

## CIO COUNCIL ASKS FOR A 30-HOUR WEEK

### WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES

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It is pretty commonly known that the nickel or pennies you pay for your daily newspaper are simply a gesture that pays the newsboy and possibly the promotion expenses of the circulation department. The real sugar in newspaper publishing comes from the advertisers.

With Lesson I in newspaper economics finished, it is time to turn to the reasons why most papers and particularly the more powerful chains such as Scripps Howard, Hearst and the McCormick-Patterson axis are blowing their horns for the Ball-Burton-Hatch labor strait-jacket bill.

One of the most potent forces moving in the shadows back of the measure to force compulsory arbitration and foul up the Wagner act is the so-called Automotive Council for War Production.

This organization, domiciled in Detroit, is simply the war-time face of the Automobile Manufacturers Assn. It is headed by a dangerously zealous figure, George Romney. During the war he is managing director of the Automotive Council for War Production. In peacetime George is general manager of the Automobile Manufacturers Assn.

Romney operates in the name of the council, but his tactics are mostly those of General Motors and the Chrysler Corp.

This group is hell-bent to bust unions and is patriotically waving the flag for the Ball-Burton-Hatch measure. And when Romney talks, he makes sounds that the counting rooms and advertising departments of many a newspaper understand. There's a lot of important lineage, many a major advertising account back of him — Plymouth, Chrysler, Chevrolet, Pontiac, DeSoto, to mention just a few. You haven't seen much of these names of recent years, but the advertising departments remember the full page space they take at handsome rates. That kind of cash fills many a till.

So the publishers exercise their freedom of the press and toot loudly for what the automobile advertisers desire — the smashing of the unions.

Although official and conservative U. S. figures demonstrate that strikes in the

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### Hill Diesel Votes For Newspaper

Several hundred more subscriptions and the support of another CIO local were given the Lansing Labor News last week when Hill Diesel Local 646 voted at their regular business meeting to affiliate with the paper.

Named to represent their local on the paper's board of directors were Earl McClure, financial secretary of the local, and Melvina Stevens, steward.

The new delegates were immediately on hand for the meeting of the paper's board Friday at the CIO Council hall and heard reports of the paper's progress and plans.

Any labor group is eligible to elect to take this paper for all members at a blanket cost of six cents per month per dues paying member. Further information may be had from any board member (list in first column, page 2) or at the CIO Council hall.

### Tin Shortage May Slow Up Reconversion

LANSING — Disclosing that the nation's stockpile of tin has been depleted 70 per cent since Pearl Harbor and that not only current war demands for the metal are greater than in 1944, but reconversion will be seriously handicapped unless its requirements are met, the War Production Board has called upon the Michigan Office of Civilian Defense for immediate intensification of tin can salvage.

The problem is two-fold," said Everett C. Swanson, Regional Manager of the Conservation and Salvage Division of WPB. "First, we must provide adequate amounts of tin for war needs, and second, we must provide tin to assure prompt reconversion of the automotive and other industries in order to facilitate re-employment."

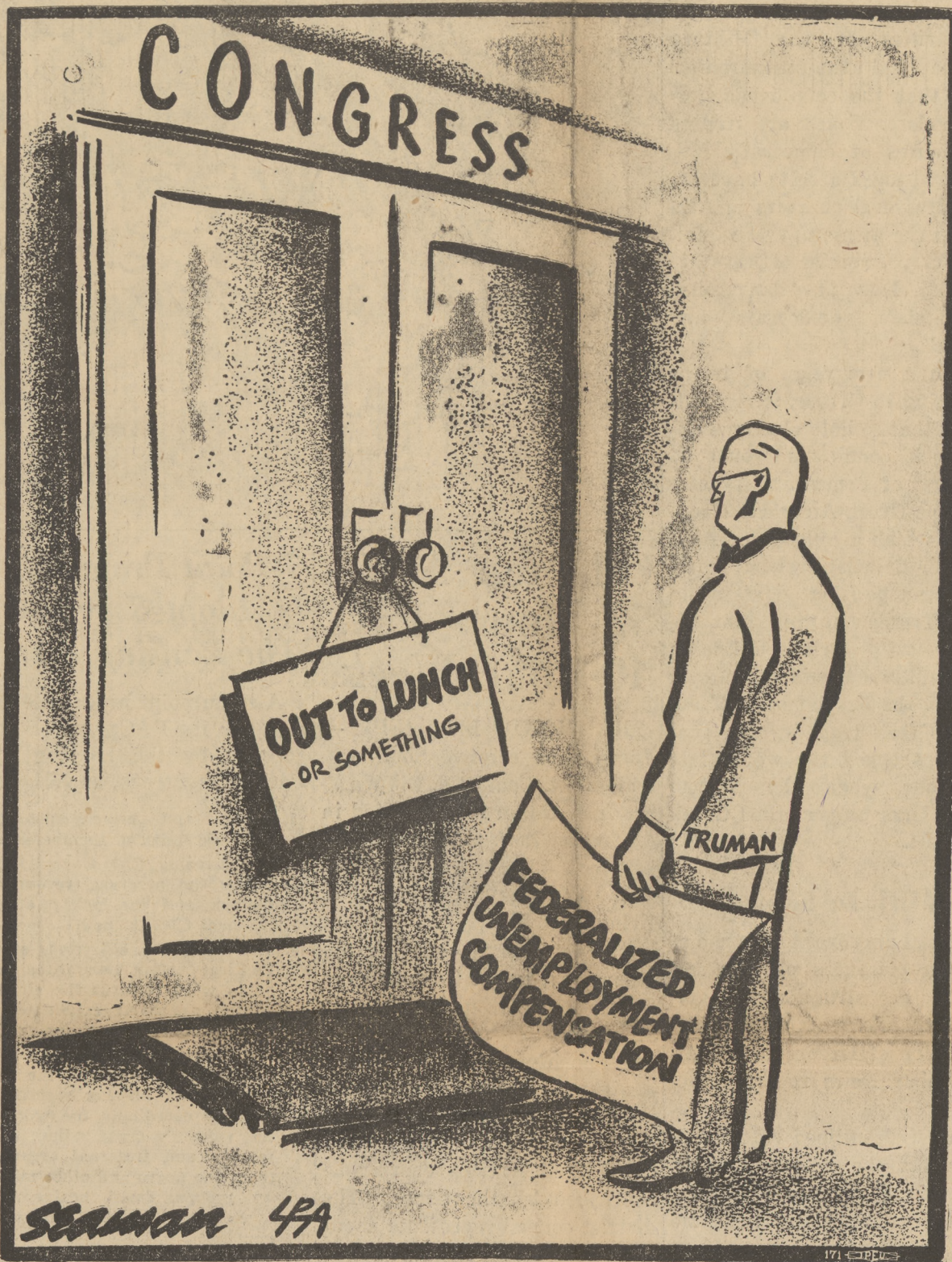
Upon receiving the urgent request of WPB, E. J. Anderson, Chairman of the State Salvage Committee of MOCSD, said:

