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Is Gaining

WASHINGTON (LPA) —

The original committee of

"60 Congressmen for 60,000,00

Jobs" found nine new members

and it was considered almost a

would number 100 by June 15.

At a meeting of committee

members, all of whom are spon-

sors of the legislation designed

law through the anticipated

The resolution, adopted by

mittee and asked that he re-

main as ex-officio chairman of

Meanwhile, labor leaders and

posed bill were encouraged by

would submit to Congress a vig-

orous endorsement of the full

employment legislation.

both committees.

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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 actment of full employment normally with a minimum of legislation won new support in friction as the two partners get | Congress last week. better acquainted and seek grounds of mutual accord rather than of conflict.

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

The first grunts of dissatis- to provide the first Federal faction have come from con- program for full employment gress May 29 following Tru- in U. S. history, Rep. F. Neely, man's special message on social (D., W. Va.,) presented a resosecurity and the lifting of un- lution instructing Rep. Wright employment compensation Patman (D., Tex.), one of the benefits from their present low authors of the bill, to name 11 level to a minimum of \$25 a members to an executive comweek for a period of 26 weeks mittee to steer the projected for persons with dependents.

Truman's action was not un- Congressional battles. expected. It was predicted in in this column on May 1, and it the group also asked Patman to O.K. Halt of is another White House effort name a chairman for the comto follow the Roosevelt plan.

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

who is quite definitely the lead- that the Administration defin- failure of the White House to er of the GOP. Taft said "I itely wants Congress to ap- endorse the Krug statement in- MORE ORGANIZATION think that compensation pay- prove the bill, according to creased Washington specula- WOULD PAY WELL ments should be raised to \$20 a | Congressional leaders. week, but I think the states should do it — not the federal start before the Senate Bank- a profitable job in private ingovernment."

George showed no enthusi- late in June after the Bretton asm at all for extending a uniworkers in each of the states as requested by Truman. Taft or October. called that proposal ridiculous as a temporary measure because "once you go into that

Similarity, 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.

* * * stressed the need of speed as for millions. 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

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 legisla-

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PROTESTS AWARDING 'E' TO FISHER

60,000,000 John S. Knight's Editorial Answered Jobs Fight

Open Letter to Detroit Free Press War Record

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 DIS-TURBED 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

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 PRO-POSAL TO PAY \$25 PER WEEK TO PEOPLE WHO WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE INELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY FOR

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 secur-

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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Truman Didn't Council President Cites Danger Of Too Much Union 'Economy' War Controls

By CLYDE PERKINS President, Lansing CIO Council

WPB Chairman Krug's predic-Congressmen backing the pro- tion that practically all major war production restrictions will tion Director Fred Vinson the year was not authorized by Leaders in our Lansing Locals Aristocracy of leadership and For Improvement

The Vinson statement will be including the wage freeze are constructed not only as an en- continued, Krug announced Echoing the Georgian was dorsement by President Tru- more and more lifting of bans ening of our labor movement gram. Personal welfare should life we will broaden our scope 5, 1945 IT WAS VOTED TO PRO-Sen. Robert A. Taft (R. O.) man but also as an indication on industry. The conspicuous through further organization.

tion as to whether Krug may Nevertheless, labor leaders cular interests, not realizing zation and in the unorganized strength in the coming tomor-Woods debate is concluded. The predict that the lifting of in- that extension of organization field will tend to lessen the rows. form standard of benefits to all bill will probably not reach the dustry and business controls into wider fields, political and dividends than subservience to vested financial or political in-

> 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

and sends it to the New Yorker but all CIO folks and their to my knowledge it has never remembers too well the broksocial and economic field, and the slogans of the last war. He BARS NO COLOR The White House message magazine to provide amusement friends are welcome. Virg's extended to the field of finan- en promises. He is more grim Nighthawks will orchestrate, cial profit or retrenchment today in his determination to with John Hedge, the singing when there is further chance enjoy some of the freedoms so

The need for real, solid and THEY PLAYED A GAME yet visual leadership and a movement to eliminate the ex-

See PRINTERS SLIP, Page 4 Agitation for the sake of agita- in the North.

tion should be abolished. The backward pull of those faults During the past month I missionary spirit of unionism and will add impetus to correct have had the opportunity to ob- should be regained by continu- thinking and action. serve fairly closely the efforts al pressure upon both union information that War Mobiliza- be removed before the end of and activities of many of the members and their leadership. There's Still Room

> and have listened to many work- of local unions or international While wartime restrictions ers about their joys and woes. unions certainly has no place The one particular element in the CIO if there is to be progress a first class ticket.

