

# Can U. S. Guarantee Full Employment?

IN OUR TIME

## History Made As War Is Banished By New Charter

SAN FRANCISCO (FP) — The day was June 26, 1945. History books will carry the date but millions of people throughout the world will remember it, without looking it up, as the day when representatives of 50 nations signed a charter to banish war from the world.

For nearly nine weeks more than a thousand men and women labored over the document in committee meetings and in open plenary sessions. Their work was obscured at times by the haze of sensational stories that rolled from the typewriters of the famous and not so famous newspapermen who came to San Francisco determined to squeeze every last ounce of drama and conflict out of the spectacle.

But while the newspapers puffed up minor incidents into major international crises and distorted and misrepresented the conflicts that did arise, the day-to-day hard, unglamorous work of the United Nations Conference on Intl. Organization went ahead. And the result was a charter, modeled closely on the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, which outlines the framework and

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## Is Your Milkman A Member?

Leave this note in you Lansing Dairy or Heatherwood Farms bottle if you take from either:

Dear Milkman:

The next time you collect, will you please be sure to carry your CIO Union card, as I desire to take from Union drivers only.

Signed.....

You may have all the milk you need from Union milkmen now. Back up your own organization by helping to organize the unorganized.

"Lest We Forget -"

## Keep "E" Pin, Fisher Folks Are Advised

To the Editor:

Thursday, June 28th, 1945, at about 8 a.m. my immediate supervisor approached me and with due respect and humility presented me with a pin token of the E-award given to the Fisher Body Corporation, Lansing division of General Motors Corporation.

My first impulse was to refuse the token, and send it back to the plant management with my regards. However, after reading the touching message from our great deceased President, I decided to keep it lest I forget.

Lest I forget the bombastic patriotism of the period covered by the award, the posters, the bond drives, and all the other things that obtained in the winning of the war; the scarcity of labor, the excess amount of supervision, the over-manned jobs, women in industry, old men and cripples, and absenteeism?

It has been my experience that the human animal is prone to forget pain and often times

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## Signing United Nations Charter



—Federated Pictures

Pres. Truman and members of the U.S. delegation watch while Edward Stettinius signs the historic United Nations charter at San Francisco. At the conclusion of the conference, Stettinius resigned as Sec. of State to become U.S. representative to the United Nations organization.

## An Open Letter To Pres. Truman

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

You are undoubtedly as troubled about the outbreak of a rash of strikes all over the nation as I am. I think I know the underlying cause of this outbreak—and it isn't just cussedness. One word tells the story—fear. Fear that millions of workers all over the land will soon be walking the streets again looking for jobs and not finding them.

Workers are highly resentful of the inequitable way in which they have been treated. Nothing has been left undone to make the return of the business man to peacetime production as comfortable as possible. Renegotiation allowances, carry-back provisions in the tax laws, and generous contract termination terms are the ways in which our government is solicitously taking care of the interests of business.

Compare this with the shabby treatment which the workers have received. Your message to Congress on the need for extended unemployment compensation has been pigeon-holed. As far as I can learn no legislation has been introduced, much less brought to the floor.

But much more than unemployment compensation is wanted. Workers want assurance that something is being done in the way of planning for the longer pull to see that we don't have 15 million unemployed again as we had in the thirties. But this is where we're headed for, unless our government provides some vigorous leadership and direction.

The Murray Full Employment bill is good as far as it goes and  
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## Labor Paper Is Vital, Says Director of P A C

By H. DEAN REED  
Director Lansing PAC

The bell has rung for the second round.

CIO-PAC is in action. PAC endorsed candidates in Newark won handsomely in the municipal elections on V-E day. Elsewhere, state and local industrial union councils are prepared to endorse and support progressive candidates for local and state offices. Throughout the country PAC is looking ahead to the 1946 state and congressional elections.

In the campaign last summer the labor press was an effective instrument in the election of Roosevelt and Truman and progressive congressman.

In the state too, we elected many progressive representatives. The CIO-PAC elected seventeen of its own members to the State House last year, besides many other progressive representatives. A magnificent record for the first year.

We have now in Lansing a

labor paper. Our paper can be of untold value to us in the coming campaigns.

I believe that politics is news, not merely during a campaign, but throughout the year. Political issues are no less important today than in November, 1944.

Organized labor is as much in need of information and interpretation now as then, and with our own paper we can do a first rate job in presenting the TRUE facts to our people.

This we will do.

## German Industry

NEW YORK (FP) — The German optical industry has been permitted to operate full-blast while in the U. S. thousands of workers are being laid off because of the shutdown of American optical plants, Local 1225, United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) charged.

## Probes Reasons For Closing Up Of Restaurants

Restaurants vitally needed in war factory areas that arbitrarily close for a month or two vacation this summer, as some in Lansing are doing, are as unpatriotic as a war worker who walks off the job for two months' vacation, says George Nadar in his column, "Around the Shops," in this issue.

Probing their excuse that they were short of points, he found OPA officials had not been contacted for more points.

## Murray, Thomas To Broadcast This Weekend

Three first class radio shows have been lined up by CIO for the next three weeks. "Must" listening for those who want to keep on top of what's happening are:

PRESIDENT MURRAY on the annual wage, 10:45 p.m. EWT Saturday, July 7, over CBS—the first big gun fired in a major campaign to help bring job security to American workers.

RECONVERSION: First CIO America United program, definitely featuring UAW-CIO Pres. R. J. Thomas and War Mobilization Official Ed Pritchard with Paul G. Hoffman, president of Studebaker Corp., and of the Committee for Economic Development, invited to participate. First of a 13-week series over NBC at 1:15 p.m. EWT every Sunday.

ANNUAL WAGE: Discussion of this urgent problem, by Harold Ruttenberg, USA-CIO research director, and Allan Swim, Scripps Howard writer and president of the Memphis CIO Council, with Jay C. Hormel, president of George A. Hormel Inc., invited to take part.

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Are you listening?