"This is the first time the Civilian Defense volunteer salvage workers of the State and our citizens can contribute both to war purposes and their future civilian economy. I know that our citizens will also consider tin salvage to expedite reconversion as a patriotic duty, just as has been and is our obligation to save tin cans for war purposes. With tin requirements for war having priority and with the necessity for providing additional amounts of this metal in order not to delay reconversion, Michigan citizens have every reason to save all the tin cans possible."

The WPB revealed for the first time that only 30 per cent remains of the stockpile of tin that had been accumulated for a period of 18

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### "LOCK-OUT"



### Political Action Is Getting Big Results, Says Council President

By CLYDE PERKINS

The research work and the steady lobbying done by CIO members in our nation's capital is showing some very evident results.

For several years now our national representatives have produced both facts and figures to our congressional legislators in support of their claims that the

minimum wage law should be adjusted upward, that the "Little Steel Formula" is incompatible with the rise in the cost of living, that price and rent controls should be maintained.

Price controls have been extended and now a Senate Labor Committee has recommended the raising of the minimum wage to sixty-five cents per hour.

I believe that the credit for this favorable report must go to our representatives in Washington and to those International and Local Unions who have sent multitudes of resolutions and personal delegations to lawmakers in our first city regarding these problems.

Let us hope that this latest recommendation by the Senate Labor Committee will be passed upon favorably by Congress.

However, I am ready to guess that there will be tremendous pressure exerted against such a law by those who desire to profit unjustly from the labor of appropria-

ly ten million underpaid workers in America.

The point of all this is addressed to those few leaders in the CIO who oppose Political Action for one reason or another and to those workers who do not try to understand or are unwilling to make an impartial survey of the possibilities of constructive long-range political action programs by working people.

It makes real good listening to have someone tell you what wasn't done in the past, what isn't being done in the present and what won't be done in the future.

It's a lot easier to destroy than it is to build, and let me tell you that there is plenty of the desire to do the destroying, although many times such desire is covered up by throwing a long curve. Don't let those curves strike you out. Keep batting for those things you know are for the real benefit of a great majority of our own workers and

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### This Soldier Doesn't Want Rankin's Aid (?)

WASHINGTON (FP)—A recent issue of the U. S. army newspaper, Stars & Stripes, carries a letter from a soldier serving in France commenting on the proposal of Rep. John E. Rankin (D., Miss.) to give private serving abroad the rank of private first class before returning home.

The soldier, Pvt. John Hosmer, with a hospital unit, APO 562, P. M., New York, wrote the editor as follows:

"I see where Congressman John Rankin wants to give me and all other privates another stripe. Well now, I've been in the army almost three years and I'm holding my own; I came in the army as a buck private and by the Eternal, I am going to stay a buck private and go out that way. I don't want a stripe from that rabble-rouser Rankin.

"I may be the forgotten man of this war, but I'm not forgetting Rankin's didoes over the soldier vote or his countless attempts to stir up racial or religious hatred from the floor of the House.

"I am a Missouri Democrat and I am ashamed that he is of my party. I am not of very foreign extraction. My family buried several generations at Concord, Mass., before the Revolutionary war started there. I am not a negro or of the Jewish faith, so that the distinctive demagogues from the canebrakes can't, as is his normal requital, throw any dead cats at me. No, Rankin, I don't want to owe you anything. You typify all I don't like at home."

### Congress Petitioned For Annual Wages

The Lansing CIO Council in its regular monthly meeting last week passed a resolution asking Congress for a 30-hour week and an annual wage, \$25 a week minimum unemployment compensation and immediate revision of the national wage policy with pay

for the shorter week "upholding a standard of living this country can be justly proud of."

Realization of the annual wage, the resolution said, would give the fullest assurance of a peaceful and expanding economy, which would establish freedom from fear and freedom from want — the essence of Franklin D. Roosevelt's historic Economic Bill of Rights.

It emphasized that employers should recognize their responsibility and in good faith enter into collective bargaining with unions for the purpose of assuring security of employment on an annual basis.

Text of the resolution is on page 4.

### Officers Resign at Nash Local

Resignations of Paul Gardner, president, and Odell Z. Lamb, financial secretary of Nash Local 13, were submitted to a special meeting of the executive board Monday.

Upon acceptance of the resignations, Vernon "Pat" Roach, vice-president, became president and Earl "Doc" Watson was appointed acting financial secretary.

A special meeting of the local will be held Saturday to elect an elections committee and receive nominations for the office of financial secretary. Roach will serve out the rest of the year's term as president without an election to fill that office, the Labor News was told.

Gardner said he resigned principally because he had been on war leave from the Lansing Post Office and had been called back to his job there.

"I thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone at Nash, both in the plant and the union office," Gardner said in expressing regrets at leaving. "I met lots of people I would like to keep as friends from here on in."

He started on his old job there this week.

### Teaches Journalism

MONTEAGLE, Tenn. (FP)—The annual course in labor journalism at Highlander Folk School will be conducted Aug. 6-13 by Carl Haessler, managing editor of Federated Press. A veteran labor reporter and editor, Haessler will teach both union and nonunion students how to put out a labor newspaper. He will also lead informal discussion groups on current events.