This is true because as we develop relations with more of AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE missing is the evident lack of in- realistic progress in the future our people and with new people terest in the actual strength- of the working peoples pro- from many diversified walks of be given a day coach ticket and politically, socially and eco- TEST THE AWARD OF THE NAVY nomally.

nany more faults that are com- the C. I. O. would state that our There is a tendency of prac- mon to each and every one of scope of thinking or action is at PLANT HAVE NOT BEEN UTILIZ-Hearings on the bill will not be "feathering his nest" for tically all, as individuals or as us, still I feel that every move the end of its rope. I sincerely ED TO THEIR FULLEST CAPAleaders of groups, to retrench we make toward organizational feel that our actions of today CITY IN THE WAR EFFORT. in concern for their own parti- strength within our own organi- should reflect our thought for

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

By DEAN REED Lansing PAC Director

The Negro worker is defiinitely worried. He is worried about today. He is worried The very essence of the la- about tomorrow. He is restless. bor movement is progress in the He remembers only too well glibly mouthed.

WITH NEGROES

isting friction between groups The Negro remembers World Even Congressional within our own unions is at War 1, when he was introduced high tide. I personally believe into industrial employment only that in the city of Lansing, la- to be dismissed in the depres-WASHINGTON (LPA) - bor does have leadership cap- sion of the thirties. He also re-The compositor was a union able to make these attempts members the unfortunate, and done more for the Negro than plan for selling roofing and man, so maybe he will be for- with a good possibility of rea- uncomfortable position he was any other organization. The other jobs to customers. was not welcomed.

whether they have already gone labor paper published jointly terested in their organization. mic democracy was an illusion the Ford plant, it had to in- get all the facts first hand and

pressed for upgrading; press- designed for the assembly of ed for training; pressed to be- 350 automobiles daily "as soon come a truly American citizen as war conditions permit." in the fullest sense of the word.

LABOR DEMOCRACY

portunities, the fight for economic democracy is not the agitation of a few Negro radicals—it is the will of the enlightened working people. In- Unique Plan telligent labor leaders white and black know this.

WHAT HAS THE CIO WORKER?

in as a pawn between labor un- UAW-CIO (United Automobile, ions-labor unions in which he Aircraft and Agricultural Im- er requests information or an He remembers the period of much pioneering in race rela-send him the workman who

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Claims Firm Has a Poor

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 relationss 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

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF FISHER LOCAL 602 UAW-CIO ON TUES-DAY AFTERNOON AT 4:30 JUNE E FLAG FOR FISHER BODY COR-Although we can all find Few, if any, of the leaders in OF GENERAL MOTORS. WE FEEL PORATION LANSING DIVISION

> 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 That is why the Negro has would build a large plant here

The plant's payroll, estimated on the basis of prewar salaries, will total about \$5 million annually. Cost of the plant The fight for equal job op- is estimated at \$10 million or

Nash Man Has For Business

John Danzo, Nash war work-DONE ABOUT THE NEGRO er who owns the Howard Coal and Building Supply Co., 703 In my opinion the CIO has E. Shiawassee, has a unique

"When a prospective customplement Workers) has done estimate," Danzo said, "We will do the job if we get it. Both

See NASH MAN, Page 3

Senate floor until September will not be matched by relaxa- numerical, will pay far greater tion of controls over labor. Practically Nobody Saw Error sort of thing it is never wiped In Paper Last Week-Except Maybe About 10,000 Readers

ing and Currency Committee dustry in the near future.