## Nash Local 13 Presents Movies Each Thursday

The education committee of Nash Local 13 has a program of free movie entertainment to be held at the Local Union hall, 1818 South Cedar street, every Thursday at 7 p.m. All workers in the city and their families and friends are urged to attend.

The program will be quite diversified and, as time goes on, we plan to have pictures on travel, current events, labor topics, general information, cartoons, short musical features, and whenever possible, a feature-length film.

The first program will be held Thursday evening, July 5th, and will include the following films:

Naples Is A Battlefield  
These Are The Men  
Washington in War

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## Planning or Poverty—That's What America Faces After the War

By BEN DOR, LPA Columnist

England has it Beveridge Plan. America has the Murray Full Employment Bill. In both countries, the common man has his dream of a post-war world free from the fear of unemployment.

The Chamber of Commerce doesn't seem to mind the dreams, but it does have serious objections to our government trying to plan to make these dreams come true.

The Chamber believes that, because no democratic government has ever tried to plan jobs for all its workers, no government can attempt such plans and remain democratic. This analysis overlooks entirely the story of how the modern dictatorships came into being.

*In each case where a modern country has gone totalitarian, the dictatorship followed a government which had been unable to provide employment for its people. The dictator rode into power on the promise of bringing order out of economic chaos and providing jobs for those who didn't have them.*

The record shows that the people will not tolerate widespread unemployment, and if democracy won't provide the solution to economic stalemate, the people will turn to someone who promises that he will.

## PRIVATE CAPITAL HAS ITS CHANCE

In this country, most of the people would still be willing to leave the job of running the economic system to private capitalism, rather than establishing new governmental machinery to do the job. So far, however, private capitalism, at least as represented by the Chamber of Commerce has given the people no sign that it understands the problem of maintaining a stable economy at full employment levels and is ready to find an answer to the problem.

*As a matter of fact, not only does it offer no plan for full employment; the Chamber tells us that we ought not even try to find one. In the summary section of this pamphlet we are told that we ought to be satisfied to try to prevent mass unemployment instead of trying to make it possible for every worker to have a job.*

Probably few Americans are going to be satisfied, when the war ends, with the kind of pecking away at the problem of unemployment which the Chamber favors. Nor is such pecking necessary. The basic parts of the program for providing jobs are already clear to many of the leaders in both our own country and in England. Proposed laws to get us started on a program are before both Congress and Parliament—and they have been placed there by people whose devotion to democracy has been at least as well demonstrated as that of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

## THE KNOW-HOW OF PLANNING

In Congress, the Senate Bill was sponsored by four of the outstanding liberal leaders of that body. The report which first discussed such a Bill carried the signature of the man who is now President of the United States. In the House of Representatives, over 50 of the most progressive members are reported ready to co-sponsor the Full Employment Bill when the time comes.

That planning for full employment is possible is shown by the exploratory studies which have been made by the National Planning Association and which have now been reported to the public. The approach which the Association used in its work is the one which the Chamber describes as being common to both the Beveridge and the Murray proposals.

This approach begins with an estimate of:

(a) *The number of people who will be in the labor force, and the kinds of jobs they will probably have; and*

(b) *how much these people would turn out in all of the different kinds of goods and services if they were employed for a full year.*

The point to the whole business is this: if the workers are to be assured a chance to keep on producing the goods which result from their labors, then someone has to see that all of these goods are actually sold. In the past, even when there was strong reason to suspect that the demand for all goods and services was too small to assure their market, and workers went without jobs as a result, no one could or would do anything to provide the needed purchasing power to put these men back to work.

*The Association has shown us how, by varying the expenditures of business, of the governments of the States, and of the federal government, and by increasing the purchasing power of the people who actually use it, we can avoid having large groups of workers in our economy go hungry and idle while others go without the things that these workers could produce.*

## SOMEBODY MUST PLAN

Certainly, if government were given a mandate to work out

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“WE, THE PEOPLES . . .”

## Here Is the Preamble of The United Nations Charter

SAN FRANCISCO (FP) — Here is the preamble to the charter of the United Nations:

*We, the peoples of the United Nations,*

*Determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and*

*To reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and*

*To establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and*

*To promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, and for these ends*

*To practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and*

*To unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and*

*To insure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and*

*To employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples, have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims.*

*Accordingly, our respective governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations.*

## OPEN LETTER TO PRES. TRUMAN

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the Administration's support of this legislation is commendable. But the Murray bill is ABOUT full employment and will not itself provide full employment.

As I write this, your Mr. Vinson has issued his quarterly report. Mr. Vinson says some good things. He asks for new unemployment compensation legislation and for an amendment to the wage and hour act raising minimum wages to 50c an hour. But he blows hot and cold on the crucial issues of maintaining wage income. That is not good.

*What is wanted, Mr. President, is a program for full employment, and then vigorous action on the part of your administration to make the program meaningful. I know you have lots of things to worry about—what with San Francisco and all.*

*I am sure you realize, however, that unless the United States achieves full employment the San Francisco peace charter won't be worth very much. At no time has the stability of the entire world depended so much on the extent to which our country can lead the way to useful peacetime jobs for all our people who want to and are able to work.*

The full employment program will demand imagination and resourcefulness. We cannot afford to take seriously the clichés about private enterprise being able to assume complete responsibility for full employment. It's been tried time and again and it hasn't worked—not only hasn't worked but IT HAS BROUGHT SUFFERING AND DEMORALIZATION.

*Please too, Mr. President, don't let the current wave of strikes fool you into supporting anti-labor legislation along the lines of the blundering nonsense known as the Federal Industrial Relations Act. If anything, this will make matters worse.*

What the workers want is basic stuff aimed at cutting out the roots of developing unemployment—not legislation to oppress them still further.

The workers of this country have labored hard under the most trying conditions—bad food, crowded living conditions and desperately inadequate community life.

They DESERVE SOMETHING BETTER THAN ANYTHING WHICH HAS YET BEEN COMMITTED.