### Advertising Manager Quits

Odell Z. Lamb, appointed advertising manager of the Lansing Labor News a month ago, has resigned from that position and also as a member of the paper's Board of Directors.

Named to replace him in representing Nash on the paper's Board is Earl "Doc" Watson. It was explained that Lamb's action was motivated because he planned to leave Nash local. He resigned Monday as financial secretary of the local.

The paper's advertising department will continue and anyone interested in working on selling advertising at liberal commissions should contact the editor or call at the CIO Council hall, 109 E. South St.

### Runoff Election Slated For Seattle

SEATTLE (FP) — A runoff election will be held between the incumbent James A. Taylor and E. M. Weston to determine the presidency of the Washington State Federation of Labor.

While Weston received 15,150 votes to Taylor's 13,435, he did not receive a majority of the votes cast as is required by the constitution. I. A. Sandvigen was eliminated in the race with 2,463 votes.

Taylor was under fire from a number of AFL unions for supporting Thomas E. Dewey in the last presidential election and more recently for opposing an industrial insurance bill, which was defeated despite its backing by the Joint Labor Lobby, a political action group representing AFL, CIO and railroad unions.



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## Facts About Fascism

By H. DEAN REED

I believe Fascism can be defined as a system by which the political-social-economic-religious order of a capitalistic nation is maintained by military force. It arrests and turns back the normal forward movement of civilization toward a true democracy.

The strength of Fascism rests upon, and is directly proportional to the strength of the privileged classes of the world. The Fascists unalterably oppose any change in the world order which would make the world more democratic.

Fascism originated in western Europe, but it has spread to, and taken deep root in nearly every country in the world, including the United States.

Fascists agents have even operated in Russia, but during the period of 1935 and 1940 she purged herself of them. We have to do the same thing here, if we are going to have a true democracy, a government by and for the common people of this country.

One of the main duties of the Political Action Committee is to fight fascism. This is done mainly through propaganda and education of the people.

The leading Fascist organization in the country is the National Association of Manufacturers. Second, I believe, are the great chain publishers Hearst, Howard, Patterson and McCormick, and the clerical Fascist leaders, Father Coughlin and the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, and the elements of the Christian Front and Ku Klux Klan which follow them.

In the political field we find Senator Tom Connally, the Texas poll taxer of anti-labor bill fame, Representative Rankin of Mississippi, Senator Wheeler, Senator Bilbo, D. Miss., and

Senator Taft, Representative Woodruff, Mich., and others.

Fascism will be stamped out completely if all of the progressive groups will finally merge and form a great united democratic front, dedicated to the purpose of spreading democratic ideas all over the world by education.

If this happens — and there are many good reasons for believing that it finally will happen — the world will slowly but surely be transformed into a pure political-social-economic-religious democracy in which there will be equality of opportunity for everyone and where no exploitation of human beings will be possible.

Then the human race will have the four freedoms, and heaven on earth will be a reality and not a dream.

### In Congress

## 35-Hr. Week, 75c Minimum Wage Asked

WASHINGTON (FP) — One of the new California liberals, Rep. Ellis Patterson (D., Cal.) has introduced a bill calling for amendment of the federal wage & hour law to provide a 75c minimum wage and a 35 hour week.

The bill, HR 3719, broadens the definition of "commerce" to include all employers engaged in trade, traffic, commerce, transportation or communication among the several states so as to cover thousands now barred from federal labor laws.

*Patterson's bill would prohibit child labor and bars the inclusion of tips, board, lodging or other facilities customarily furnished, in figuring wages. It calls for payment of time and a half after 35 hours unless by contract or NLRB order an agreement has been reached for employment of up to 1,000 hours in any 26 week period or 2,000 hours for 52 weeks.*

To attain the 75c minimum wage, industry committees composed of labor, industry and public members are to be set up to recommend minimum rates so that, without curtailing employment, the objective of 75c will be reached as rapidly as possible.

### Tax Relief?

WASHINGTON (FP) — Tax relief for big corporations, to the tune of some \$5½ billion annually was approved July 12 by the Senate finance committee. It had previously passed the House.

## —Labor In— ONE WORLD

By FEDERATED PRESS

### What About Greece?

Settlement of the Polish question pushes the future of Greece up to top place on the agenda of the Big Three meeting, being held in Germany. Reports from inside Greece indicate that events are rapidly reaching a crisis there, with the monarchists plotting a seizure of power to reinstall King George, favored boy of the British.

Activities of the Military League and the monarchists show that the coup is dangerously close. Police are raiding the houses of democratic citizens and mass arrests have begun in several quarters in Athens. In the army, navy and aviation corps, special officers are drafting lists of "dangerous" Communists, democrats and neutrals.

With a new reign of terror beginning in Greece, it is pointed out that to hold elections under such conditions would be mockery of democratic procedure. The Greek-American Council, to which a number of AFL and CIO unionists belong, is circulating a petition addressed to Pres. Truman urging him to prevent the development of another Greek tragedy, like that which shocked the world last December when the British turned their guns against Greek partisans.

### Work In France

Official approval to the use of German prisoners of war for French reconstruction was given by the French General Confederation of Labor (CGT), Allied Labor News reports from Paris.

The CGT outlined safeguards to protect the jobs and living standards of French workers. Employers should pay the same costs for German labor as are paid to French workers, it proposed, and the difference between the sum actually paid to German war prisoners and the normal wage should be paid into a special fund to aid French prisoners of war.

Discussing the problem further, one CGT official said: "German prisoners of war should be employed in the first place on heavy or dangerous work such as mine-clearing. It is scandalous that French workers should lose their lives daily in clearing mines while POWs, including SS men and officers, take it easy in the camps."

### Germans In Spain

Issuing a blast against the "outrageous Falangist regime" in Spain, the Russian newspaper Pravda revealed that about 5,500 industrial corporations or groups in Spain are under direct or indirect German control or have German directors or capital behind them. The newspaper also charged that Gen. Franco had conferred Spanish citizenship on at least 30,000 Germans in the past few months.