Printer's linotypes do funny to look forward to, it will be eleverly that the world's best THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 9. proofreaders miss the error; fter which some reader with

Last week the Labor News carried a story announcing caller doing the singing calling for advancement. 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 Printers Slip Up course nobody noticed it, except the ten to fifteen thousand readers who happened to look at the story on the front page. given for one of the extremely sonable success. Practically nobody else has even mentioned it.

tion is urgent if the nation pays ers who are still wondering print an editorial on cutbacks Of course more of the work-black disappointment when he tions. its debt to the soldiers of pro- when the party is, or was, and from Kenosha Labor, weekly ers themselves must become in- awoke to the fact that econo- In 1940, when it organized customer and applicator then to it or whether it is something

WASHINGTON (LPA) -

President Truman.

Same place as announced no proof-reading experience at above and will run from 9 p. m. all finds the mistake with his to 2 a.m. It is sponsored by first casual glance at the article the Olds Local 652 Counselors when that part of the program is on. Tickets 75c per person.

rare typographical errors that INCREASED INTEREST occur in the daily Congressional OF MEMBERS NEEDED For the benefit of those read- Record. He was putting into

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LETTERS TO THE FREE PRESS

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happy alternative to "... the deadening philosophy of secur-

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 . . . EX-CEPT 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 UNEM-PLOYED 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 BUSI-NESS AND INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE FULL EMPLOY-MENT, THEN STAND ASIDE AND QUIT SNIPING AT THE RIGHT OF COMMON PEOPLE TO AT LEAST A BARE EXISTENCE.

Thousands Are **Fired Without Advance Notice**

WASHINGTON (LPA) -War cutbacks and mass firings B-17 engines. are coming faster than either ted here last week.

WPB Chairman J. A. Krug announced that unemployment flooding across the country, by hamstringing the whole set-up. will hit 1,900,000 workers with- labor leaders became increas- WHY DO BANKERS OPPOSE IT? in three months. Labor leaders, ingly indignant at the absence however, say that his estimate of any planning to provide jobs may be short by 1,000,000. Krug for the hundreds of thousands admitted that "The military of displaced workers. services are now reviewing their requirements and within a few weeks it is expected that an- Can Unions other large step-down will be ordered."

Forget Rules

The cutbacks are coming so fast and so suddenly, and to er any pretense of trying to representative in dealing with ternational welfare. follow WPB's Directive 40 a school superintendent may which was designed to provide soon take place in Missouri. for previous notification of at Two high school teachers, closing of a plant.

laid off in quick bunches, and it them." Miller, on numerous ocwas revealed that only planes casions, has attacked the uncompleted.

Jack & Heintz Hit

Other Army cutbacks an-

-Kenneth McCreedy. nounced the closing of the the peace itself has been deadlocked." Louis and Louisville. The Studebaker Corp. started plans for

pending cutbacks.

Protect Jobs Of Teachers

head was opposed to teachers'

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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 pub-

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 SUBSCRIPTIONS - Included in the dues of participating locals. Individ- 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

"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

"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 To Nash Local 13: and for those at home whose wartime work has ended. It also means orders and profits to our industries and fair prices to our October of 1943, I never dreamfarmers. We shall need prosperous markets in the world to ed I'd be jumping from planes ensure our own prosperity and we shall need the goods the with props that maybe I had a world can sell us. For all these purposes, as well a for a peace hand in making myself. I've that will endure, we need the partnership of the United Nations." traveled a lot of miles and seen

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 why your fighting men are do-World War II. If it fails to be accepted by the United States, ing such a wonderful job. They

Curtis-Wright plants in St. WHO IS AGAINST BRETTON WOODS?

The most important group opposing Bretton Woods is the liest possible moment. shutting down its plants at Chi- American Bankers Association. Although many individual cago, South Bend, Ind., and members of this group personally favor it, the Association is preciate the wonderful job you er hand, you folks at home are position to demonstrate to the Fort Wayne, Ind., following officially againt it. They are in open opposition to Fund, while people on the home front are not doing too well in keeping whole world that her great pocancellation of its contract for they say they favor the Bank with certain amendments. They doing in sending us the best the servicemen informed to have drawn up a series of amendments to Bretton Woods which equipment in the world. Jack & Heintz Inc., at Cleve- would emasculate the whole idea of international economic cothe headlines or the War Pro- land, requested "voluntary re- operation. Cutting off the Fund from the Bank would be like War Loan Drive has begun. Induction Board can keep track signations from 4,300 workers, chopping off the legs of a human body. These amendments stead of cutting down on your bers of Olds Local 652 in serof them, WPB officials admit- half of its staff, because of im- proposed by the Bankers, would have to be ratified by the 32 bond buying because the war vice a weekly copy of "In Fact." other United Nations. This would take months, if not years, seems to be nearly over, how That little paper carries plenty With the wave of cutbacks and each nation in turn might propose other amendments, there- about every one of you buying of information to stop and even

