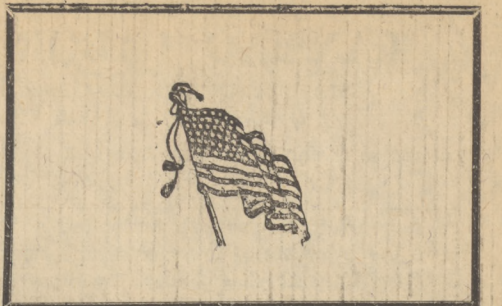
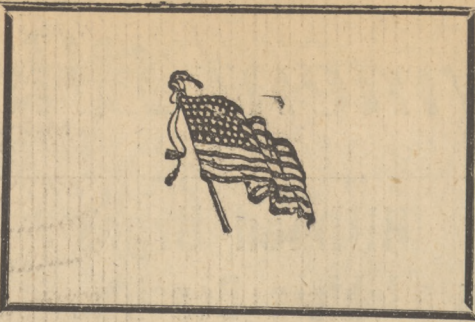




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Big Parade, Speakers, Ball Game, Dances Monday

10th Birthday Of UAW-CIO Was Aug. 25

DETROIT (FP) — The lusty United Auto Workers (CIO), mightiest union in the western hemisphere, observed Aug. 25 the tenth anniversary of its chartering by the AFL, from which it dates its existence as the industrial union of the auto industry. In Detroit and elsewhere the anniversary banquets were held in the midst of terrific layoffs following the United Nations victory over Japan earlier in the month.

Since Aug. 13 over 160,000 UAW members have been laid off in the Detroit area alone and counting only plants where the UAW holds contracts. The number laid off since VE-day last May is 260,000, according to Director James Wishart of the UAW research department.

General Eisenhower, Others Wire Greetings

Almost 400 attended the Detroit observance which was showered with telegraphic greetings from Gen. Eisenhower, War Sec. Patterson, Commerce Sec. Wallace, WLB Chairman Taylor, Senators Wagner, LaFollette, Pepper, Kilgore and Mead, and other notables.

UAW-CIO Nearly Tripled Workers Annual Incomes

The political note was struck by Pres. R. J. Thomas who suggested the feasibility of a third party in case neither the Democratic nor the Republican party meet the needs of the workers in the reconversion and post-war period. Thomas also suggested support for a liberal Republican who might be found to run against reactionary Sen. Vandenberg, who must face re-

LABOR DAY RESOLUTION

Against Mass Unemployment And Less Pay, the CIO Fights



Don't Let the Boys Down!

And don't let America down. Let's start making those jobs and making them fast. The Lansing Labor News believes that the miracle of gigantic production for war can easily be surpassed by a greater production for peace, at higher wages than ever before and bigger profits than industry made before the war. The CIO will fight for that program and for the better America that it will bring.

election struggles in 1946.

UAW members inclined to pessimism because of the mass

layoffs were cheered to hear that the union in 10 years raised its membership to 10 million. See 10th BIRTHDAY, Page 2

Says Nadar

Show' Em That Labor Is United

Workers and their families are urged to attend the big Labor Day festivities in Lansing and help to make it America's biggest day for labor—one that "will service notice on our home front enemies that labor, millions strong, stands united and ready for cooperation to assure justice or to fight with all its resources for it, if necessary."

Intl. Rep. George Nadar in issuing that statement to the Labor News pointed out that in paying tribute upon this day to those gallant men and women who worked, sacrificed and even died while fighting for labor's rights we must not forget our responsibility for carrying on their work.

"They had faith that their fellow workers would finish the job — which is still unfinished — which will permanently assure a fair deal for American workers," he said.

Federal Facts About Strikes

Despite all the scary black headlines about workers sabotaging the war effort with strikes, U. S. Dept. of Labor statistics show that time lost due to strikes for the year 1944 was only nine-hundredths of one percent of the available working time.

Except for 1942 this is the smallest figure since 1930.

LABOR DAY EDITORIAL

Organized Workers Learn History's Greatest Lesson

BY THE EDITOR

Labor Day in 1945 is an unusually significant marker in the dramatic history of organized labor's generations of achievements in working for higher standards of living and building a better world.