### Labor In Norway

The prime minister of the newly formed Norwegian government, Einar Gerhardsen, Labor party member, still belongs to the Roadworkers union, where he got his start in political activity. When the Nazis invaded Norway Gerhardsen was the mayor of the capital city, Oslo. He was promptly arrested by the Nazis and spent the next

## POLLUTED



## Oil Men Ask 52 Hours Pay, 40-Hour Week

HAMMOND, Ind., (FP) — Faced with reconversion problems, Dist. Council 6, Oil Workers Intl. Union (CIO), voted in conference here to ask 52 hours pay for a 40-hour week to maintain the American standard of living after V-J day.

The conference urged the international union to consider a Smith-Connally strike vote to strengthen the union's bargaining position. It came out against universal military training and the anti-labor Ball-Burton-Hatch bill and urged that the United Nations charter be confirmed by the Senate. The district council represents about 15,000 workers in cities and towns from Ohio to Illinois.

### USO Labor Canteen

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP) — More than 350,000 service men and women have dunked doughnuts, danced and made merry at the USO-labor canteen here, jointly sponsored by the AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods. The canteen celebrated its first year of operation recently.

four years in German concentration camps.

The new cabinet includes every major party, from right to left, with the Laborites holding a majority of the seats. The Labor party is reported working out a joint slate in the coming elections with the Communist party, which has two representatives in the cabinet.

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## 7-Point Program Is Adopted by The Lansing PAC

A seven point program of action for its PAC division was adopted by the Lansing CIO Council last week, as follows:

1. Revise and bring up-to-date card file index of membership.
2. The Lansing CIO Council shall follow the program, recommendations and the policy of the National CIO Council.
3. The immediate objectives of the Political Action Committee shall be to work towards the election of the approved candidates in coming elections in Lansing.
4. We shall immediately take steps to further implement the CIO program by making special efforts to coordinate the work of the women's organization, community and fraternal organizations, the negro and other minority groups, small businessmen, farmers and professional workers.
5. The full facilities of the Council and Lansing Labor News shall be utilized toward publicizing the issues involved in the coming campaign.
6. We shall supplement and coordinate establishment of a permanent ward and precinct organization and assist in the registration of all citizens in the community.
7. That a record be kept of all withdrawals of all Local Unions so that the Political Action Committee can keep in touch with all union members, past and present.

### Deny Raises

PORTLAND, Ore. (FP) — Despite a critical manpower shortage which, according to government and army officials, may prolong the war in the Pacific, west coast lumber bosses are opposing any raises in the industry's substandard wages.

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## Two Stabbed In Newspaper Strike in N. Y.

NEW YORK (FP) — In a statement implying violence would occur, the Publishers Assn. of New York announced it would break the strike of newspaper delivery men as the walk-out went into its 12th day.

Its motive, the association said, is "to lend assistance to the War Labor Board to make its decrees effective." The Newspaper & Mail Deliverers Union (unaffiliated) contends the publishers' motive is to save money and avoid signing a contract.

The publishers' warning was issued after the WLB had ordered the Union to go back to work or suffer suspension of its closed shop and any retroactive benefits. The association said it intended to "restore normal distribution" and to make "every effort" to "protect the public in this endeavor."

*It did not state what the public was to be protected from, but shortly after the statement was issued, two strikers were stabbed near the Daily News building as they questioned boys taking out bundles of papers. They were taken to hospitals for wounds in the abdomen, chest and arms.*

From closed meetings of the Publishers Assn., a report leaked out that it was obstinacy of the Daily Press, a member of the Hearst-McCormick-Patterson newspaper axis, that prevented a settlement of the strike. The association has a rule that decisions must be unanimous.

The day before the stabbings, a Daily News editorial attempted to set veterans against the strikers, and warned that "some 500,000 young New Yorkers will be home from the war before long," many of whom "have had experience at driving gasoline vehicles and many of them will be wanting jobs."

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### Hitlerism Again

## Anti-Jewish Directory Is Started in Ill.

CHICAGO (FP) — For \$12 you can buy a book that cost the publisher only 25c but is priceless in the eyes of a fascist.

It's the first issue of the Gentile Business Directory, published by Eugene R. Flitcraft "for gentiles who prefer to do business with gentiles."

The directory, a 152-page booklet printed on cheap stock at a cost of about 25c a copy, contains more than 10,000 names arranged by Illinois counties, cities and trade and professional categories. Every other page in the booklet carries this statement: "As reported to us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the retail firms listed on these pages are gentile owned."

Businessmen in Chicago also quickly disclaimed the directory. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith issued a statement pointing out that it had checked with several of the firms whose names are listed.

*"We are advised," the league said, "that not only was the listing of these firm names unauthorized, but that the firms had no knowledge whatsoever of the Gentile Business Directory." It voiced deep concern with the possible injustice done to those firms whose names are included in this directory but who do not subscribe to the purport of the statement quoted.*

Flitcraft is the organizer of the Gentile Cooperative Assn., whose charter was revoked recently by court order. He is also the publisher of a monthly tabloid, Gentile News, which usually carries articles by Gerald L. K. Smith and other native fascists. Flitcraft has promised future editions of the directory and said he planned to issue similar ones in other states.

## Streamlined Wage Cutting Is Outlined

CHICAGO (FP) — Acting on advice freely handed out by Chairman George W. Taylor of the Natl. War Labor Board, employers here are attempting to use a downgrading device to provide themselves with plenty of cheap labor.

The device is very simple. All an employer has to do is reclassify his employees downward, lay off the workers in the higher wage brackets and rehire them at the lower, minimum rate. The technique was explained by Taylor in a recent speech before the Chicago Assn. of Commerce.

"A considerable amount of downgrading and reclassification of employees is to be expected as a normal aspect of the reconversion period," Taylor blandly told the businessmen. "I emphasize that this process and similar ones mean that wages paid to the average employee for an hour's work will go down in many cases without any change in the wage rate schedules."

