

## WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES

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### Honeymoon Nears Crisis

Its still moonlight and roses for Pres. Harry S. Truman and the 79th congress. The honeymoon appears to be running normally with a minimum of friction as the two partners get better acquainted and seek grounds of mutual accord rather than of conflict.

Like other honeymoons, however, the time is soon coming for a showdown on fundamental issues. Somebody is going to wear the pants.

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The first grunts of dissatisfaction have come from congress May 29 following Truman's special message on social security and the lifting of unemployment compensation benefits from their present low level to a minimum of \$25 a week for a period of 26 weeks for persons with dependents.

Truman's action was not unexpected. It was predicted in this column on May 1, and it is another White House effort to follow the Roosevelt plan.

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Opposition to the Truman plea came first from that old tory, Sen. Walter F. George (D. Ga.) who is chairman of the Senate finance committee and author of the bill providing unemployment compensation for federal employes that the House refused to accept last year.

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Echoing the Georgian was Sen. Robert A. Taft (R. O.) who is quite definitely the leader of the GOP. Taft said "I think that compensation payments should be raised to \$20 a week, but I think the states should do it — not the federal government."

George showed no enthusiasm at all for extending a uniform standard of benefits to all workers in each of the states as requested by Truman. Taft called that proposal ridiculous as a temporary measure because "once you go into that sort of thing it is never wiped out."

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Similarly, Chairman Robert L. Doughton (D. N. C.) of the House ways and means committee is expected to fight the Truman plan. Doughton's committee is loaded with opponents of liberalized benefits to workers — and the bill must clear it before the House can vote.

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The White House message stressed the need of speed as the utmost importance because of the increasing cutbacks in war production. These cutbacks may see about 2,900,000 war workers idle within three months, and the number boosted to nearly 5 million by the end of the year, including about 1 million former service men.

Rapidly increasing production of civilian goods will absorb a good many of the displaced war workers, but as the message to congress pointed out, temporary unemployment cannot be avoided and legislation is urgent if the nation pays its debt to the soldiers of production.

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# UNION PROTESTS AWARDING 'E' TO FISHER BODY

## 60,000,000 Jobs Fight Is Gaining

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Organized labor's fight for enactment of full employment legislation won new support in Congress last week.

The original committee of "60 Congressmen for 60,000,000 Jobs" found nine new members and it was considered almost a certainty that the committee would number 100 by June 15.

At a meeting of committee members, all of whom are sponsors of the legislation designed to provide the first Federal program for full employment in U. S. history, Rep. F. Neely, (D., W. Va.), presented a resolution instructing Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.), one of the authors of the bill, to name 11 members to an executive committee to steer the projected law through the anticipated Congressional battles.

The resolution, adopted by the group also asked Patman to name a chairman for the committee and asked that he remain as ex-officio chairman of both committees.

Meanwhile, labor leaders and Congressmen backing the proposed bill were encouraged by information that War Mobilization Director Fred Vinson would submit to Congress a vigorous endorsement of the full employment legislation.

The Vinson statement will be constructed not only as an endorsement by President Truman but also as an indication that the Administration definitely wants Congress to approve the bill, according to Congressional leaders.

Hearings on the bill will start before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee late in June after the Bretton Woods debate is concluded. The bill will probably not reach the Senate floor until September or October.

## Practically Nobody Saw Error In Paper Last Week—Except Maybe About 10,000 Readers

Printer's linotypes do funny tricks and often do one so cleverly that the world's best proofreaders miss the error; after which some reader with no proof-reading experience at all finds the mistake with his first casual glance at the article and sends it to the New Yorker magazine to provide amusement for millions.

Last week the Labor News carried a story announcing "Modern and old-time dances will be featured at a CIO-party scheduled for the Veterans' Memorial Hall, 213 S. Washington, Saturday, June."

The date had disappeared from the end of the line. Of course nobody noticed it, except the ten to fifteen thousand readers who happened to look at the story on the front page. Practically nobody else has even mentioned it.

For the benefit of those readers who are still wondering when the party is, or was, and whether they have already gone to it or whether it is something

### John S. Knight's Editorial Answered

## Open Letter to Detroit Free Press

After reading your "Editor's Notebook" in last Sunday's Detroit Free Press grave doubts arise as to your recent claim that you represent the interests of all the people, Mr. Knight.

As a publisher of one of America's largest newspapers you have in your signed editorial taken a stand against the payment of \$25 per week to our unemployed. The use of your newspaper to attack this proposal calls for more explanation than you have thus far given.

MR. KNIGHT, YOU PROFESS TO BE GREATLY DISTURBED FOR FEAR THAT THE PAYMENT OF \$25 PER WEEK TO OUR UNEMPLOYED WILL DESTROY THEIR INCENTIVE TO WORK.