THE REAL REASON FOR THE BANKERS' ASSOCIA-TION OPPOSITION TO BRETTON WOODS IS THAT THEY you of some of my experiences WANT TO GO BACK TO THE OLD SYSTEM OF RESTRICT- since I've been over here. I ED TRADE, IMPERIALISTIC DEALS AND BIG-STICK AG- think I could impress upon GRESSIVENESS WHICH CHARACTERIZED HOOVER'S your minds why we can't let lakes Strike News 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 orgnization perpetuated. Some bankers and dealers in foreign exchange made ST. LOUIS (LPA)—A court big profits on the kind of currency manipulation which took thousands without advance case testing the right of teach- place in the 1930's. The Bretton Woods agreement would elimiwarning, that there is no long-ers to turn to a union as their nate this kind of profiteering at the expense of national and in-

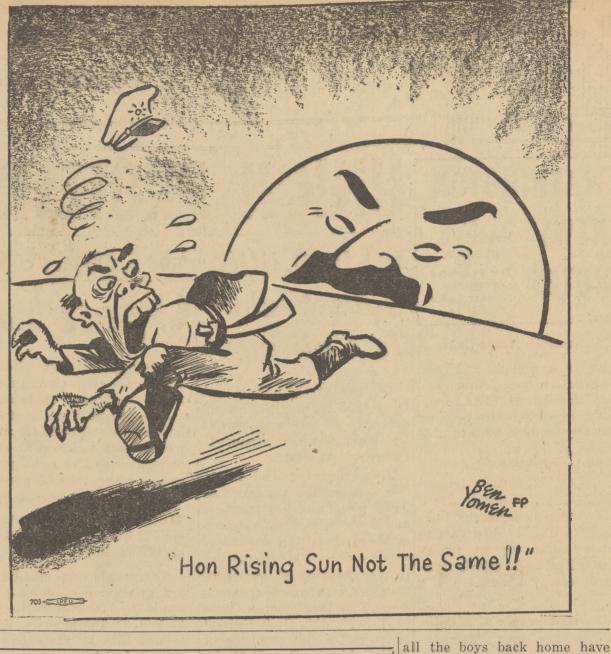
ARE ALL BANKERS OPPOSED TO IT?

No, Edward E. Brown, president of the First National Bank least seven days before the members of the American Fed- of Chicago has given 100 per cent endorsement to Bretton Woods eration of Teachers (AFL), without amendment. The Independent Bankers Association, The supposed guarantee of were refused reappointment by representing 2,000 country banks in 40 states has endorsed the advance notice was violated in the Normandy (Mo.) school Bretton Wood proposals wholeheartedly. The Board of Directthe case of Willow Run in De- board. The board backed up the ors of the Federal Reserve Banks stand behind the Bretton troit where 10,800 workers were superintendent of schools, Fred Woods proposals. The Pennsylvania State Bankers Associa- HOW CAN WE HELP OBTAIN PASSAGE? unexpectedly informed that the B. Miller, who, according to the tion have endorsed Bretton Woods. 224 leading economists from plant would be closed down by union, had said he wanted to colleges all over the U. S. have endorsed it.

June 30. The workers will be "fire the whole damn bunch of WHO ELSE OPPOSES BRETTON WOODS?

Senator Robert Taft, anti-labor, anti-United Nations, obstrucon the assembly line will be ion, and the board in its find- tionist Republican leader is running interference for the Bretings agreed that the school ton Woods opposition in the Senate.

unions. Nevertheless, Miller did Capitol Hill leads the attack on Bretton Woods. Close on her heels are William Barry, Democrat from N. Y., associate of they support \$ 540 and HR 2211.