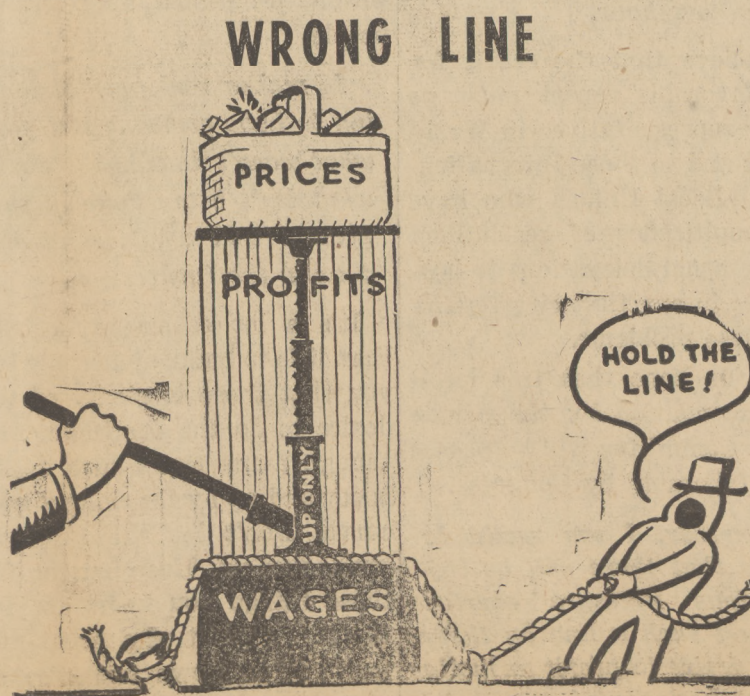
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## GOES PLACES



Monroe Sweetland, one of the organizers of the Oregon Commonwealth Federation, which enlisted the political support of practically all that state's trade union movement, has been Red Cross representative in the China-Burma-India theater for nearly two years. As secretary of the Commonwealth Federation, Sweetland, now in Okinawa, helped build that pro-labor group into a political organization that held the balance of power in Oregon for several years, and helped elect many friends of unionism to the state and national legislature. Before joining the Red Cross, Sweetland was national director of the CIO War Relief Committee. (LPA)





## A World PAC

TAMIMENT, Pa. (LPA) — The newly organized World Federation of Trade Unions, of which the CIO is the American affiliate, was characterized here last week as "an international Political Action Committee" by Louis Waldman, N. Y., labor lawyer.

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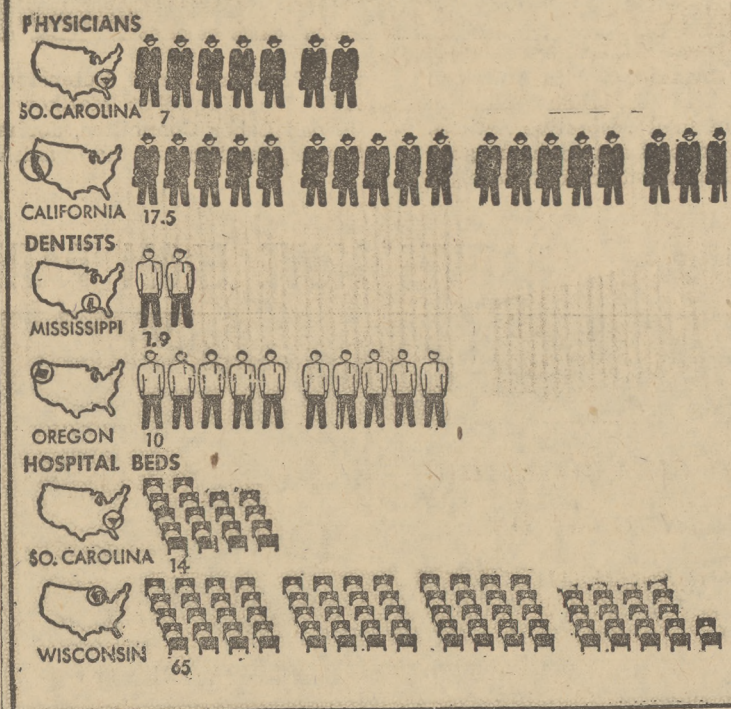
## Federal Health Program 'Nuts', Say the Medics

DENVER (FP)—Along with the American Medical Assn., state medical societies are organizing against the federal health program embodied in the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill. The strategy, as laid down at a western doctors conference here by Sec. L. Fernald Foster of the Michigan Medical Society's council, called for setting up of coordinated state plans which will nose out the federal plan.

"The program works fine in Michigan," Dr. Foster told the delegates, "but unless there is a coalition of medical societies in all states, we can't stymie the boys in Washington."

"I can describe this proposed federal legislation in one sentence. It's nuts, period. The proponents of socialized medicine argue that lots of people don't receive adequate medical care, but the number has been greatly exaggerated. Many persons do not want medical care for one reason or another."

### PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS AND HOSPITAL BEDS PER 10,000 PEOPLE



Expressing fear that the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill would lead toward a socialist government, Dr. E. F. Sladek said: "We are not so much against socialized medicine as against political or federalized medicine."

The conference concluded with a resolution for a meeting of presidents of state medical societies to formulate further plans to combat federal medical care. Another resolution called upon each state to file the name of its medical society president with the Michigan Society, which will provide a master list to all the states.

Sponsoring the conference were the California Medical Assn. and the Colorado Medical Society. At the end of the meeting the Colorado society announced it would set up a plan similar to those existing in California and Michigan.

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## Plant Police Back Pay Is Finally Won

SAN PEDRO, Calif. (FP) — Back pay amounting to \$250,000 has been assured approximately 450 members of Plant Protection Local 1155 (AFL), working at Consolidated Steel and Western Pipe shipyards, Local Business Mgr. Ray Doran said.

Doran stated the union is starting legal action to collect \$150,000 in back pay for members working at the Calship yards. Shipyard workers at all three yards are members of the AFL Metal Trades Council.