That would of course be alarming indeed, if it were true, and since incentive is AA-1 on your priority list, Mr. Knight, would you favor incentive tax legislation for wage earners as you do for industry and business? We understand, of course, that by "Incentive Tax Legislation" you probably mean reduced taxes.

Mr. Knight, if our temporarily unemployed workers are so devoid of incentive that \$25 per week will lull them into the sloth of indolence, why do you even bother to speak of such idealistic a thing as a high wage policy?

Let us ask you, Mr. Knight, who is incentive-minded at

## Truman Didn't O.K. Halt of War Controls

WASHINGTON (LPA) —

WPB Chairman Krug's prediction that practically all major war production restrictions will be removed before the end of the year was not authorized by President Truman.

While wartime restrictions including the wage freeze are continued, Krug announced more and more lifting of bans on industry. The conspicuous failure of the White House to endorse the Krug statement increased Washington speculation as to whether Krug may not be "feathering his nest" for a profitable job in private industry in the near future.

Nevertheless, labor leaders predict that the lifting of industry and business controls will not be matched by relaxation of controls over labor.

## Council President Cites Danger Of Too Much Union 'Economy'

By CLYDE PERKINS  
President, Lansing CIO Council

During the past month I have had the opportunity to observe fairly closely the efforts and activities of many of the Leaders in our Lansing Locals and have listened to many workers about their joys and woes. The one particular element missing is the evident lack of interest in the actual strengthening of our labor movement through further organization.

### MORE ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY WELL

There is a tendency of practically all, as individuals or as leaders of groups, to retrench in concern for their own particular interests, not realizing that extension of organization into wider fields, political and numerical, will pay far greater dividends than subservience to vested financial or political interests.

Surely the near-sightedness of any of us on this subject must be criticised. The very same type of program that labor has accused many of our civic, social and government leaders of, is slowly taking shape in our own organization.

### FINANCIAL PROFIT NOT LABOR'S FIELD

The very essence of the labor movement is progress in the social and economic field, and to my knowledge it has never extended to the field of financial profit or retrenchment when there is further chance for advancement.

The need for real, solid and yet visual leadership and a movement to eliminate the existing friction between groups within our own unions is at high tide. I personally believe that in the city of Lansing, labor does have leadership capable to make these attempts with a good possibility of reasonable success.

### INCREASED INTEREST OF MEMBERS NEEDED

Of course more of the workers themselves must become interested in their organization. Agitation for the sake of agita-

Willow Run? Is it the Ford Motor Company, WHICH HAS NO PLANS FOR THE USE OF THIS PLANT, or is it the workers who are demanding that this vast plant be operated. Surely, Mr. Knight, a man with your talents can state the argument on this question of incentive a little more clearly, can you not?

Your Editor's Notebook, Mr. Knight, states that "No unemployment now exists" and that "to date there have been jobs available for all workers laid off because of war plant cutbacks."

If this is true, or if serious unemployment is not a probability, WHY ARE YOU SO ALARMED OVER THE PROPOSAL TO PAY \$25 PER WEEK TO PEOPLE WHO WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE INELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY FOR IT ANYWAY?

You tell us blandly that "... we must individually place more reliance upon the rewards that come from a day's work well done and less upon the deadening philosophy of security."

Mr. Knight, what are these rewards you speak of ... are they the ones which are frozen by the Little Steel Formula? What is this "reliance" you speak of, Mr. Knight? Is that the

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backward pull of those faults and will add impetus to correct thinking and action.

### There's Still Room For Improvement

This is true because as we develop relations with more of our people and with new people from many diversified walks of life we will broaden our scope politically, socially and economically.

Few, if any, of the leaders in the C. I. O. would state that our scope of thinking or action is at the end of its rope. I sincerely feel that our actions of today should reflect our thought for strength in the coming tomorrow.

## Will the CIO Fight For Negro Workers After War Is Over?

By DEAN REED  
Lansing PAC Director

The Negro worker is definitely worried. He is worried about today. He is worried about tomorrow. He is restless. He remembers only too well the slogans of the last war. He remembers too well the broken promises. He is more grim today in his determination to enjoy some of the freedoms so glibly mouthed.

### THEY PLAYED A GAME WITH NEGROES

The Negro remembers World War 1, when he was introduced into industrial employment only to be dismissed in the depression of the thirties. He also remembers the unfortunate, and uncomfortable position he was in as a pawn between labor unions—labor unions in which he was not welcomed.

He remembers the period of black disappointment when he awoke to the fact that economic democracy was an illusion in the North.

That is why the Negro has pressed for upgrading; pressed for training; pressed to become a truly American citizen in the fullest sense of the word.