LETTERS FROM SERVICEMEN

France" as follows:

When I left the Nash back in a lot of country, such as England, Belgium, Holland, Germany and France, and fellow members, we (you and I) that throughout the nation's press don't know or appreciate just from service men that they are how lucky we are 'til we're misinformed and uninformed away from it awhile.

That's one of the big reasons problems. are bent on whipping every common enemy and coming propaganda to the service men petitive basis," Wallace said in back to their homes at the ear- and attempting to create a an afternoon address to the

I understand that the 7th that final "big push."

I wish I could be there to tell up now. But you are learning With Grain of Salf more and more of it through the papers and newsreels, so To Olds Local 652no one should have to tell you Yes, I have heard of all the both "in their different ways

cial secretary of Nash Local 13, more than their quota; it means planes. Will close for tonight. writes from "somewhere in that the enemy will say "uncle" Keep up the good work. 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 live in a free country really to realize from reading letters of the true facts of labor's

The blame of this is two-fold. The reactionary press and radio are dealing out vicious counteract the poison.

I want to recommend that you immediately send all mempens.

> -Johnny Moore, S 1/c U. S. Navy

the importance of buying strikes and so on. But most all are groping for a way of life bonds. Buy 'til you can't buy of us take it with a grain of which will enable the common

America-Firsters, and Fred Crawford, reactionary Republican modern technology." 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 able time explaining the history Committee on Banking and Currency, headed by Robert F. Wag- of the American flag to a ner, chairman. Hearings will be held shortly.

All UAW-CIO members should write:

1-Robert F. Wagner, chairman, Senate Committee on Bank- At the conclusion he asked: ing 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.), tell- ment, and then someone on the In the House, Jessie Sumner, the Chicago Tribune's voice on ing him that they support HR 2211 without change.

3-Their Senators and Representatives, telling them that and said:

really done swell. Am looking forward to the day when we can all be back at Olds again. Warren Good, former finan- the members of Local 13 buy And riding cars instead of

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. Wal-

"We mut plan to keep our economic system on an open, combreach between labor and re- New York Foreign Trade Week We in the armed forces ap- turning veterans and on the oth- Committee. "The U.S. is in a litical and economic power will be used for neither imperialistic nor scarcity purposes . . .

"No nation ever had such an opportlunity to help the world toward peace and abundance as the U.S. has right now. On the just a little extra, and maybe turn the most insidious spew- other hand, we can, by making that's all we would need for ing of the fascist mouths and 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 any more. I sincerely hope that salt. And as for myself I think man everywhere in the world to get the most good out of

OVERHEAD SEEN

WASHINGTON (LPA) -This story is still good here. A court official spent considergroup of aliens seeking citizenship. His audience was most attentive, and the official presumed his lecture was a success.

"Now, what is it that you always see flying over this city?"

There was silence for a mofront row popped up, blinked,

"Peejuns."



While the lay-offs aren't coming as fast as we had been told (and that doesn't make us mad) there have been lay-offs. I hope that committees will see to it that managements don't

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seniority are walking the street, are doing. while employes who hired in a I hope more and more of

force more than the contract and they are good for all. calls for, but I do believe that managements should remember past cooperation by committees. Labor faces a period when all labor must be unified, ready to act as a unit to protect what rightfully is theirs.

abuse the period they have to to allow people to shift to place been laid off. make adjustments in line with themselves in better post war To Clyde Perkins and Dean the contract. For example, one jobs should be done. There is Reed for a Ping Pong table plant where the company has no sense to holding people who base (they built). 40 days to make adjustments, want to change, while laying off others. The switch to civilian production should be done in the price of their commodi- clauses given them time to adties, which no doubt they will just, making it so old employes or are trying to do.

> them to convert to war work we will have a hard time getting them to convert back without increases to assure who work, (that's more than I more millions.

The guaranteed annual wage crease. question is sure getting kicked around. If it is fair for railroads, government employes, for manufacturers and their staffs, why isn't it fair for workers in plants.

one drive this year — if put can present a unified front. We that can, should over-subscribe than stick together, so that fault of their own can't.