## Award Extra Meat Points For Miners

Coal miners in the San Francisco and Denver regions are getting extra meat, fat and sugar rations under an OPA test plan. The plan, which exempts those served by on-the-job eating places, is based on a special study which showed that the heavy, muscular work done by miners calls for an unusually high intake of calories. If the plan works out in the test area, it will be extended nationally to cover all coal and ore mining regions.

Already getting extra rations under earlier OPA actions are loggers, deep sea fisherman, seamen on inland waterways, miners and some heavy construction workers who are fed by their employers under conditions of isolation.

## Political Action

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the community in which you live.

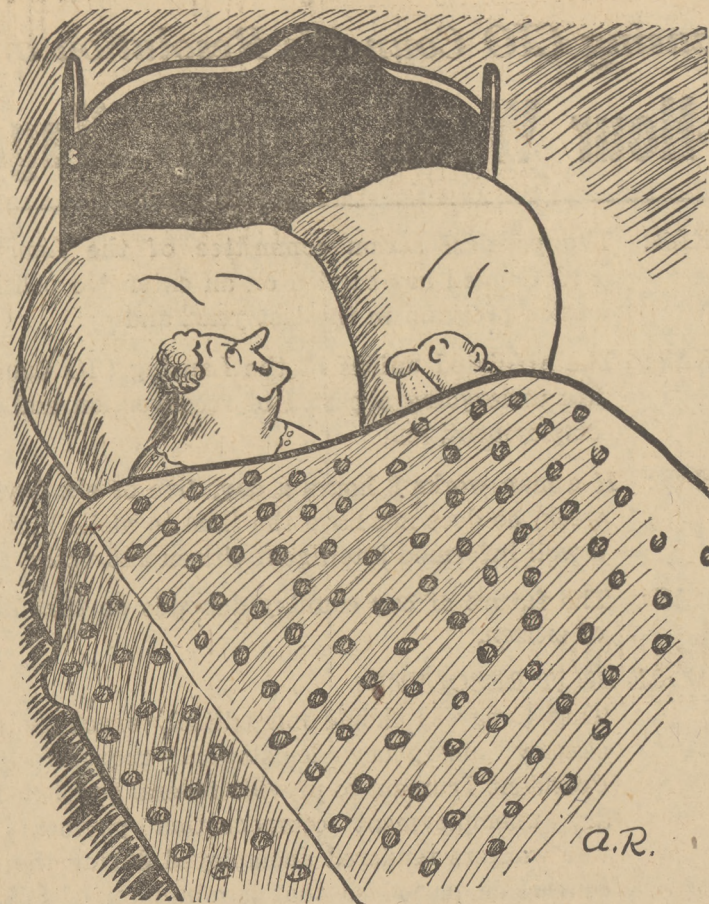
*It will cost each and every one of us a little more time, money, participation and understanding to continue to build for the future, but the ultimate end certainly justifies the means.*

Your sons and daughters, and future friends and neighbors will no doubt be the beneficiaries of the constructive foundations you help to lay in the present.

## Off to Paris

WASHINGTON (FP) — Full participation of the CIO in the September meeting of the World Trade Union Federation in Paris was vote din a resolution adopted by the executive board here July 13.

## Night Thoughts



"I was wondering, dear, when the board of directors votes you that increase, will it have to go through WLB?"

## Elliott Roosevelt Anti-Labor Record Is Recalled Again

DETROIT (FP)—The strike-breaking record of Elliott Roosevelt is recalled by the CIO Council, organ of the Detroit CIO Council, which says:

"There is no need for the CIO to dig into the dirt in which Elliott Roosevelt sprawled when he got the unsavory \$200,000 'loan' from the head of the A & P chain, paying back only \$4000. The CIO knew Elliott as a bad egg at the time of the 1939 Chrysler strike, when the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, the Rev. J. Frank Norris and Father Coughlin led wouldbe strikebreakers in a futile attempt to break the solidarity of the UAW. Joining those anti-unionists was young Elliott. The United Auto Worker of Dec. 6, 1939, described the situation as follows:

*"An elaborate attempt at strikebreaking by the AFL, outlined over the radio by a repudiated former international officer, assisted by a notorious radio priest, a Louisiana swamp rat, the Detroit dailies and, curiously enough, by a former Hearst employe who is a son of Pres. Roosevelt, fizzled ingloriously."*

*"Speaking over the air sponsored by the scab Emerson Radio makers, Elliott Roosevelt attacked . . . the UAW-CIO position in the Chrysler strike. He was advertised as main speaker in the Detroit church of a 2-gun evangelist Nov. 28 but was mysteriously yanked off the program."*

*"Gossip said that Pres. Roosevelt called up the boy, who was in Chicago, spanked him soundly over the long distance wire and sent him crying back home at Ft. Worth, Tex., where he sobbed over the rack that evening about racketeering in the AFL."*

## Tin Shortage

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months previous to Pearl Harbor.

Swanson also indicated that the tin crisis will continue for some time even if the Japs surrender this year. If the war ends in 1945, he said, imports from territory now controlled by the Japanese and which formerly yielded 90 per cent of our tin supply, will be only 6,000 tons by the spring of 1947, and only 13,000 tons the following year.

## Steel Company Stalls Trial

WHEELING, W. Va. (FP) — The Weirton Steel Co. won a 1-month delay in its trial on charges of using WPB priority materials to outfit its swanky country club.

In the absence of objection from the U. S. district attorney prosecuting the case, Judge William E. Baker granted the company's request for a postponement of the hearing until July 26.

Earlier the company entered a plea of not guilty to a 25-count indictment charging violation of Interstate Commerce Commission regulations in the hauling of copper and brass for shell casing between its Weirton plant and Youngstown, O.

The indictment returned on the WPB complaint accused the company of getting WPB priorities for an air-conditioning unit and other materials for its hospital and then diverting them to the Williams Country Club, which is company-owned, for the use of officials and visitors.