### LABOR DEMOCRACY BARS NO COLOR

The fight for equal job opportunities, the fight for economic democracy is not the agitation of a few Negro radicals—it is the will of the enlightened working people. Intelligent labor leaders white and black know this.

WHAT HAS THE CIO DONE ABOUT THE NEGRO WORKER?

In my opinion the CIO has done more for the Negro than any other organization. The UAW-CIO (United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers) has done much pioneering in race relations.

In 1940, when it organized the Ford plant, it had to in-

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## Claims Firm Has a Poor War Record

A prompt, emphatic protest was wired to Washington Tuesday by UAW-CIO Local 602 when the Lansing division of Fisher Body suddenly announced that the company was to be presented with an Army-Navy "E" award for alleged excellence in war work.

The award was to have been made in Detroit Wednesday morning—less than 24 hours after the Lansing firm had called in the union committee and issued the information. Union officials were invited to attend the ceremony, which had apparently been kept secret until plans were complete.

It was fast work, but not quite fast enough. President Chester Cowan immediately called a special meeting of the local's executive board. They discussed the firm's bad labor relations record, its failure to go all out for maximum war production and efficiency and voted to protest the whitewashing such an award would mean.

The following telegram was drafted and dispatched at once:

MR. ROBERT PATTERSON  
UNDERSECRETARY OF NAVY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MR. A. T. CLAUSEN,  
RESIDENT MANAGER  
FISHER BODY CORPORATION  
LANSING DIVISION  
LANSING, MICHIGAN

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF FISHER LOCAL 602 UAW-CIO ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON AT 4:30 JUNE 5, 1945 IT WAS VOTED TO PROTEST THE AWARD OF THE NAVY E FLAG FOR FISHER BODY CORPORATION LANSING DIVISION OF GENERAL MOTORS. WE FEEL THAT THE FACILITIES OF THIS PLANT HAVE NOT BEEN UTILIZED TO THEIR FULLEST CAPACITY IN THE WAR EFFORT.

SIGNED BY ORDER OF  
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
OF LOCAL 602 UAW-CIO

CHESTER C. COWAN,  
PRESIDENT  
ARCHIE A. PERRY,  
RECORDING SECRETARY

## Ford to Build Plant in South

ATLANTA, Ga. (FP)—The Ford Motor Co. announced it would build a large plant here designed for the assembly of 350 automobiles daily "as soon as war conditions permit."

The plant's payroll, estimated on the basis of prewar salaries, will total about \$5 million annually. Cost of the plant is estimated at \$10 million or more.

## Nash Man Has Unique Plan For Business

John Danzo, Nash war worker who owns the Howard Coal and Building Supply Co., 703 E. Shiawassee, has a unique plan for selling roofing and other jobs to customers.

"When a prospective customer requests information or an estimate," Danzo said, "We send him the workman who will do the job if we get it. Both customer and applicator then get all the facts first hand and

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## LETTERS TO THE FREE PRESS

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happy alternative to "... the deadening philosophy of security?

If security is such a deadening philosophy, why don't you take a stand against life insurance, Mr. Knight? Why don't you address yourself to the problem of the deadening influence of public health laws, compulsory education, and such insidious concepts of a freedom of religion, all of which are SECURITY against disease, ignorance, and intolerance.

But ah, Mr. Knight, we can by a process of elimination finally answer our own question ... COULD IT BE THAT YOU ARE IN FAVOR OF ALL KINDS OF SECURITY ... EXCEPT ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR WORKERS? Mr. Knight, what are we to think of your opinions when such a champion of our Free Enterprise system as Senator Vandenburg frightens himself nearly to death over the proposal for FULL EMPLOYMENT in the San Francisco Conference.

Mr. Knight, we know—and so do you—that industry and business have been awarded tax refunds on swollen war profits. Is this a part of the "incentive Taxation Legislation" which you urge? Or is it another aspect of that "deadening philosophy of security?"

One more thing, Mr. Knight ... it is all very confusing to us why incentive taxation legislation is a proper domain of the Federal government BUT \$25 PER WEEK FOR UNEMPLOYED WORKERS IS A VIOLATION OF STATE'S RIGHTS. You really dug down deep in the bag to find that one, didn't you.

Such economic LYNCH LAW LEGALISM as "States Rights" is a damned poor substitute for empty bellies and hungry eyes, Mr. Knight. Whether you know it or not, you have quite inadvertently stated the case fairly clearly. The whole thing seems to depend on whose Ox is being gored.

IF YOU ... AND SENATOR VANDENBURG ... HAVEN'T THE CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE FULL EMPLOYMENT, THEN STAND ASIDE AND QUIT SNIPING AT THE RIGHT OF COMMON PEOPLE TO AT LEAST A BARE EXISTENCE.

—Kenneth McCreedy.