Novo plant protection empay to January 1, 1945. Full - We WILL DO IT. credit for their cooperation should be given Novo management. The fact it was a Form No. 10 made it possible to get such quick action.

er employes, which is good tacts with individual congressnews. Kold Hold is expanding men and senators if it is to be and more people are needed, more than just a pious hope. especially welders (gas).

(no doubt) will be held in June, on liberal policy. It hasn't than 1,000 employes, or 40 per for Wohlerts Corporation, White House. the second week in June.

grand time. There is one to be But this social security issue is all layoffs. put on by the Counselors of the spot where he is most likely The contract protects em- Mrs. Dorothy Valleau. Auxiliary affair at Grand program. Ledge will get hot dogs-point. free, let's have a big turnout,

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few weeks ago are working. these get togethers will be Promises and more promises made possible. The CIO in Lanare what same people are get- sing in big enough to sponsor ting. I know committees can't and support such programs,

Roses

To Local 652 for donating \$800 to the Sunshine fund for Percy Jones. It is for a good cause - will bring joy and happiness to many G. I.'s.

To Abrams' management for their efforts on new contract to Lifting of manpower controls assure jobs for those who had

Razzberries

To managements who are without trying to force a raise taking advantage of contract walk the streets - new one's

To managements who wave We had a hard time getting the flag - but do nothing to keep it waving.

To congressmen who want more money, but feel workers can say for Congressmen from some districts) don't rate an in-

Conclusion

Those of you who helped to make labor's gains and the union possible know what I mean when I say be on your guard. We must again be prepared to fight for those gains. The Seventh War Loan Drive | Those of you who are new, we | to assure a bright future.

we - the job is tough - but in the near future. ployes feel swell, with 20c back so are we — IT CAN BE DONE

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Truman's message will need a lot of backing from the home Abrams is calling back form- front in letters, wires and con-This congress is the same one FDR found rather tought and Lansing Drop Forge election reactionary when approached

continue or whether he'll have to take his cause to the court of the people and tell the nation what he wants and who is

preventing him from getting it. 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 reconversionunemployment compensation row will end the honeymoon.

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The Council's educational program is being sponsored jointly with the Michigan C. I. O. Council and all their classes are credited courses from the University of Michigan. Mr. Stoy is on. The government decided need your help — so that we Menton from the University was the instructor.

Most of the C. I. O. members who attended this class are over - will do the job, so those must, we can not do otherwise, stewards or committeemen and it was determined that where ever possible, the information received from the class should so that the drive won't fail be- those who fought and those be continued through the educational committees and the stewcause of those who through no who worked will have done so ards and committeemen's organizaion of each local union.

Watch this paper for an announcement of an advanced The job is big - but so are class in collective bargaining and grievance procedure sometime

Seniority For Veterans Refused by War Firm

CHICAGO (FP)—A flat re-%fusal by the Pressed Steel Car ceive everything to which they Co. to honor time spent in the are legally entitled. armed forces as accumulated seniority will cost the jobs of 100 to 150 veterans employed in the company's armored tank division here.

The veterans are among more

652 which no doubt will also to draw the line. He cannot ployes who entered military serjust how far Truman can go in armed forces. Only comment later. cooperating with congress . . . made by company spokesmen Remember, June 7th is the whether the honeymoon can was that the veterans would re- next auxiliary meeting.

CARL I. GRISWOLD

News from the AUXILIARIES

Olds Auxiliary

Auxiliary 76 held a card. so let's contact those we know changed for the better - even cent of the working force, who party at the Local Hall, Tuesthere and help make it one hun- with the invitation extended to will be laid off as a result of a day evening, May 29th. As creddred percent for UAW. Ditto Herbert Hoover to visit the cutback in government orders it should be given to those who for Sherman tanks and 155 mm. deserve it, we would like to where an election will be held The new president is trying guns, management informed of-make a correction of the names his best to get along with con- ficials of the United Auto of those on the committee in gress and has gone out of his Workers (CIO). Seniority charge of this party. The com-Nash had quite a dance. way recently to show his form- rights, provided for in the un- mittee correctly consisted of From all I hear everyone had a er colleagues that he is a friend. ion agreement, will prevail in Mrs. Mae Hamilton, Mrs. Knez Gardner, Mrs. Bea Wilcox and