A World Plot Against Labor

Though labor has faced many enemies, no menace was ever greater than that of fascism, which for the past ten years and more has openly destroyed unions with firing squads and concentration camps in many parts of the world, A POLICY WHICH FINALLY DEVELOPED INTO A WORLD WAR AND AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY DEMOCRACY NOT ONLY IN LABOR, BUT IN GOVERNMENTS. Only history will show how nearly they succeeded.

Organized labor, which long had seen the inevitable catastrophe coming, plunged into the fight with everything it had — men for the armed services, money for bonds and war activities, long weeks of work day and night, and even its own blood.

Patriotism of the Workers

CIO auto workers and their locals bought a half billion dollars in bonds yearly and contributed 400,000 pints of blood, donated \$10,000,000 to the Red Cross and other war relief and gave some 300,000 members to the armed forces — which was about a quarter of its peak membership.

These figures, furnished by Director Jack Zeller of the UAW education department, clearly establish the patriotism of labor in the world war against fascism. DURING THIS PERIOD A SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF TIME WAS LOST

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Lansing Labor Day Program

1:00 p. m.—Parade from Capitol out East Michigan to the Armory.

2 to 5 p. m.—Contests and ball games. Winner of ball games to get CIO trophy for the year.

5 to 7 p. m.—Entertainment and dancing (park plan) at the Armory.

7 to 9 p. m.—Speakers, Labor Day Queen selection, and some of prize drawings.

9 p. m. to 1 a. m.—Drawings for prizes, dancing (tickets 75c per couple with stub on your Labor Day Festival ticket, or \$1.25 without).

Armory Is Scene of Celebration

With thousands out of work in Lansing war plants, organized labor is going to stage its biggest celebration in the city's history next Monday on Labor Day to emphasize the need for speedy reconversion, said Clyde Perkins, president of the Lansing CIO Council.

A big parade will start at the Capitol at 1 o'clock and march out East Michigan to the Lansing armory on Marshall street, where a ball game, contests, dances, nationally prominent speakers and selection of a Labor Day Queen will fill the afternoon and evening.

FRANK HOOK, REUTHER, SCHOLLE TO TALK

The talks, all short, and on vital current labor problems, will be in the armory starting at 7 p.m.

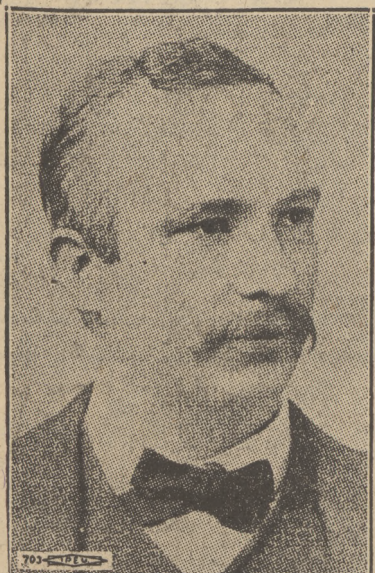
Rep. Frank Hook, congressman from Iron Mountain, will be one of the speakers. It was his left hook that upset some of the rank in Congressman Rankin, Mississippi reactionary who challenged Hook physically on the floor of the house when the latter was speaking for a bill labor wanted. Hook didn't scare and soon demonstrated that he could defend labor's rights with his fists, too, if that were needed.

Walter Reuther, vice-president of the UAW-CIO, and director of the union's GM division, Wednesday promised to be on hand. It was Reuther who recently launched the campaign for a 30% increase in rates for General Motors workers.

See BIG PARADE, Page 3

The Man Who Founded Labor Day — And Some Labor Highlights of the Past Year

Labor Day Founder



Peter J. McGuire, founder of United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, and later vice president of Labor Day. In 1882 he proposed setting aside "one festival day in the year for public tribute" to the genius of the American worker. On June 28, 1894, Labor Day became a national holiday by act of Congress.

Political Action



Labor won a great victory with the reelection of the late Pres. Roosevelt—and proved its political strength. It was the hard campaigning of organized labor groups, together with other progressive forces, that returned the Roosevelt administration to office and defeated reaction.

Labor Conference



While Allied armies fought together on the battlefields, representatives of 30 Allied unions met in London in February 1945 to form an organization for active world labor cooperation in war and peace. Here Chairman Sommerville-Hastings of London County Council welcomes delegates at opening of World Trade Union Conference.