## Against Licenses

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Any attempt to require a license fee for union organizers is "as odiously restrictive as to forbid a religious congregation to seek new members," according to the Washington Post in a recent editorial. The paper assailed a move by the city of Alexandria, just across the Potomac from the nation's capital, to prohibit union organizing in the city without a permit. The city fathers forgot about the action of the U. S. Supreme Court in declaring unconstitutional a similar law adopted in Texas.

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## Unionists in Gov.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., (FP) — Both the AFL and CIO are now represented in the Illinois Dept. of Labor.

Pres. John Henneberger of Local 1009, United Steelworkers (CIO), has been named assistant director of labor by Gov. Dwight Green (R). He is the first CIO member to hold a major state post and fills a vacancy created when Robert L. Gordon, a member of Bro. of Painters (AFL), was upped from the post of assistant director to director. The department was formerly headed by Francis B. Murphy, political coal merchant, whose appointment was bitterly opposed by the state AFL and CIO on the ground that he was not a member of organized labor.

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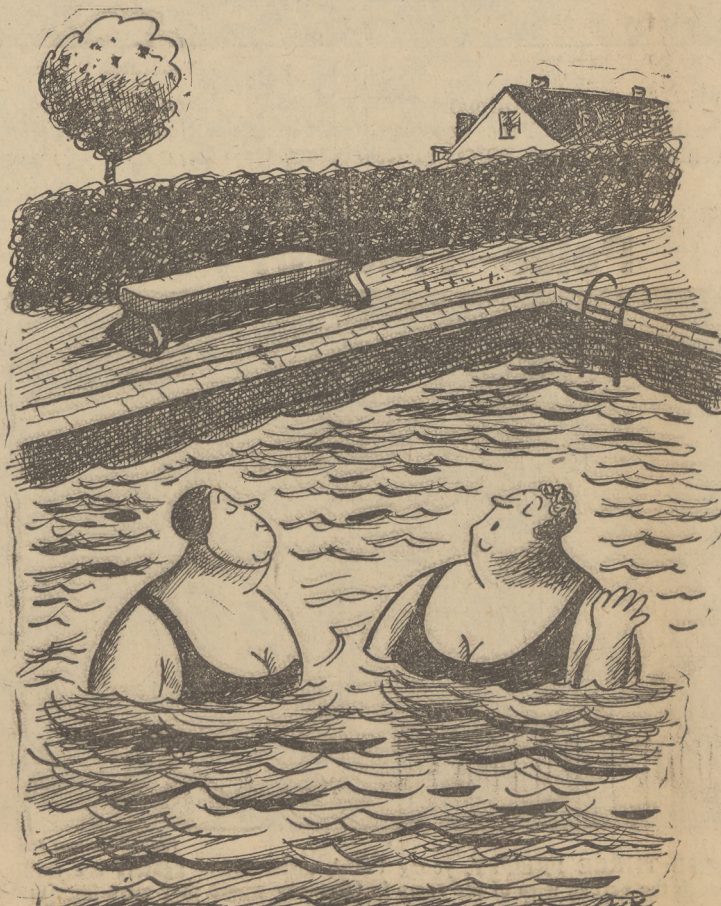
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## RECONVERSION



"I told Bert as soon as he shuts down the plant, we'll have plenty of servants."



## Substitute For Meat Outlined

WASHINGTON (FP) — Even though you can't get that sirloin steak, the children's bureau of the Dept. of Labor said July 3, "everything that meat has that children need in their diet is available in other foods that are more plentiful."

Nutritionists of the bureau said the protein in liver sausage, hot dogs, tongue, and canned luncheon meat, "compares favorably with that found in prime rib roasts."

On top of that, they found a quart of milk a day supplies all the protein children up to 1 year  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the needs for ages 1-3, and at least half of the needs for those up to age 13.

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## Text of Lansing CIO Council's Resolution on 30-Hour Week, Annual Wage

WHEREAS: The political action committee of the Lansing CIO Council has carried on an extensive political action program in the last year, and

WHEREAS: The affiliated unions of the Lansing CIO Council are undergoing a period of reconversion and unemployment, and

WHEREAS: If a man works 8 hours a day, five or six days a week, he does not have the time to make himself a well informed intelligent citizen and voter, and

WHEREAS: The future of our country depends on that kind of citizen.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Congress should immediately enact the necessary emergency legislation, requested by President Truman, to provide federal supplementary unemployment compensation payments to war workers rendered unemployed during the reconversion period so that a minimum of \$25.00 per week for 26 weeks be provided; and that the President should immediately revise the national wage policy and confer the necessary authority upon the National War Labor Board to make such wage adjustments as may be necessary and which will not substantially affect the cost of living, and that security of employment on an annual basis is a burning aspiration of wage earners; and at the same time, its attainment would be the fullest assurance of a peaceful and expanding economy; and that no more important issue is before the American people today because the successful achievement of this objective would effectively establish Freedom from Fear and Freedom from Want—the essence of Franklin D. Roosevelt's historic Economic Bill of Rights. Employers should therefore recognize their responsibility to their employees and to the nation and in good faith enter into collective bargaining with the unions representing such employees for the purpose of assuring security of employment on an annual basis.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a program on an annual wage be worked out on a 30 hour work week basis, with pay upholding a standard of living which this country can be justly proud of, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That copies of this resolution be sent to President Truman, Representative William W. Blackney, Senator Homer Ferguson, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, War Mobilization Director, Economic Stabilization Director Davis and the Public members of the National War Labor Board.

## Unions Help Southerners, Says Booklet

Organized labor is a vital force working constantly for betterment of the average Southerner and his family, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare declared this week.

In a pamphlet, "For Your Children, Too," published recently, the Conference asserted that much of the long-range security and welfare of Southern workers depends on the strength of organized labor below the Mason-Dixon line.

"Tomorrow's world — the world of our children — will depend in large measure on our protection of the rights of labor organizations and on our cooperation with these organizations in pursuit of our common goals," the pamphlet states. It concludes, "If you are a worker, join a union. They work for you and your children, too!"

The Southern Conference is composed of business, labor, farm, civic, church and professional leaders who seek to mobilize the resources of the south for greater benefit to that region and to the nation.