## Thousands Are Fired Without Advance Notice

WASHINGTON (LPA) — War cutbacks and mass firings are coming faster than either the headlines or the War Production Board can keep track of them, WPB officials admitted here last week.

WPB Chairman J. A. Krug announced that unemployment will hit 1,900,000 workers within three months. Labor leaders, however, say that his estimate may be short by 1,000,000. Krug admitted that "The military services are now reviewing their requirements and within a few weeks it is expected that another large step-down will be ordered."

### Forget Rules

The cutbacks are coming so fast and so suddenly, and to thousands without advance warning, that there is no longer any pretense of trying to follow WPB's Directive 40 which was designed to provide for previous notification of at least seven days before the closing of a plant.

The supposed guarantee of advance notice was violated in the case of Willow Run in Detroit where 10,800 workers were unexpectedly informed that the plant would be closed down by June 30. The workers will be laid off in quick bunches, and it was revealed that only planes on the assembly line will be completed.

### Jack & Heintz Hit

Other Army cutbacks an-

nounced the closing of the Curtis-Wright plants in St. Louis and Louisville. The Studebaker Corp. started plans for shutting down its plants at Chicago, South Bend, Ind., and Fort Wayne, Ind., following cancellation of its contract for B-17 engines.

Jack & Heintz Inc., at Cleveland, requested "voluntary" resignations from 4,300 workers, half of its staff, because of impending cutbacks.

With the wave of cutbacks flooding—across the country, labor leaders became increasingly indignant at the absence of any planning to provide jobs for the hundreds of thousands of displaced workers.

## Can Unions Protect Jobs Of Teachers

ST. LOUIS (LPA)—A court case testing the right of teachers to turn to a union as their representative in dealing with a school superintendent may soon take place in Missouri.

Two high school teachers, members of the American Federation of Teachers (AFL), were refused reappointment by the Normandy (Mo.) school board. The board backed up the superintendent of schools, Fred B. Miller, who, according to the union, had said he wanted to "fire the whole damn bunch of them." Miller, on numerous occasions, has attacked the union, and the board in its findings agreed that the school head was opposed to teachers' unions. Nevertheless, Miller did

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## BRETTON WOODS

### What It Is and What It Means to Us

The UAW-CIO Research Department has prepared an explanation of the Bretton Woods bill in Congress, which is HR 2214 in the House and S 540 in the Senate. This is the last of three articles in which we published it.

### Who Is In Favor of Bretton Woods?

In the first place, the financial advisors of 44 nations of the world drew up the details for Bretton Woods. It was backed by the leaders of the three greatest United Nations, Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, and their governments, as well as 41 smaller nations.

HENRY MORGENTHAU, Secretary of the Treasury has said:

"Bretton Woods is the model in the economic sphere of what Dumbarton Oaks is in the political world ...

*"The actual details of a financial and monetary agreement may seem mysterious to the general public. Yet at the heart of it lies the most elementary bread and butter realities of daily life.*

"What we have done here in Bretton Woods is to devise machinery by which men and women everywhere can exchange freely, on a fair and stable basis, the goods which they produced through their labor. And we have taken the initial step through which the nations of the world will be able to help one another in economic development to their mutual advantage and for the enrichment of all."

To go back, he said, to old methods of international rivalry "would be once more to start our steps irretraceably down the steep, disastrous road to war."

### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TOLD CONGRESS:

*"The cornerstone for international political cooperation is the Dumbarton Oaks proposals for a permanent United Nations. International political relations will be friendly and constructive, however, only if solutions are found to the difficult economic problems we face today. The cornerstone for international economic cooperation is the Bretton Woods proposal for an International Monetary fund and an International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.*

"To the people of the United States this means real peacetime employment for those who will be returning from the war and for those at home whose wartime work has ended. It also means orders and profits to our industries and fair prices to our farmers. We shall need prosperous markets in the world to ensure our own prosperity and we shall need the goods the world can sell us. For all these purposes, as well as for a peace that will endure, we need the partnership of the United Nations."

WILLIAM L. CLAYTON, Assistant Secretary of State, said:

"The whole basis of the Bretton Woods proposals is the conception of an expanding economy and collective security through common action. Unless we achieve a great expansion in world economy and in increase in the levels of living of all people, the solution of the vast problems of all the nations may well be rendered impossible."

LEO CHERNE, economist:

"Bretton Woods was "the first of the peace conferences of World War II. If it fails to be accepted by the United States, the peace itself has been deadlocked."