Victory



V-E Day found workers jubilant over defeat of Nazism and eager to continue the battle of production necessary to defeat Japan. It also intensified need for reconversion planning which was to become acute with Japanese fall.

San Francisco



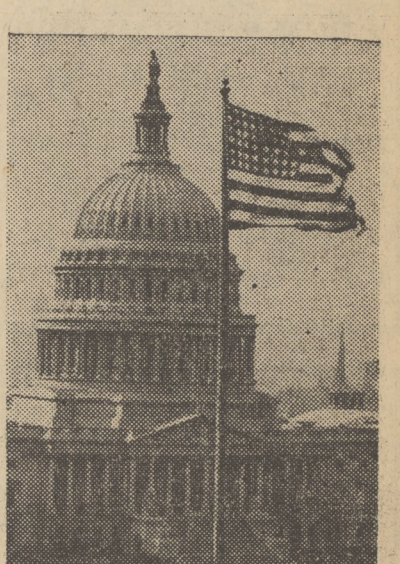
Labor took deep interest in United Nations conference at San Francisco. Adoption of a plan for world peace and prosperity, necessary to the security of all workers, was climaxed when Edward R. Stettinius signed United Nations Charter for the U. S.

Reconversion



End of European war meant layoffs to thousands of workers, shrunk pay envelopes to countless others. In huge rallies like this by United Auto Workers (CIO) in Detroit, workers demanded smashing of Little Steel formula, reconversion action from Congress.

Politics



Labor's constant pressure for action on reconversion problems brought only talk from Congress — and a 3-month adjournment despite warnings of AFL and CIO. Now, with war's end, the nation faces unemployment of eight to 10 million. Congress must act immediately when it reconvenes on Sept. 4 to meet labor's demands for jobs for all.

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Living Memorial To Roosevelt Is Financed by CIO

WASHINGTON (FP) — As a means of demonstrating its appreciation for his achievements, the national CIO has voted to sponsor a "living memorial" to Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt in the form of a completely equipped children's wing of the new Georgetown hospital here.

Writing to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Murray said "I am sure that you will be interested in learning that the CIO is sponsoring a living memorial to

your late husband. The executive officers and vice presidents of the CIO on Aug. 16 authorized the administrative officers of the CIO to appropriate the sum of \$55,000 for the establishment of this memorial. It will comprise the entire fifth floor west in the new Georgetown hospital, a strictly non-sectarian institution."

The hospital is operated by sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis and is connected with Georgetown University, a Jesuit institution, but will admit patients of all faiths.

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Outline of S.380—the Full Employment Bill

Hearings Are Being Held On It Now

WASHINGTON (FP)—The Murray-Wagner full employment bill (S 380) was introduced in the Senate Jan. 22, 1945 and is pending before the banking and currency committee of that body.

Stating that it is U. S. policy to "foster free competitive enterprise and the investment of private capital in trade and commerce and the development of the natural resources of the U. S.," the bill declares:

"All Americans able to work have the right to useful, remunerative, regular and full-time employment, and it is the policy of the U. S. to assure the existence at all times of sufficient employment opportunities to enable all Americans who have finished their schooling and who do not have full-time housekeeping responsibilities freely to exercise this right."

After setting out a number of goals, such as raising the standard of living, protecting the home and family, helping returning veterans, etc., the bill next states it "is the furth-

er responsibility of the Federal government to provide such volume of Federal investment and expenditure as may be needed to assure continuing full employment" with this investment to "stimulate increased employment opportunities by private enterprise."

Annual Labor Budget Report Provided

Under the terms of the bill, which is actually an enabling act and not a set of specific rules of action, the President is instructed to deliver to Congress each January the national production and employment budget setting out in summary and detail:

The size of the labor force for the coming fiscal year; estimated volume of expenditure and investment needed to produce a gross national product to provide for full employment for the labor force. He would also estimate the amount by which he believes the volume of production will fall short of providing full employment and call for increased non-Federal outlays and if these are believed to be insufficient he shall call for a federal public works program performed by private concerns to make up the difference.

LaGuardia For Annual Wage



—Federated Pictures

"I believe in an annual wage for merchant seamen and all American workers," declared Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York City as he signed a petition urging the War Labor Board to grant seamen's 55c minimum wage demand. Shown with him is a delegation representing three CIO maritime unions and one unaffiliated union.