Respectfully,  
Bradford V. Carter  
LPA Columnist

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duties of a new world organization known as the United Nations. Here are the main organs of the United Nations:

### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This is the heart of the new organization. It is the only main body of the UN on which there is representation and an equal vote for every single one of the 50 members. There is unlimited right of discussion of matters within the province of the organization under its charter. Decisions of the assembly on important questions are made by two-thirds vote.

These questions include: recommendations with respect to maintenance of international peace and security, the election of the non-permanent members of the security council, election of members of the economic and social council, election of members of the trusteeship council, admission of new members, expulsion or suspension of member, question relating to the trusteeship system, and budgetary questions. The assembly meets annually or in special session, elects its own president and adopts its own rules of procedure.

This is the watchdog of the organization. The U. S., Great Britain, Soviet Union, China and France are permanent members of the council. Six non-permanent members of the council will be elected for 2-year terms by the general assembly.

### THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The council has the right to act immediately if an aggressor nation breaks the peace and has at its disposal the air, naval and land forces of the member nations. It also has the power to impose diplomatic, economic and financial sanctions against an aggressor.

The council can investigate a dispute, make recommendations for settlement and take other peaceful steps before resorting to use of force. Except on procedural matters, decisions of the council will be made by an affirmative vote of seven of its members including the concurring votes of all five permanent members. It will be in continuous session.

### THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

This body goes after the roots of war. It consists of one representative from 18 member nations elected for 3-year terms by the general assembly.

Its main job is to promote higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development, human rights and fundamental freedoms, and solve international economic, social, health and other related problems.

Under its province are all the various intergovernmental organizations in the economics and social fields. That includes the Bretton Woods fund and bank, UNRRA, the United Nations committee on food and agriculture. It is through this council that world labor and the national labor movements will have their contact with the United Nations.

### THE INTL. COURT OF JUSTICE

It will consist of 16 independent judges, no two of whom are of the same nationality, elected for 9-year terms by the general assembly and security council. It replaces the old world court set up by the League of Nations and is regarded as potentially much more effective than its predecessor.

The charter also sets up a trusteeship system which may include territory now held under mandate, territories which may be detached from enemy states as a result of World War II and territories voluntarily placed under the system by states responsible for their administration.

Except for strategic areas, which will be under the supervision of the security council, trusteeship agreements will be in the province of the general assembly. Assisting the assembly will be a trusteeship council, consisting of all member nations which administer trusteeships, any of the Big Five nations which do not, and as many other members elected for 3-year terms by the assembly as are needed to insure that the council is equally divided between members which administer trusteeships and those which do not.

## Labor Bills Smothered By Congress

WASHINGTON (FP) — Congress was in the midst of its sit-down strike against President Truman's proposal for increased Federal unemployment compensation this week when it was informed by Economic Stabilization Director Vinson that "An adequate unemployment compensation law is our number one requirement for reconversion."

Despite its urgency, despite the Presidential request, and despite the fact that hundreds of thousands of workers will be laid off before Congress reconvenes in the fall, little likelihood is seen for any possible action on the program before recess.

Vinson, in the third report to Congress from the Office of War Mobilization and Economic Stabilization, also recommended that the Wage-Hour Act be amended to raise the minimum wage from 40 to at least 50c an hour "with provision for further permissive increase to a higher level . . ." There is similarly little chance that Congress will act on this before it recesses.

Meanwhile, War Manpower

## FREE MOVIES

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Lady Marine  
Russia Strikes Back  
Before They Are Six (On nurseries for children of working mothers.)

Lucy X (A film on tuberculosis.)  
My Japan (Captured Japanese footage showing the hard work required before V-J day, a new film.)

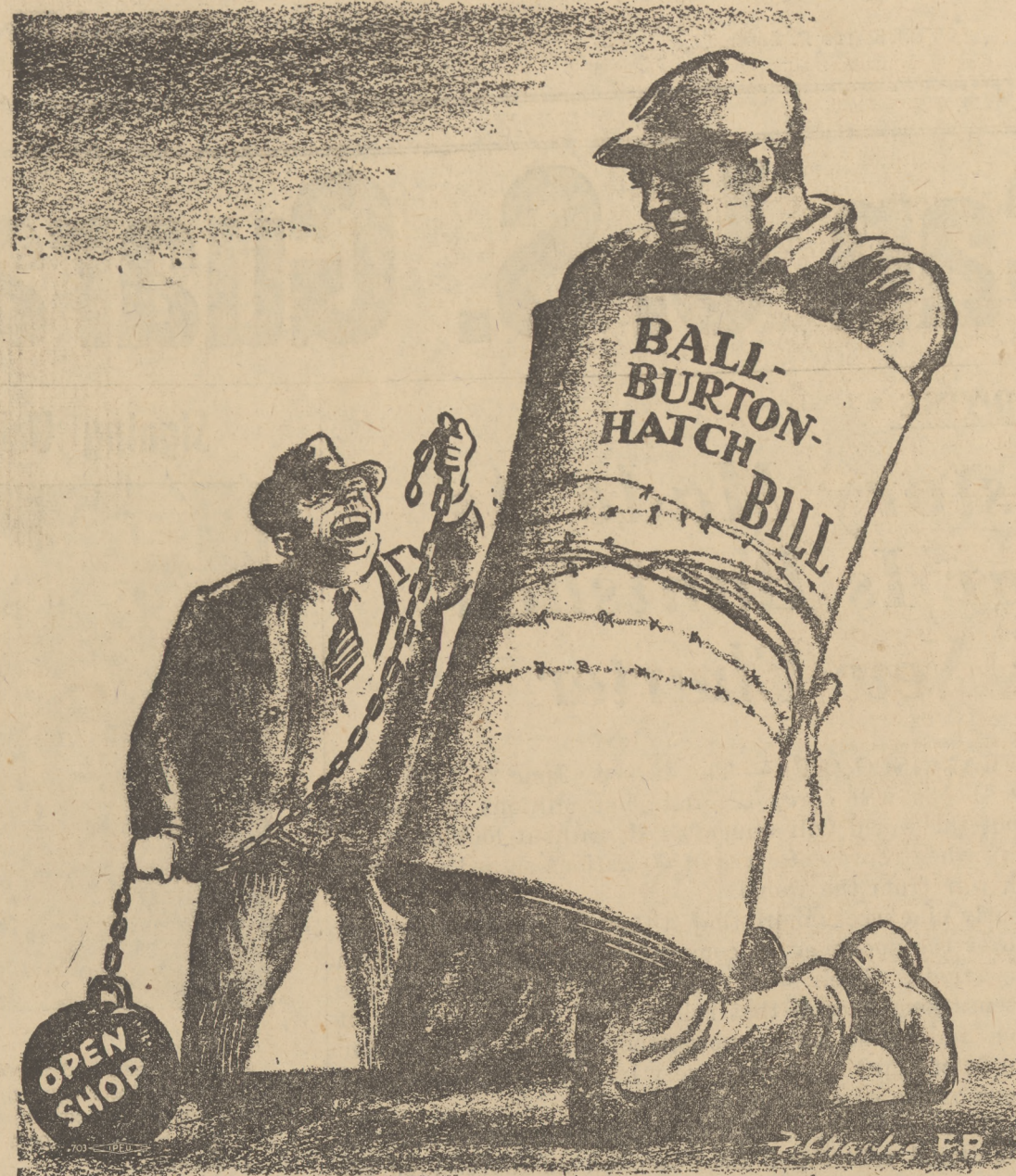
Plan to come and bring your families.