turn out to be a bang up affair, yield to George and Taft and vice and returned to work upon working hard to make these one June 9th, try and attend. expect to have anybody believe their discharge. Management parties a success. The turn out Those who attend the Fisher he is fighting for the Roosevelt rejected, however, a UAW re- to this party was rather disapquest that accumulated senior- pointing. The proceeds go to a ity be granted to veterans who very worthy cause so make an Within the next two months were not employed by the com- extra effort to come to the next the course of events will show pany before they entered the party which will be announced

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Hearing Ordered For Timekeepers

A hearing has been ordered on the petition of Oldsmobile timekeepers, who recently organized and asked for an election to determine whether the union would represent them.

June 15 in Detroit in the Na- abling the firm to offer lower tional Bank Building at NLRB bids. headquarters. Lyle "Rocky" Stone, Intl. Representative as- in any way through an applisigned to assist the organizing cator visiting his home with incommittee here, notified the formation or making an esti-Labor News immediately upon mate, Danzo said. receiving the annuoncement The firm has an announcewere being prepared to send to issue, for which they state easy each timekeeper.

NASH MAN

(Continued from Page 1) there is no misunderstanding due to relaying of information from a third party."

There is a further advantage, he said, in his system. It eliminates need of salesmen and reduces cost. The savings are The hearing will be at 2 p.m. passed on to the consumer, en-

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Wednesday and said letters ment of their services in this 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 within the Labor Dep't of tion will be held while the country is still at war and the Tories the numerous and far-flung are relying on the overwhelming support of the British people labor divisions in other agenfor 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 called labor divisions in many virtually every major phase of postwar planning made contin- government agencies that uance of a coalition government an impossibility in the eyes of would logically fall within the political leaders on both sides of the fence. This has been reflect- Labor Dep't. Schellenbach is ed most acutely in recent parliamentary debates on housing, expected to act quickly to bring health, social security, full employment and in sharp verbal most of these back under the clashes between members of the two parties in the press and roof of the Labor Dep't. public meetings.

What the Unions Want

Labor bases its postwar planning on the nationalization of Labor Dep't during the past 12 the coal, power and transport industries and the Bank of Eng- years which union leaders hope land, and the public control of all other basic industries. It de- will be rectified by Schwellenmands the retention of many wartime controls of industry and bach. prices and in dealing with housing—one of the major postwar | The Labor Dep't, it is claimproblems facing the bombed-out British population—it seeks ed, has not represented organdrastic land reforms. It supports a national health service and | ized labor in the way that the social security to protect every citizen and further advocates Agriculture Dep't has represtrict supervision of monopolies and cartels.

About World Maneuvers

In the sphere of international relations, the Labor party has Officials of all sections of labor sharply condemned government policy in Belgium, Greece, Italy have argued that organized laand Poland as being "more concerned with the preservation of bor never got the same break vested interests than for the welfare, liberty, equality or social through what was supposed to security of these peoples." Labor party spokesmen have also be their government departpointed out that "suspicion and misunderstanding" between ment that business men and Britain and the USSR have arisen under the present conserva- farmers did through theirs. tive-dominated government and that a Labor government "is more likely to win a state of confidence and mutual trust be- tend, has always taken an aloof ween London and Moscow than any alternative government in attitude and a position that its thisc ountry."

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 Absentionist 2, Commonwealth 3, Independent Unionist 1, Communist 1, and five va-

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 trial jobs. Now 18,000 of the constituency. The Labor party, however, has refused to conclude 90,000 members of Ford Local such an agreement.

Publicity Scheme Against Absentees Backfired on Army

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The editorial, which was in-

Rep. Andrew Biemiller (D.,

The Government Printing Of-

CONTEMPT

TOLEDO (LPA)—War Dep't%-

program backfired badly here war job, but she was late for world, in less than five years. last week because of its spur- work on 19 occasions." iousness and anti-labor content.