Hillman Urges Jobless Benefits



Expansion of unemployment insurance is Congress' most urgent job, warned Chairman Sidney Hillman of CIO Political Action Committee in New York as PAC opened a campaign to speed legislation for protection of workers during reconversion crisis.

Banker Tells What Makes Big Bankers

WASHINGTON (FP) — It took Pres. F. R. Von Windeger of the Plaza Bank of St. Louis, to give the Senate banking and currency committee its first belly laugh since the public

hearings began on the full employment bill.

Von Windeger testified in favor of the bill and of its purposes. Commenting on the opposition of the powerful Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, he said:

"Sometimes I think the prime qualification for the head of a big bank is a constitutional inability to grasp a new idea."

10th Birthday

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ed the average annual income per auto worker from \$1,074 to \$3,000 (swollen by war overtime), according to Director Jack Zeller of the UAW education department.

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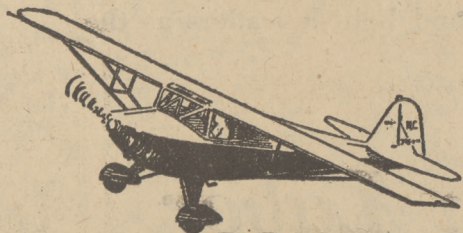
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Labor's Reward (?) for Cooperating

Union labor's reward for this astounding patriotic cooperation in the war has been:

1—Constant persecution from newspapers and other sources because the no-strike record lacked about one-tenth of one percent of being perfect.

2—Failure of the government to keep its pledge to hold the line on living costs.

3—Failure of the government to prepare for immediate reconversion relief for the millions of unemployed workers, though industry was amply provided for.

The Payoff in Detroit

The city government of Detroit has its own unique reward for the patriotic achievement of its workers in the war effort. Word has been passed out that the city will furnish no relief to the unemployed until after they have used up all their war bonds, cleaned out their savings accounts and cashed all investments.

BUT THE BIGGEST BATTLE IN HISTORY HAS BEEN WON AND OPENLY ORGANIZED WORLD FASCISM DESTROYED.

Next comes the battle against anti-labor reactionary forces in the democracies themselves, where labor has already scored one big victory in a British election which stirred liberals throughout the world.

Here at home labor thrilled to the huge majority rolled up in the Detroit primary by Richard Frankensteen, candidate for mayor of a city which certainly needs a change in administration.

After More Jobs, Higher Wages

Meanwhile, on the industrial front, the CIO is waging a great economic battle for more jobs and higher wages with which to insure our standard of living for American workers and returning veterans.

And that battle, too, will be won — for with increased production possible with the new automatic machinery industry can pay substantially higher wages without losing one penny of pre-war profits.

This Labor Day of 1945 is particularly significant to workers. With history's greatest war won and the political administration of the largest empire defeated, organized labor now knows for the first time in history, and knows for certain, that no fight is too big for labor to win as long as workers stay organized and work together.

Organized labor can now with a mature new confidence plan ahead for its increasingly important part in building a better world — in our time.

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Double Time Starts Again For Builders

DETROIT (FP) — The pre-war overtime rule of the Detroit Bldg. Trades Council (AFL) by which all overtime was paid at double rates is in effect again beginning the week ended Aug. 25.

Overtime was reduced to time and a half during the war, starting with government work. For a time after the time and a half was ordered some locals did not countenance overtime work but all finally fell in line. After VJ-day refusal to work overtime at less than double-time was again used as a successful lever to restore the higher rate on all jobs.

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BIG PARADE

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Another prominent speaker will be August Scholle, 6th regional director of the CIO-PAC, who will have something to say about the union's political campaign for jobs and more pay.

MANY UNUSUAL FLOATS IN PARADE

Prominent in the parade will be the floats created by the different locals, and rumors have it some very unusual ones are being built behind closed doors. Watch for the startling entry from Nash Local 13.

Perkins said he is endeavoring to obtain the Flint CIO band for part of the parade's music because of the big hit that organization made with the crowd at the "Little Steel" rally.

ALL-STAR BASEBALL GAME AT 2:30

A hot baseball game is scheduled for the hardball diamond at Marshall Field, just across Saginaw from the Armory. The game will start at 2:30 and will be played by two teams of local all-stars.

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