied powers make some plan for their disposition, they are being cared for in the UNRRA camps.

The camp at Feldafing is under the direction of Lt. Irving Smith of South Bend, Ind., who did outstanding work with the refugees while still in the United States army, before he joined the UNRRA staff. Director of the camp hospital is Muriel Cunningham, a new Zealand nurse, and her assistant is Edel Otto, a Dane, UNRRA employees.

The psychological phenomenon reported by these workers in the cure of the starvation-victims has elicited widespread interest in medical and scientific circles.

CONSUMERS FIGHT BACK

OPA's auction demonstration of what brings on inflation was part of its Price Control for Prosperity Week. Throughout the month of November unions, schools, churches, women's clubs, farm groups, welfare organizations and veterans groups will be taking part in Price Control for Prosperity Weeks in cities and counties all over the nation.

During the chosen week each organization will engage in an intensive educational program to get the facts about inflation to its members. Climax of the week will be a mass community rally to demonstrate for holding the line on prices in foods, consumer durables, clothes, rents and building materials.

Make sure that your union joins the anti-inflation program. For details get in touch with the information panel of your local price control board.

Wounded GIs Back Union's Wage Demands

Thirty-three soldiers hospitalized at Fort Knox, many of them wounded in combat, this week petitioned the American Legion "to endorse publicly the present demands for sizeable wage increases by the working people and their trade unions."

The petition continued: "High prices, and less work-hours make wage increases essential to America's economy. High war profits can afford it. 'Returning servicemen simply cannot support their families at today's prices on wages of \$25 to \$30 weekly. We veterans have won with our blood the right to earnings which will permit us a respectable American standard of living. We know that adequate wages for the working people mean adequate wages for returning veterans. We respectfully urge the coming Legion convention to give all its support to the drive for higher wages.'"

Requests Probe Of Red Cross

NEW YORK (FP)—A prompt investigation by Pres. Truman to make certain that the Red Cross is fulfilling its "profound obligation to serve the interests of all the American people" was asked by the National Social Service Committee of United Office & Professional Workers (CIO).

The committee, which numbers many Red Cross workers among its members, pointed out that although the Red Cross took on a somewhat progressive character during the war, "certain undemocratic practices persisted."

Among these the committee named the segregation of Negro blood banks, the setting up of Jimcrow overseas clubs and the barring of servicemen from other United Nations from its club programs.

It also charged that Red Cross officials openly opposed the collective bargaining rights of its employees and refused to improve its personnel practices, although these were so bad that staff turnover seriously endangered the efficient operation of Red Cross services.

"The American people have a right to know how the money they gave to the Red Cross is being used," the committee told Truman. The Red Cross is a government-chartered agency.

Poetic Picket

Neatest picket sign in many a day was the slogan carried by long distance operators during the Chicago telephone strike. It read: "The voice with a smile will be gone for a while."

Their Plan

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Demanding that all ships be troopships to bring eligible GI's home now, these members of the Natl. Maritime Union (CIO), and five other maritime unions in New York called a one-day work stoppage and put on this demonstration. Stoppage, which affected all east and west coast ports, did not include troop and relief ships. (FP Photo).

Industry Dared to Disprove Charge of Hoarding Goods

NEW YORK (FP) — The United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) challenged manufacturers of radios, washing machines, refrigerators and other electrical appliances to open their warehouses for government inspection to prove who is responsible for current shortages.

The US demand came the day after it met with Sec. of Commerce Henry A. Wallace to present him with the details of the industry's sitdown strike and as 200,000 employees of General Electric Co., Westinghouse Electric Co. and General Motors in plants from coast to coast took part in a UE strike vote Dec. 13.

Presenting a list of GE and Westinghouse warehouses, the union stated that "a congressional investigation into these warehouses would be a good place to start."

The union told Wallace that the electrical industry is not only "holding up production" but is also storing electrical appliances until next year when taxes will be lower and OPA restrictions may be weakened, rather than release them for the Christmas trade.

Local 56 is striking with American Tobacco locals in Philadelphia and Charleston, S. C., for a company-wide union contract, a 65c floor on wages and a no discrimination clause. The union has called on all workers to boycott Lucky Strike and Pall Mall cigarettes.

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Strike Votes

WASHINGTON, (FP)—Petitions for strike votes in three large plants with 8,500 employees were filed by the United Textile Workers (A.F. L.). The petitions covered

Administration Of Truman Is Hitting Trouble

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Revolt within the Truman administration continued last week with the resignation of Charles H. Houston, member of the Fair Employment Practices Committee. Houston blasted the failure of the administration to take positive action on the refusal of the Capital Transit Co., Washington's street car system, to hire Negroes as platform men.

"The President's attitude," said Houston, "reflects a persistent course of conduct on the part of the administration to give lip service to the matter of eliminating discrimination on account of race, creed, color or national origin since V-J day, while doing nothing substantial to make the policy effective."

"It seems that the President is saying one thing about eliminating discrimination in employment," said Houston, "but his advisers are getting him to nullify and counteract any effect his words might otherwise have."

In his resignation letter Houston accused Truman of indifference toward the necessity of eliminating discriminatory hiring on Capital Transit. FEPC unanimously voted a final order directing the company to cease discrimination, but, according to Houston, "Without notice to the committee or a chance to present its views, on Nov. 24 President Truman ordered the committee not to issue the decision."

Houston said in his letter to Truman that on Nov. 25 on behalf of the committee "I wrote you asking that you give the committee opportunity to confer with you. To date we have not received even an acknowledgement of the letter."

Truman accepted Houston's resignation — conspicuously without regrets — and told the Negro leader that because of apparent contradictions in the law the government could not be expected to enforce the FEPC order ending the discrimination on Capital Transit.

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COLUMBUS, O. (FP) — "Toys for Detroit" is the slogan of Ohio CIO members, who are digging into their pockets for new toys for the kids of General Motors strikers and rummaging through the family attic for old toys strong enough for Santa Claus to deliver on Christmas morning.

Launched by the Ohio CIO Council, the campaign will reach a half-million CIO members in Ohio, although the campaign will take a local character in those Ohio cities where there are United Auto Workers members on strike.

"Christmas this year will be pretty bleak for thousands of children affected by the GM strike," Council Pres. Jack Kroll said. "It is fitting that Ohio CIO and those who sympathize with the plight of these kids chip in and see that they get a decent Christmas. Toys will be collected by local CIO councils in Ohio and shipped directly to UAW strike headquarters, Detroit."

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Truman admitted, however, the fact that the order was "temporarily postponed."

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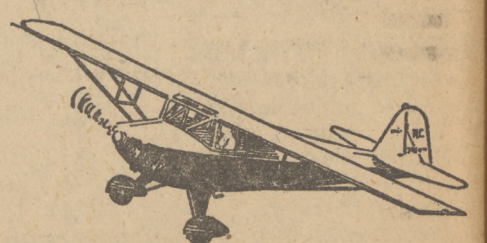
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