### Unions in Italy

In an interview granted on May 26, Oreste Lizzardi, Socialist Secretary of the Italian General Federation of Labor, disclosed that with the liberation of the north of Italy the members of the Federation now total 6 million. Lizzardi announced that plans are now being discussed for the convocation of a National Congress of the union movement some time within the next 2 months. —(LPA)

Commissioner McNutt predicted that unemployment in the munitions industry alone will reach 1,300,000 by December. Labor economists contend that the figure will be much closer to 2,000,000.

## INDUSTRIAL "PEACE"



Pay Dirt May Not Pay

## Are You Thinking of Buying a Farm?

By E. B. HILL  
Farm Management Dept., MSC

We buy food almost every day. We buy clothing less often. We used to buy automobiles occasionally. If we are interested in farming we would buy a farm only about once a lifetime. Most of us have no experience and often but little guidance in making this all important step which means so much later on. Caution and much inquiry are desirable.

Many folks lost their life savings during, and immediately after, World War I by unwise investments in farms.

The following letter from Mr. and Mrs. H. from Detroit is typical of many Michigan State College has received recently.

*"We are interested in buying a farm, as having no experience in purchasing real estate we would like to know what is the safest or best way to finance a farm. We have in mind a 20 to 40 acre farm of a value up to \$5500. We have \$1000 in cash. We would like to finance the balance. Any information on this matter would be much appreciated."*

In the first place Mr. and Mrs. H. should be informed that the prices of farm land and of farm products have always been higher during and immediately following a war than they are in the post-war period. Farm land prices in Michigan in World War I reached their peak in 1920, two years after the war and then declined steadily for 13 years to about one-half their 1920 price. At the present time farm land prices in Michigan are 25 percent above the 20 year 1910-39 level. Present farm land prices are within 5 percent of peak reached during World War I.

Prices of farm products reached a peak of 218 in 1920 (1914=100), declined to 135 in 1921 and then with small ups and down reached a low of 64 in 1932. Since that time farm prices of farm products have increased to 202. Farm expenses have increased proportionately.

No, not now

Thus would Mr. and Mrs. H. be wise with only \$1000 to try

## Labor Fought For Seniority For Veterans

WASHINGTON (FP) — One of the major headaches ahead for both unions and management is the question of seniority of returning veterans. It is a complex problem with many angles and as yet there has been no clear-cut, definite formula.

The U. S. Dept. of Labor, through its legal department, has held that "the returning veteran is entitled to restoration to the seniority he held before entering the service."

The ruling said that the veteran is to be placed on the seniority list in the business establishment where employed immediately before entering the military service. It added that the selective service act does not call for displacement of senior workers to give the veteran employment in the event the force has been reduced. In other words, the returning veteran is not guaranteed a job regardless of seniority.

*This analysis of the situation, permitting the establishment seniority as set out in the contract to prevail, is the position of the AFL, the CIO and the Railroad Brotherhoods. They are united in it.*

On the other hand, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, has interpreted the law to mean that the ex-service man can go back to his old job with guaranteed protection for one year, without qualifications. This is the so-called "super-seniority."

*In considering the problem, however, it should be remembered that the original selective service bill in 1940 did not contain a single guarantee to the veterans as to employment. The labor movement, acting jointly, urged and insisted that protection of union members and workers drawn into the armed forces be included. The unions now have far more than 3 million members in the service and union contracts written since the war started have universally included protection for veterans.*

### Discrimination

CHICAGO (FP)—R. R. Donnelly's Lakeside Press was accused by the Chicago Defender, Negro weekly, of "applying 'plantation' pressure to its Negro employees in an effort to break the printing trades strike." The Defender story confirmed a charge by AFL printing trades unions.



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## "E" PIN

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discouragement in a very short time after the event has taken place. That is why I kept the E-award pin.

I want to remember that we, the workers of Fisher Body, did all within our power to gain the desired end in this war effort, and should be able to wear this E pin with pride.

But the pin was not awarded to us alone, it was also awarded to management.

It was awarded to the hundred or more supervisors who fooled around for months, and in some cases, with nothing to do except draw their money.

It was awarded to a Labor Relations Department which, in all the war period, has done nothing except to bait and obstruct the regular labor bargaining agency within our plant.

It was awarded to a plant management who had to be bludgeoned into accepting war contracts in the first place, by a demonstration of the employees in the early stages of the war, and who have never completely utilized the floor space or general facilities of one of the finest and most up-to-date factory buildings in the world.

I wonder about all of these patriotic gestures and am frightened of the repercussions that may result in the event management attempts to display the same type of patriotism in the post war period. Think it over and you, perhaps, will be frightened too.

But keep that pin—Lest you Forget!

Respectfully,  
Arch Perry.