### WHO IS AGAINST BRETTON WOODS?

The most important group opposing Bretton Woods is the American Bankers Association. Although many individual members of this group personally favor it, the Association is officially against it. They are in open opposition to Fund, while they say they favor the Bank with certain amendments. They have drawn up a series of amendments to Bretton Woods which would emasculate the whole idea of international economic cooperation. Cutting off the Fund from the Bank would be like chopping off the legs of a human body. These amendments proposed by the Bankers, would have to be ratified by the 32 other United Nations. This would take months, if not years, and each nation in turn might propose other amendments, thereby hamstringing the whole set-up.

### WHY DO BANKERS OPPOSE IT?

THE REAL REASON FOR THE BANKERS' ASSOCIATION OPPOSITION TO BRETTON WOODS IS THAT THEY WANT TO GO BACK TO THE OLD SYSTEM OF RESTRICTED TRADE, IMPERIALISTIC DEALS AND BIG-STICK AGGRESSIVENESS WHICH CHARACTERIZED HOOVER'S FOREIGN POLICY.

They made big profits through high interest rates on foreign loans. Many of these bankers were tied up with the International Bank of Settlements, a Nazi-controlled "international" bank. They would like to see this reactionary organization perpetuated. Some bankers and dealers in foreign exchange made big profits on the kind of currency manipulation which took place in the 1930's. The Bretton Woods agreement would eliminate this kind of profiteering at the expense of national and international welfare.

### ARE ALL BANKERS OPPOSED TO IT?

No, Edward E. Brown, president of the First National Bank of Chicago has given 100 per cent endorsement to Bretton Woods without amendment. The Independent Bankers Association, representing 2,000 country banks in 40 states has endorsed the Bretton Woods proposals wholeheartedly. The Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Banks stand behind the Bretton Woods proposals. The Pennsylvania State Bankers Association have endorsed Bretton Woods. 224 leading economists from colleges all over the U. S. have endorsed it.

### WHO ELSE OPPOSES BRETTON WOODS?

Senator Robert Taft, anti-labor, anti-United Nations, obstructionist Republican leader is running interference for the Bretton Woods opposition in the Senate.

In the House, Jessie Sumner, the Chicago Tribune's voice on Capitol Hill leads the attack on Bretton Woods. Close on her heels are William Barry, Democrat from N. Y., associate of



## LETTERS FROM SERVICEMEN

Warren Good, former financial secretary of Nash Local 13, writes from "somewhere in France" as follows:

To Nash Local 13:

When I left the Nash back in October of 1943, I never dreamed I'd be jumping from planes with props that maybe I had a hand in making myself. I've traveled a lot of miles and seen a lot of country, such as England, Belgium, Holland, Germany and France, and fellow members, we (you and I) that live in a free country really don't know or appreciate just how lucky we are 'til we're away from it awhile.

That's one of the big reasons why your fighting men are doing such a wonderful job. They are bent on whipping every common enemy and coming back to their homes at the earliest possible moment.

We in the armed forces appreciate the wonderful job you people on the home front are doing in sending us the best equipment in the world.

I understand that the 7th War Loan Drive has begun. Instead of cutting down on your bond buying because the war seems to be nearly over, how about every one of you buying just a little extra, and maybe that's all we would need for that final "big push."

I wish I could be there to tell you of some of my experiences since I've been over here. I think I could impress upon your minds why we can't let up now. But you are learning more and more of it through the papers and newsreels, so no one should have to tell you the importance of buying bonds. Buy 'til you can't buy any more. I sincerely hope that

the members of Local 13 buy more than their quota; it means that the enemy will say "uncle" just that much sooner.

Fraternally,  
Warren Good

### Says We Aren't Sending Info

To Olds Local 652:

You have but to read "Letters to the Editors" columns throughout the nation's press to realize from reading letters from service men that they are misinformed and uninformed of the true facts of labor's problems.

The blame of this is two-fold. The reactionary press and radio are dealing out vicious propaganda to the service men and attempting to create a breach between labor and returning veterans and on the other hand, you folks at home are not doing too well in keeping the servicemen informed to counteract the poison.

I want to recommend that you immediately send all members of Olds Local 652 in service a weekly copy of "In Fact." That little paper carries plenty of information to stop and even turn the most insidious spewing of the fascist mouths and pens.

—Johnny Moore, S 1/c  
U. S. Navy

### Takes Strike News With Grain of Salt

To Olds Local 652—

Yes, I have heard of all the strikes and so on. But most all of us take it with a grain of salt. And as for myself I think

America-Firsters, and Fred Crawford, reactionary Republican of Michigan.

### THE STATUS OF BRETTON WOODS NOW

Bretton Woods bill in the House is HR 2211; it is in the House Banking and Currency Committee, headed by Brent Spence, Democrat. Hearings are now being held on it.

In the Senate the Bretton Woods bill is S 540, in the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, headed by Robert F. Wagner, chairman. Hearings will be held shortly.