It is actively working for the abolition of the poll tax, for abolition of the freight rate discriminations against Southern industry, for the protection of the rights of labor and racial and religious minorities, for the extension of Federal aid to

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auto industry are 80% below what they were in peacetime, Romney is crying aloud for relief from the irresponsible unions in the industry.

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Romney has been throwing his weight around so much that there is a well-authenticated report here that at a meeting of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers this spring, some of the NAM board members got so tired of him they asked him to leave. Romney is not a member of the board, but had a habit of sitting in.

\* \* \*

This Romney has a co-workers Pres. C. E. Wilson of General Motors and Vice Pres. H. L. Weckler of Chrysler. Other auto-manufacturers are with him in name and spirit, but some are less than enthusiastic about his activities. Among these is Pres. Paul Hoffman of Studebaker, who is working hard to salvage something from the plan to implement the Labor-Management Charter signed by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the AFL and CIO.

farmers, and for better medical and educational facilities for the south.

The alignment of this liberal southern group with organized labor marks a long step forward towards the strengthening of organized labor in the south.

## Photo Flashes of the News

### Breaking International Bread



Leaders of Spanish and French union movements met with American labor leaders recently in New York. Much of their discussion dealt with eliminating racial prejudice of every kind in their respective nations. "We will cleanse France of anti-semitism," pledged Leon Jouhaux, general secretary of the French Trade Union Confederation. Left to right

are: President David Dubinsky, Int'l Ladies Garment Workers, AFL; AFL Vice President Matthew Woll; Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, Jouhaux L. Grand, Jouhaux's translator; B. Tomas, President of the Spanish Trade Union Federation. (LPA)

### Rankled Rankin



—Federated Pictures

Veteran Reuben Schafer went from New York to Washington on his own to tell the House veterans committee that Rep. John E. Rankin's veterans' open shop bill is a phony. Rankin (D., Miss.) was too busy to talk to Schafer, called a cop, told him: "Take this man away—he's insane." An AFL member, Schafer here calls up a fellow ex-service man to tell him what a great friend of veterans Rankin is.

### NATIVES MOVE FROM PATH OF WAR



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A GI helps women of the Ryukyu Islands evacuate a village in the range of fighting.

### GLAD TO BE THERE



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Chairman Sidney Hillman of CIO Political Action Committee, left, is greeted by NNU Pres. Joseph Curran at 5th national convention of Natl. Maritime Union (CIO) in New York.

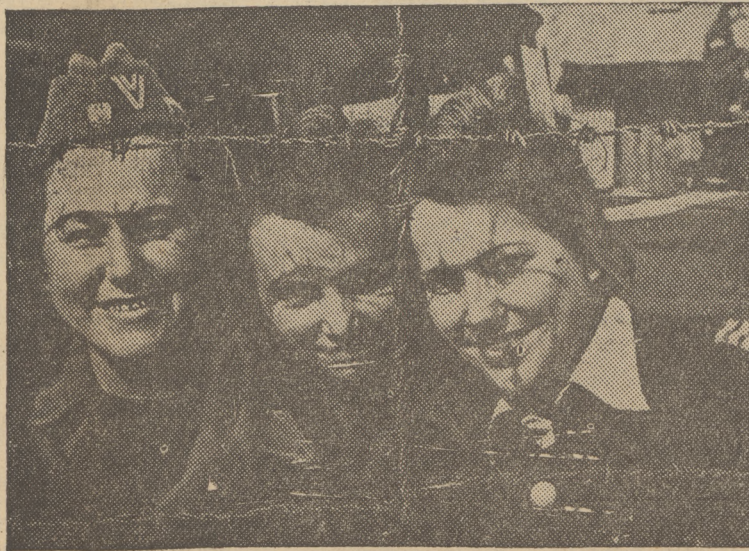
### THE RIGHT PLACE



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After looking over the literature rack in Oil Workers Intl. Union (CIO) headquarters in Richmond, Calif., veteran Fred Miller decided he was at the right place. So here he fills out an application for union membership while Mary Gillis looks on. No initiation fees, of course, for ex-service men.

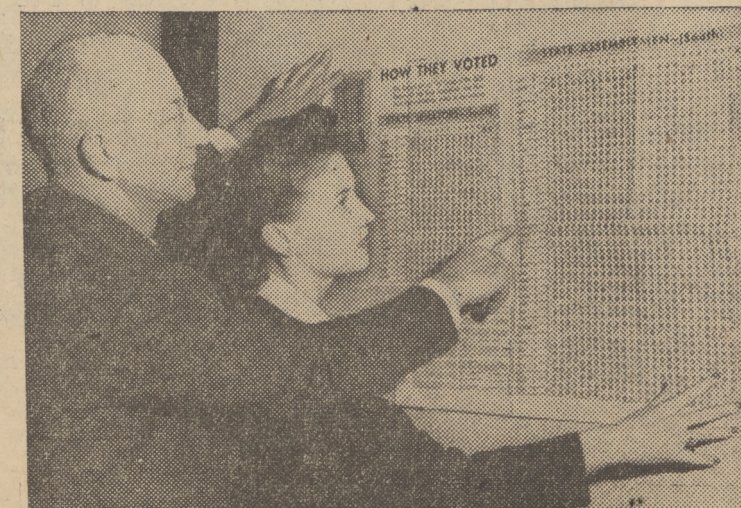
### Poles—Freed by Poles



(United Nations Photo)

THESE THREE PRETTY, young Polish underground fighters are smiling through the barbed wire of the camp in Germany where they were imprisoned for their part in the Warsaw uprising of 1944. They were liberated by Polish troops, who gave them not only freedom but clothes. Girls are wearing uniforms of Polish sergeants, with the Polish eagle insignia. In the underground, their only uniform was their courage.

### KEEPING TAB ON 'EM



—Federated Pictures

Exec. Sec. George Woolley of the political action committee, Local 9, Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers (CIO), checks state legislators' voting records with Marcelle Gray of Los Angeles CIO Council on a big chart put out by the council.