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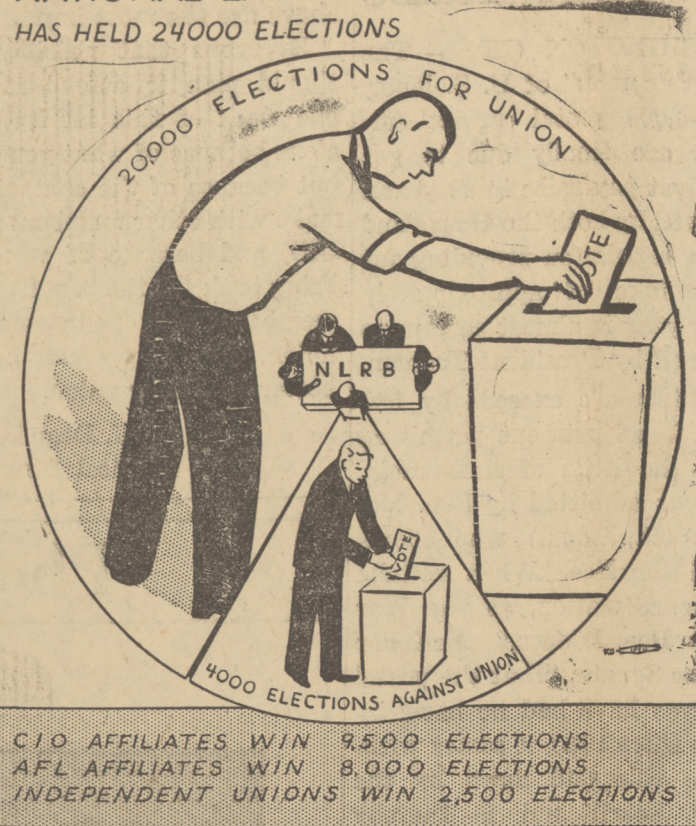
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## Labor's Magna Carta 10 Years Old Today

WASHINGTON (FP) — La-  
bor's own magna carta, the  
Wagner Labor Relations act,  
reaches its 10th anniversary  
July 5, and its mainspring, the  
NLRB is looking back on a de-  
cade of progress in which it set  
up a body of law that has met  
the tests of time and the U. S.  
Supreme Court.

Any changes in the nation's  
basic labor law that may be pro-  
posed by the congress or the na-  
tional administration in the  
coming period will be judged in  
the light of the concepts, experi-  
ence and decisions of the NLRB.  
The board is the only measuring  
rod at hand.

*To propose the junking of  
the NLRB's 10 years of con-  
scientious work and begin a-  
new on another course would  
be unthinkable to American  
labor and to citizens who are  
willing to take an honest and  
objective approach to the  
problems it handles.*

During 10 years of work on  
the complex issue of labor-man-  
agement relations, complicated  
and made touchy by the split  
between the AFL and CIO, and  
more recently by the unusual  
situation caused by the war, the  
NLRB has handled over 74,000  
cases. Its decisions, in 11,000  
cases that were formally hand-  
led by the national board, are  
contained in 60 volumes. These  
cover about 2,600 unfair labor  
practice cases and some 8,600  
representation cases.

But by far the larger number  
of cases, something more than  
62,000 were disposed of inform-  
ally, without expensive hear-  
ings, decisions and in some in-  
stances, court litigation. This  
simple method of acceptance of  
the NLRB's rulings was made in  
92% of the unfair labor practice  
charges filed against employers,  
and 77% of the cases involved  
questions of union representa-  
tion.

Topping off all this, there are  
more than 600 cases in which  
orders of the NLRB were taken  
into the Circuit Court of Ap-  
peals and the U. S. Supreme  
Court. No other statute in U. S.  
history has been so intensively  
litigated in so brief a period, and  
no other governmental agency  
has had so high a degree of suc-  
cess in enforcing its orders in  
the nation's highest tribunal.

In 55 cases involving NLRB  
orders on which the Supreme  
Court acted, the board's deci-  
sion was rejected in only two,

or less than 4%. This would  
seem to demonstrate that the  
NLRB has prepared its policies  
with care and tracked the law.

Additionally, the NLRB has  
set up through the years, a few  
basic tenets, all tested through  
the courts, which are now the  
foundation of sound relations,  
between management and un-  
ions. These, briefly are:

1. Employers must be strictly neutral as to the collective bargaining activities of their workers.
2. If an employer reaches an agreement with a union, he cannot refuse to put it into a signed and written contract.
3. Employees who engage in unlawful violence remove themselves from the protection of the statute.
4. The integrity of the NLRB's election machinery is fully protected to permit a fair test of the desires of the workers. Coercion and intimidation on the part of either the employer or the union is strictly prohibited.

## Lewis Is Not CIO President

NEW YORK (LPA) — The  
Gallup organization, recently  
took a poll to see what the pub-  
lic thought of public opinion  
polls. Among other things, the  
results showed that "the public  
as a whole is appallingly lacking  
in the information which is of-  
ten the prerequisite of sound  
judgments."

According to the researchers,  
"The polls themselves show that  
a third of the population has no  
clear idea of what a tariff is;  
that a great majority of people  
cannot name a single provision  
of the Atlantic Charter; that  
two-thirds do not know that the  
U. S. has been receiving reverse  
lend-lease from Britain."

Equally interesting was the  
discovery that "Not more than  
two-fifths of the population can  
reasonably identify either Philip  
Murray, Thurman Arnold, or  
Eric Johnston; 45% still believe  
that John L. Lewis is president  
of the CIO."

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During the past week one of  
the most important problems  
to workers in war plants has  
arisen.

Some restaurant operators,  
who no doubt have made money  
during this war period and who  
feel a bit independent, are be-  
ginning to forget their obliga-  
tions to the war workers who  
are doing a great job on the pro-  
duction lines and to the citizens  
of Lansing as a whole and are  
planning long vacations with no  
regard for you who are work-  
ing to produce the implements  
of war.