### HOW CAN WE HELP OBTAIN PASSAGE?

All UAW-CIO members should write:

1—Robert F. Wagner, chairman, Senate Committee on Banking and Currency (Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.), telling him that they support S 540 without changes.

2—Brent Spence, chairman, House Committee on Banking and Currency (House Office Building, Washington, D. C.), telling him that they support HR 2211 without change.

3—Their Senators and Representatives, telling them that they support S 540 and HR 2211.

all the boys back home have really done swell. Am looking forward to the day when we can all be back at Olds again. And riding cars instead of planes. Will close for tonight. Keep up the good work.

Joy Ley, France

## Wallace Urges Cooperation With Russia

NEW YORK (FP)—U.S. responsibility in preventing a third world war and her common interest with the Soviet Union in raising the living standards of all peoples were stressed in two separate speeches here by Sec. of Commerce Henry A. Wallace.

"We must plan to keep our economic system on an open, competitive basis," Wallace said in an afternoon address to the New York Foreign Trade Week Committee. "The U.S. is in a position to demonstrate to the whole world that her great political and economic power will be used for neither imperialistic nor scarcity purposes ...

*"No nation ever had such an opportunity to help the world toward peace and abundance as the U.S. has right now. On the other hand, we can, by making the wrong decisions, place such a strain on the other nations of the world as to make World War III inevitable."*

Speaking at the New School for Social Research in the evening, Wallace said that the U.S. and Russia have emerged "as the two most powerful nations in the world" and that both "in their different ways are groping for a way of life which will enable the common man everywhere in the world to get the most good out of modern technology."

### OVERHEAD SEEN

WASHINGTON (LPA) — This story is still good here. A court official spent considerable time explaining the history of the American flag to a group of aliens seeking citizenship. His audience was most attentive, and the official presumed his lecture was a success. At the conclusion he asked:

"Now, what is it that you always see flying over this city?" There was silence for a moment, and then someone on the front row popped up, blinked, and said:

"Peefjuns."



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Despite the quick passage of the reciprocal trade agreements act by the House on Truman's demand, it is this column's opinion that the reconversion-unemployment compensation row will end the honeymoon.

RUSSELL H. MITCHELL

The hearing will be at 2 p.m. June 15 in Detroit in the National Bank Building at NLRB headquarters. Lyle "Rocky" Stone, Intl. Representative assigned to assist the organizing committee here, notified the Labor News immediately upon receiving the announcement Wednesday and said letters were being prepared to send to each timekeeper.

The firm has an announcement of their services in this issue, for which they state easy FHA terms are available.

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## WHY HE RESIGNED

## Churchill Opposed Postwar Plans of Unions in England

By GLADYS CHASINS

NEW YORK — (FP) — Prime Minister Winston Churchill's designation of July 5 as the date for the first British general election in 10 years has brought to a head the series of mounting disagreements between the two main branches of the wartime coalition government—the Conservative and Labor parties.

## Plans Overwhelming Victory

The most heated of these controversies during the past year have revolved around domestic reforms and it is on these issues that the Labor party will center its attack. However, the election will be held while the country is still at war and the Tories are relying on the overwhelming support of the British people for Churchill as a war leader to sweep them back into power.

Both parties are committed to an unflinching prosecution of the war against Japan, but their fundamental cleavages on virtually every major phase of postwar planning made continuance of a coalition government an impossibility in the eyes of political leaders on both sides of the fence. This has been reflected most acutely in recent parliamentary debates on housing, health, social security, full employment and in sharp verbal clashes between members of the two parties in the press and public meetings.

## What the Unions Want

Labor bases its postwar planning on the nationalization of the coal, power and transport industries and the Bank of England, and the public control of all other basic industries. It demands the retention of many wartime controls of industry and prices and in dealing with housing—one of the major postwar problems facing the bombed-out British population—it seeks drastic land reforms. It supports a national health service and social security to protect every citizen and further advocates strict supervision of monopolies and cartels.

## About World Maneuvers

In the sphere of international relations, the Labor party has sharply condemned government policy in Belgium, Greece, Italy and Poland as being "more concerned with the preservation of vested interests than for the welfare, liberty, equality or social security of these peoples." Labor party spokesmen have also pointed out that "suspicion and misunderstanding" between Britain and the USSR have arisen under the present conservative-dominated government and that a Labor government "is more likely to win a state of confidence and mutual trust between London and Moscow than any alternative government in this country."

## The Seats in Parliament

Out of the 615 seats in the Parliament that was just dissolved, the Conservative party held 349 and Labor 170. Other seats were divided as follows: Liberal 28, Natl. Liberal 18, Natl. Labor 6, Independent 15, Ulster Unionist 10, National 5, Independent Natl. 2, Irish Nationalist Absentee 2, Commonwealth 3, Independent Unionist 1, Communist 1, and five vacancies.