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

The Toledo Union Journal, Wis.) started out by saying that weekly paper of 58,000 CIO "American war workers, whose members in northwestern Ohio, miracles of production made reported that the army photo possible the defeat of Germany outside. showed a WAC at an X-ray ma- and Italy, are about to be kickchine with the following cap- ed in the pants." tion copy: "Disgusted because some of the employes of the fice typesetter, who probably war plant where she worked didn't know how shrewd his absented themselves from their mistake was, made it turn up: jobs, Pvt. Rachael Broter de- "are about to be kicked in the cided to join the Women's Ar- plants." my Corps."

The anti-labor publicity boomeranged when union officials recognized the picture as The House Veterans Committee that of a former employe who has rescinded its citation of had made a record for herself contempt against Albert as an absentee, the Toledo Un- Deutsch, newspaper PM writion Journal said.

months Miss Broter worked," blocked by Rep. Rankin (D., quish their gains without a the labor paper found, "she ab- Miss.) from giving his testi- struggle. The CIO is commitsented herself for 76 days for mony on conditions in veter-ted to a policy of non-discrim- Washington. which she was not paid as well ans hospitals. Deutsch will now ination. This policy we will as 32 days for which she was be able to give the committee continue to follow. And we bepaid her salary or vacation pay, his evidence of failure to pro- lieve there can be useful jobs a total of 108 days away from vide adequate and proper med- for all our citizens, in peace as the job. Not only did this young ical treatment for servicemen. in war.

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 recognize the teachers' union as upheld. Labor Department, it was learned here this week.

One of the prime considerations of the new Secretary of Labor will be the amalgama-

Wartime stress created so-

Organized labor has had one important, and relatively unpublicized, criticism of the

sented the interests of farmers and the Commerce Dep't represented the interests of business.

The Labor Dep't, they confunction was chiefly that of arbitration rather than represen-

NEGROES' RIGHTS

(Continued from Page 2) clude Negroes in its membership and at the same time to challenge their loyalty to Henry Ford, who had provided them 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, publicity for a WAC recruiting lady absent herself from her the largest local union in the

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

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 WASHINGTON (LPA) — the world's problems.

PROGRESS IS NOT FOR-

GOTTEN EASILY

When this war ends, our naer who refused to reveal his tion will face the real test. Ne-"In the slightly more than 22 sources of information and was gro war workers will not relin- and High St.

two union members, the board

"The board believes the union has no right to demand reinstatement of these teachers be- ganized labor will probably cause, until it has been settled purchase more than 50 per cent by the courts or the Legislature of Missouri that teachers are a collective bargaining agent," in the same category as indus- they asserted at the same meet- War Loan Drive, with an overtrial workers, the board cannot ing at which the firings were all quota of \$14 billion, is sched- ed huge investments by their

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large bulk of this is attributed to union members. The Seventh uled to end on June 30.

Organized labor's participa-Bond quota during the Seventh tion in the drive has paced the War Loan Drive, Treasury campaign in many cities. An Dep't officials disclosed this "Organized Labor Night" in support of the drive was held Already more than \$500,000,- last week in Washington which 000 worth of bonds are being leads all cities in the country purchased monthly through with a total purchase of \$30,payroll savings plans and the 300,000 of E-Bonds. Speakers representing the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods reportmemberships

Photo Flashes of the News

We Want the 60,000,000



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.

How She Makes Their Weapons



Just how she makes the stabilizer tube which is an essential part of a grenade adapter for rifles, used with great success in the Battle of the Belgian Bulge, is explained to men of the Troop Carrier Command by a member of Local 136 of United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (CIO) in the Proctor Electric Co. plant in Philadelphia. The men are particularly interested since they played a part in the famous battle.

Political Action in Action



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

It's a Date

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

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

REO 65J—Meets second and fourth Fridays of month, 7:30 p. m., 13141/2

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

FISHER AUXILIARY — Second Tuesday of month.

OLOFSSON 728 - First Thursday of month, 5 p. m., corner Porter

DAIRY UNIT 93-Meet 7:30 p.m., second Friday of month, 13181/2 S.

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).