Most of them either because  
they distrust their help or have  
more money than usual to spend  
are planning a complete shut  
down of their business, some for  
one month and others for two  
months.

Just to show you how little  
regard they have for feeding  
the war workers, in North Lan-  
sing one restaurant, the Gem  
Cafe, is already closed up. Bill's  
Lunch is planning on a two  
months' vacation.

When asked why two months  
inasmuch as those places feed  
war workers in Novo, Lunberg,  
and Oloffson, and as long as  
there are no other restaurants  
conveniently located to take  
care of these people, they  
claimed they had no points with  
which to operate.

I checked with OPA officials  
and found that they had never  
been contacted by these people  
for more points and also found  
that some restaurants who do a  
lot of crying about a shortage  
of points are operating on points  
turned in for a volume of busi-  
ness done at the time of their  
initial report and some places  
have twice the business now  
that never have made a correc-  
tion in their report to get credit  
for their increase in volume of  
business.

OPA regulations do allow for  
more points when business in-  
crease is shown through meal  
slips and sales tax receipts. The  
funniest part about Bill's Lunch  
is that when they were contact-  
ed by the press of Local 872 and  
by the personnel director of that  
plant changed their alibi claim-  
ing they were closing for a va-  
cation and not for lack of points.

*That statement on the part  
of a business man who real-  
izes the important part his  
place is playing in this war  
effort to me is just as un-pa-  
triotic as a man on a critical  
war job who walks off a job  
for a two months' vacation.*

I have contacted OPA officials  
in Lansing and will contact  
State officials today, June 29,  
1945, in an attempt to help  
those who are honestly in need  
of points to carry on their busi-  
ness of feeding war workers.

I will contact the city mayor  
and have issued another state-  
ment to the Lansing State Jour-  
nal as no doubt most of you saw  
the first one issued Sunday,  
June 24, 1945, urging public sen-  
timent to force these people to  
co-operate.

I hope that every one of you  
will call to our attention  
those unwilling to co-operate  
and those in need of points to

## Minister Will Aid Ohio CIO

How to make friends among  
liberal, church, school and other  
community groups is being giv-  
en increasing attention these  
days by CIO unions.

Labor is coming more and  
more to realize the importance  
of making the program of the  
trade union movement under-  
stood in the community so that  
all those concerned in advancing  
the welfare of the masses of the  
people may cooperate on com-  
mon aims.

Evidence of this is the recent  
appointment by the Ohio CIO  
Council of the Rev. Orville C.  
Jones, ordained Congregational  
minister and teacher at the  
graduate School of Technology,  
Oberlin College, Ohio.

Rev. Jones, who will be the  
Council's public relations repre-  
sentative to interpret the CIO  
to churches, farm groups and  
other organizations, comes to  
the Ohio Council with many  
years of previous experience in  
working with such groups. For  
19 years he has served as a pas-  
tor of various churches in Ohio  
and South Dakota.

Rev. Jones' first hand intro-  
duction to the labor movement  
was during the CIO's struggle  
with the Little Steel companies  
in 1937-8, when he was pastor of  
a church in Youngstown and  
took a definite position in favor  
of unions.

carry on in their place of busi-  
ness.

The Novo case for production  
employees which was held up  
for OPA approval asking for  
price relief has been okayed and  
is retroactive December 29,  
1944.

The Lapaco Chemical case  
came through as requested for  
3% vacation pay bonus but is  
being appealed because it stip-  
ulated five years to qualify and  
it would eliminate all but one  
employee in the plant.

The company and the Union  
jointly appealed, requesting  
their original agreement of 3%  
for three years.

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# Planning or Poverty— That's What America Faces After the War

(Continued from Page 1)

such a budget of national production and expenditure as the Association has worked out, it would come out with an arrangement of figures different from any of those which this pamphlet presents. But the important thing is that, if the Full Employment Bill is passed, some agency will have a mandate for providing the budget and for seeing that its provisions are carried out, and many people will agree that there are no better agencies for doing that job for America than those designated in the Full Employment Bill—the President and the Congress of the United States.

Let it be clear that under the provisions of the Bill, the treatment of business would be more than fair—certainly more generous than that provided in the English plan, as the Chamber of Commerce points out in its pamphlet. While the government would be given no new power over the expenditures of business, it would be required to try to stimulate business spending before engaging in spending itself to make the budget balance.

In other words, the Bill already provides that:

(a) *private business shall be permitted to do as much of the job of providing full employment—the whole job, if it can—as it is able to do before the government intervenes;*

(b) *if business spends less than its share of what a full employment budget calls for, government shall try to stimulate business to assume a greater share of the economic activity of the nation before coming into the picture itself;*

(c) *the federal government shall begin spending more than is normal only after it has helped both private business and the state governments to do more, and it is still quite clear that the spending side of the national budget has not been met, and that unemployment is inevitable without such spending.*

## U.S. PROSPERITY vs. WORLD DEPRESSION

A great deal depends on which approach to the problem of jobs this country adopts. If the Chamber of Commerce attitude prevails, not only will America suffer, but unemployment and depression here will drag the rest of the world down with us. If the Beveridge-Murray approach is tried—and the National Planning Association has already shown how it might be done—the world may indeed enter into a period of prosperity and international amity such as our soldiers and a weary world dream about.

## CIO Education Leaders Meet In Detroit

(Continued from Page 1)

Saturday evening, June 30th, the Michigan CIO Council put on its program by and for leaders in worker's education at West Side Local in Detroit.

The round-up had a two-fold purpose: to hear reports on progress made in the various state locals; and to learn directly from discussion and resource leaders, details of the study institutes they will direct at Camp Chief Noonday August 12 to September 9.

The first section of the program did not bring out the announced and anticipated discussions. The second section of reports, showed that the discussion and resource leaders take

pride in their work, that they feel a deep sense of responsibility and desire to do an outstanding job this summer. It has finally been acknowledged that educational leaders have difficulty in selling their programs, not only to the rank and file, but to union executives all up the line.