An effort has been made by many of Britain's leading unions to bring about an electoral pact among the various parties of the left so that only one progressive candidate will run in each constituency. The Labor party, however, has refused to conclude such an agreement.

## Publicity Scheme Against Absentees Backfired on Army

TOLEDO (LPA)—War Dep't

publicity for a WAC recruiting program backfired badly here last week because of its spuriousness and anti-labor content.

Officers and members of Local 12, Willys-Overland Unit of the United Auto Workers-CIO, caught the army's publicity braintrust way off base when they protested an army photograph and caption copy that appeared in a local paper.

The Toledo Union Journal, weekly paper of 58,000 CIO members in northwestern Ohio, reported that the army photo showed a WAC at an X-ray machine with the following caption copy: "Disgusted because some of the employees of the war plant where she worked absented themselves from their jobs, Pvt. Rachael Broter decided to join the Women's Army Corps."

The anti-labor publicity boomeranged when union officials recognized the picture as that of a former employee who had made a record for herself as an absentee, the Toledo Union Journal said.

"In the slightly more than 22 months Miss Broter worked," the labor paper found, "she absented herself for 76 days for which she was not paid as well as 32 days for which she was paid her salary or vacation pay, a total of 108 days away from the job. Not only did this young

lady absent herself from her war job, but she was late for work on 19 occasions."

## PRINTERS SLIP UP

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by the AFL and CIO in Kenosha, Wis.

The editorial, which was introduced into the Record by Rep. Andrew Biemiller (D., Wis.) started out by saying that "American war workers, whose miracles of production made possible the defeat of Germany and Italy, are about to be kicked in the pants."

The Government Printing Office typesetter, who probably didn't know how shrewd his mistake was, made it turn up: "are about to be kicked in the pants."

## CONTEMPT

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The House Veterans Committee has rescinded its citation of contempt against Albert Deutsch, newspaper PM writer who refused to reveal his sources of information and was blocked by Rep. Rankin (D., Miss.) from giving his testimony on conditions in veterans hospitals. Deutsch will now be able to give the committee his evidence of failure to provide adequate and proper medical treatment for servicemen.

## Revamped Labor Dept. Seen July 1

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Former Sen. Lewis B. Schellenbach (D., Ore.) who received Senate confirmation last week and takes over on July 1 as Secretary of Labor, is already considering a revamping of the Labor Department, it was learned here this week.

One of the prime considerations of the new Secretary of Labor will be the amalgamation within the Labor Dep't of the numerous and far-flung labor divisions in other agencies.

Wartime stress created so-called labor divisions in many government agencies that would logically fall within the Labor Dep't. Schellenbach is expected to act quickly to bring most of these back under the roof of the Labor Dep't.

Organized labor has had one important, and relatively unpublicized, criticism of the Labor Dep't during the past 12 years which union leaders hope will be rectified by Schellenbach.

The Labor Dep't, it is claimed, has not represented organized labor in the way that the Agriculture Dep't has represented the interests of farmers and the Commerce Dep't represented the interests of business. Officials of all sections of labor have argued that organized labor never got the same break through what was supposed to be their government department that business men and farmers did through theirs.

The Labor Dep't, they contend, has always taken an aloof attitude and a position that its function was chiefly that of arbitration rather than representation.

## NEGROES' RIGHTS

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clude Negroes in its membership and at the same time to challenge their loyalty to Henry Ford, who had provided them the opportunity to gain industrial jobs. Now 18,000 of the 90,000 members of Ford Local 600 (Dearborn plant) are Negroes many of whom have good jobs at good pay.

Local 600 which is made up of all races, creeds and nationalities has formed itself into a well organized powerful body, the largest local union in the world, in less than five years.

## THE RACE RIOT DIDN'T HIT FACTORY

The Detroit riots emphasized this solidarity. During that stupidity and horror CIO workers, both white and black, went about their jobs without incident. UAW workers had already been sufficiently educated to prevent them from rioting in the shops, however badly some may have behaved outside.

To you who are still a little skeptical of the Negro; to you who still don't want to give him his fair chance to provide a decent living for himself and his family, all I can say is that you are going to have wars and more wars, because until we as a nation can settle our own problems, how in Hell are we going to settle or help settle the world's problems.

## PROGRESS IS NOT FORGOTTEN EASILY

When this war ends, our nation will face the real test. Negro war workers will not relinquish their gains without a struggle. The CIO is committed to a policy of non-discrimination. This policy we will continue to follow. And we believe there can be useful jobs for all our citizens, in peace as in war.

## TEACHERS

(Continued from Page 2) not discriminate against the two union members, the board said.

"The board believes the union has no right to demand reinstatement of these teachers because, until it has been settled by the courts or the Legislature of Missouri that teachers are in the same category as industrial workers, the board cannot recognize the teachers' union as

## Union Labor Will Buy Over 50% of Bonds

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Organized labor will probably purchase more than 50 per cent

a collective bargaining agent," they asserted at the same meeting at which the firings were upheld.

## Photo Flashes of the News

## We Want the 60,000,000



—Federated Pictures

Unions were fighting for the 60,000,000 job program back in February when they defended Henry A. Wallace against attacks on his confirmation for secretary of commerce. Above are members of Local 65, Wholesale & Warehouse Workers Union (CIO), who hauled out some packing cases and started obtaining signatures demanding his confirmation.

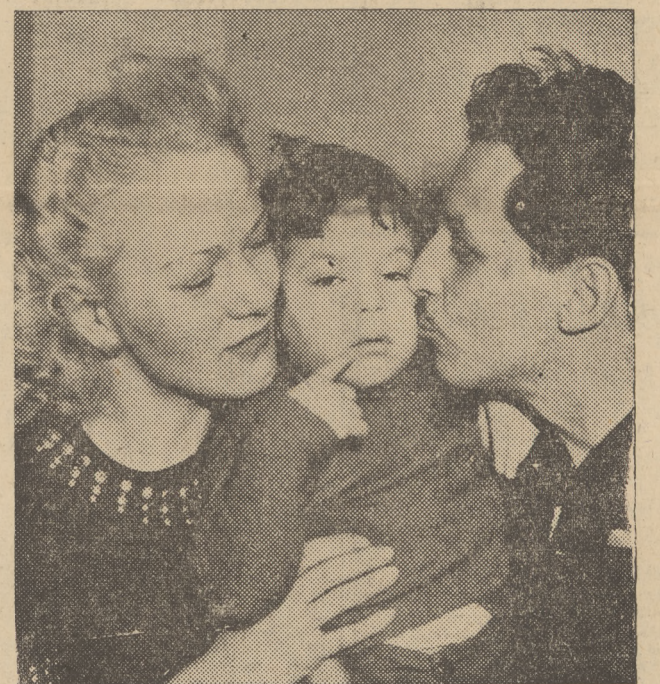
## Political Action in Action



—Federated Pictures

Above are shown members of the Detroit (Wayne Co.) CIO-PAC planning action. In center is Tracy M. Doll, flanked on his right by Mrs. Mildred Thomas, wife of Pres. R. J. Thomas of UAW-CIO, head of the women's division of the Michigan PAC, and on his left by Vera Primrose, research director of Wayne PAC.

## They Were Fighting For This



—Federated Pictures

Scenes like this will increase throughout the country as men return to their homes from war service or prison camps. After Three years in a Nazi prison camps, Seaman James E. Aikins, of the NMU, Baltimore, met his two-year old daughter, Elaine, for the first time as his wife held her up for her first fatherly kiss.

## It's a Date

Plan to attend the membership meetings of your local. Here is when and where they meet.

**OLDS 652**—First Friday of month, 7:30 p. m., 118 S. Washington.

**OLDS AUXILIARY 76**—First and third Thursdays, 7:30 p. m., 1118 S. Washington.

**NASH 13** — Second Sunday in month, 10 a. m., 1818 S. Cedar, preceded by steward's meeting at 9 a. m.

**REO 651**—Meets second and fourth Fridays of month, 7:30 p. m., 1314½ S. Washington.

**FISHER 602**—Second Sunday of month, 6 p. m., 1111 W. St. Joseph St.

**FISHER AUXILIARY** — Second Tuesday of month.

**LOFESSON 728** — First Thursday of month, 5 p. m., corner Porter and High St.

**DAIRY UNIT 93**—Meet 7:30 p. m., second Friday of month, 1318½ S. Washington.

## BUY WAR BONDS

## Labor Leader Returns From Pacific



—Federated Pictures

Home after a 23,000 mile tour of Pacific battlefronts, these ten West Coast labor leaders who saw the war at first hand are agreed on the necessity of keeping on the job through the long tough fight ahead. L to r, seated: Pres. Claude Ballard of Bay Cities Metal Trades Council (CIO); Orrin A. Burrows (AFL); Asst. Sec. Thomas A. Rotell of Bay Cities Metal Trades Council (AFL); California Regional Director Cyril V. O'Halloran of UAW-CIO; Business Agent James P. Smith of Local 1304, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers (CIO); STANDING: Sec. Mervyn Rathbone of California Industrial Union Council (CIO); Vice-Pres. Roy Brown of Int'l. Assn. of Machinists (AFL); Harry J. Murphy (AFL); Vice Pres. Roscoe Crawcraft of Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (CIO); Int'l. Rep. Thomas J. Crows of Int'l. Bro. of Boilermakers (AFL).