The CIO recreation technique is designed to limber up cramped nerves and muscles, and get the participants acquainted with each other. As usual, last Saturday's program did a good job in this field. After a spot of food and refreshments, the remaining visitors drifted into groups to sing dozens of old and new songs that lend themselves to harmonizing. The last to leave probably enjoyed themselves the most. I am sure I did.

Signed,  
Louis Crozier,  
Local 13.

## We Saved Britain From Destruction

WASHINGTON (LPA) — American military supplies and armed might saved Britain from defeat in 1941, Field Marshall Bernard L. Montgomery declared in England last week.

"I admit it," Montgomery said. "We were finished and you came along and gave us a helping hand. We owe you Americans a tremendous debt and I don't think we can ever repay it. The entrance of America into the war was the only thing that saved the British."

In 1941 huge quantities of American war materials, much of it bearing the union label, were shipped to England as fast as U. S. war plants could turn them out and as swiftly as shipping was available. A major percentage of the planes, tanks, guns and ships turned out by American labor were transferred to England.

## Avery Blocked From Censoring A Union Paper

CHICAGO (FP)—S. L. Avery, No. 1 open shopper, has been temporarily set back in his attempt to censor the paper of his unionized employees.

The Spotlight, newspaper of Local 20, United Retail Wholesale & Dept. Store Employees (CIO), may continue to attack Avery and Montgomery Ward & Co., pending appeal to the appellate division.

The union paper regained its press freedom when Superior Court Judge Joseph A. Graber stayed pending appeal to his own injunction restraining the local and 12 of its officers from publishing "untruths" about Ward's and Avery in the paper. The judge also dismissed the international union from the case.

A number of Chicago lawyers were in agreement with Union Atty. Francis Heisler that the order in effect assumed that material to be printed in the paper would be libelous before it was even printed or proved libelous.

In seeking the injunction, as part of its \$1 million libel suit, the company claimed that the union, through its publication, had conspired to make employees and customers dislike and distrust the mail order firm.

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## Postal Workers Get \$400 Raise

WASHINGTON (FP) — The "forgotten men" of U. S. labor, the 300,000 postal service employees, are finally due to get their first pay raise in 20 years. Approved by both the House and Senate, legislation providing for a pay hike of approximately \$400 a year is almost certain to be signed by President Truman.

The increase exceeds by 5% the 15% adjustment permitted under the little steel formula. This was admitted by Sen. McKellar (D., Tenn.) who championed the raise. "When we take into consideration, as the War Labor Board does," McKellar told the Senate, "that the postal employees have had no basic increase since 1925, it comes within the rule laid down by the Labor Board and is thereby brought within the little steel formula."

Sen. Mead pointed out that "The little steel formula goes back to January, 1941, and assumes that industrial wages were stabilized at that time, while in this case we go clear back to 1925 before we find an increase granted. So in my judgement this is clear of any interference with the little steel formula."

## Leadership Training Institute

I think a word should be written about the "Leadership Training Institute" which the Michigan CIO Council, in co-operation with experienced labor educators has planned from August 12 to September 9, 1945. Every union regardless of size, should send at least two delegates to the institute. The cost is only \$20.00 per week per student and the place is Camp Chief Noonday, which is located between Hastings and Middleville, Michigan.

Last year the institute was one of the most successful in the United States and drew high praise from national educators. This year it will be conducted along the same line but it will be much better and will cover a variety of subjects. The program is as follows:

Union Counselling, August 12 to 18.

Labor Journalism, August 12 to 18.

Educational Leadership, August 19 to 25.

Collective Bargaining & Grievance Procedure, August 26 to September 1.

Labor Union Administration, Sept. 2 to 8.

Political Action and Labor Laws and Legislation, September 2 to 8.

Everyone of the above subjects will build union leadership, not only in the union but outside in other community activities. For example, let's take Political Action and Labor News and Legislation. And I take this for an example because I'm better acquainted with this subject than the others. What will this course teach our political leaders?

First, it will teach our union representatives how to make use of the laws already enacted for the benefit of our membership and the community as a whole. Second, it will show how important it is to tie together the political and legislative work of unions and their members. Third, it will train for effective political action in the shop and in the neighborhood. Fourth, it will train our political and legislative leaders how to rally their

membership on a political action program. Many other important points will be covered but the above are the most important.

Everyone that possibly can, should plan to attend at least one week of this institute, not alone because of what you learn; but because of the contacts you make with other members in the CIO, and because of what you bring back for the benefit of the membership in your own local union, and so we can build a better and finer union.

H. Dean Reed,  
Political Director.

## Do You Want to Go Camping?

The Camp Committee has figured out the number of boys each Local Union can send to the YMCA Union Camp at Mystic Lake. The number was computed on a per capita basis, and is as follows:

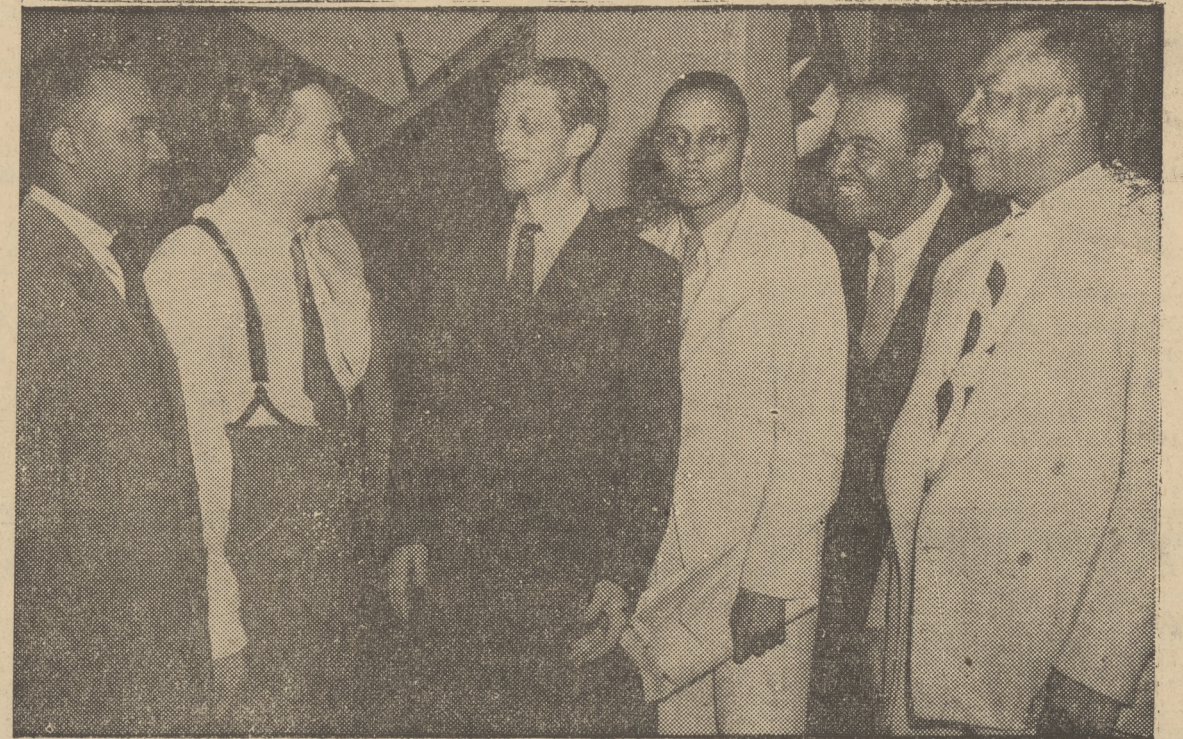
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Local 93 ..... 2  
State County & Municipal Workers ..... 3  
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Reo Local 650 ..... 17  
Olds Local 652 ..... 17  
John Bean Local 781 ..... 1  
Nash Local 13 ..... 10

Applications will be received up to and including Monday, July 16th. Each local must have its list of boys completed by that time. Applications and any other further information may be received at the Lansing CIO Council office, 109 E. South St., or by calling 2-9621.

## Photo Flashes of the News

### Rally for Negro Rights



Save FEPC, was the repeated plea at the huge Negro Freedom Rally in New York. Principal speakers were, 1 to r: Bus. Agent Charles A. Collins, Local 6, Hotel & Restaurant Employees (AFL); Rep. A. Clayton Powell (D. N.Y.); FEPC Chairman Malcolm Ross; M. Moran Weston; Councilman Benjamin A. Davis of New York City and Sec. Ferdinand Smith, Natl Maritime Union (CIO).

### Remember This



—Federated Pictures

"Hitlerism began with the illicit greed of selfish industrialists," said chaplain Torrance Phelps (above) in his morning prayer at the California assembly, and big business lobbyists there turned red. Throughout the state legislature's session, they have killed all attempts at progressive legislation.

### Timely Warning



—Federated Pictures

If there are not jobs for all after the war, racial conflict and disunity will imperil democracy, Sen. James E. Murray (D. Mont.), sponsor of the Full Employment bill, warned a conference in New York. Public hearings on the bill will soon be opened.

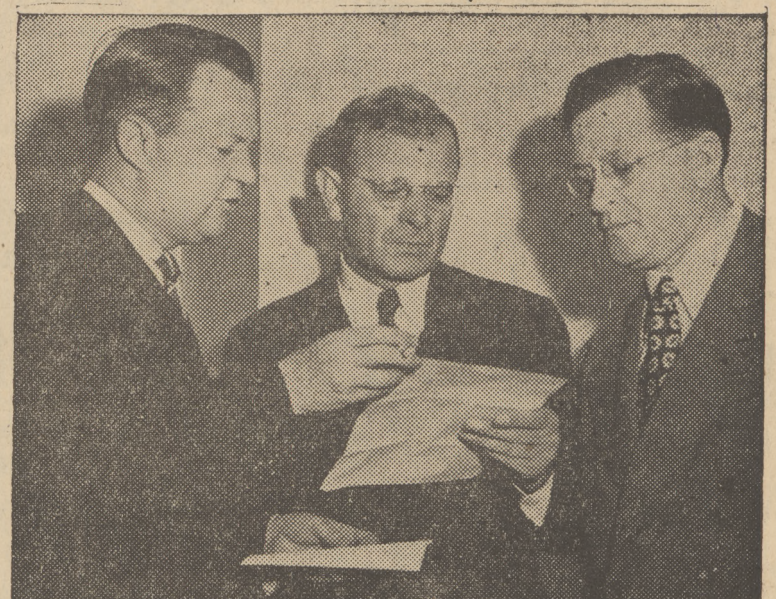
### Battling for OPA



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Three congresswomen listen to Pres. Fay Stephenson, Congress of Women Auxiliaries (CIO), points out what \$1.34 bought at inflated 1920 prices and what it buys today. She went to Washington to ask continuation of OPA. L to r: Rep. Frances Bolton; Rep. Mary Norton; Mrs. Stephenson and Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas.

### A Job for PAC



—Federated Pictures

To fight reactionary attacks on the Soviet Union and work for reconversion planning, a strong Nat. Citizens Political Action Committee is urgently needed, NCPAC Chairman Elmer A. Benson and Pres. Sidney Hillman, Amal. Clothing Workers, CIO, stated at a dinner in their honor in New York City. L to r: NCPAC Asst. Chairman C. B. Baldwin, Hillman and Benson.

### German Elections

In British-occupied Brunswick (northern Germany) the Allied military authorities have recognized a committee that is preparing for the organization of a free German factory council election, the first in 13 years. This committee is now sending out election forms to the fac-

ories. According to certain information, similar elections of factory councils will take place in other parts of the Allied-occupied zone of Germany. In districts where it is impossible to organize elections right away, the workers have asked their pre-Nazi shop stewards to resume their old functions. (LPA)



RUTH STEVENS

The Board of Directors of the Lansing Labor News has appointed Odell Z. Lamb, Fin. Sec., Local 13, as advertising manager. Mr. Lamb is well qualified for his new position and immediately laid plans for enlarging the field of advertising for the news. He has chosen Ruth Stevens, a well known Lansing business woman, as his assistant.



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