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**Labor's Staunch Fighter for Fair Deal**



Washington.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin is going to spend a lot of time like this in the coming months. He is shown telling a congressional committee why unemployment compensation benefits should be liberalized and extended to cover more workers. As President Truman's staunch cabinet supporter for a fair deal for workers, Secretary Tobin will be before other congressional committees for adequate appropriations for his department, repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, liberalizing social security and other welfare measures for all the people.

**Urges Congress To Enact Housing, Security, Labor Bills**

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"These gains cannot be achieved unless our business men maintain their spirit of initiative and enterprise and operate in a competitive economy. They cannot be achieved unless our working men and women and their unions help to increase productivity and obtain for labor a fair share of the benefits of our economic system."  
"They cannot be achieved unless we have a stable and prosperous agriculture."  
Mr. Truman then took up his recommendations to Congress in detail. He said in part:  
"In the case of labor, free collective bargaining must be protected and encouraged. Collective bargaining is not only a fundamental economic freedom for labor. It is also a strengthening and stabilizing influence for our whole economy."  
"The federal statute now governing labor relation is punitive in purpose and one-sided in operation. This statute is, and always has been, inconsistent with the practice of true and effective collective bargaining. It should be repealed and replaced by a law that is fair to all and in harmony with our democratic ideals."  
"A full understanding of the

problems of modern labor relations is of such importance that I recommend the establishment of a Labor Extension Service to encourage educational activities in this field."  
Mr. Truman called for expanded social security; housing to relieve "an acute shortage for the lower and middle-income groups especially in large metropolitan areas;" rent control; increased coverage and benefits of unemployment compensation; a federal system of medical insurance; strengthening the educational system by providing federal assistance to local schools.  
He urged "changes in our tax system which will reduce present inequities, stimulate business activity, and yield a moderate amount of additional revenue."  
Mr. Truman said he would submit specific recommendations later.

**ASKS 20 CENTS RAISE.**

Pittsburgh.—The AFL Amalgamated Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees Division 85 has demanded a 20-cents-an-hour wage increase for 3,800 employees of the Pittsburgh Railways and Motor Coach. Bus and trolley operators now receive \$1.55 an hour, laborers and others \$1.21 an hour up.

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**Gompers Solicitation Unauthorized By AFL**

Washington.—The AFL has not authorized any solicitations for contributions or advertising for any Samuel Gompers' memorial book or any other promotional scheme in connection with next year's Gompers' Centennial.  
Pennsylvania Federation of Labor officials reported that "some bird" had sounded out possible contributors in that state on a "Gompers Memorial Book, project."  
International unions, state federations and other affiliated bodies are urged to be on guard against any and all attempts to use the good name of the American Federation of Labor for unauthorized money-raising schemes.

**SET CONVENTION DATE**  
Washington. — The executive committee of the AFL National Federation of Insurance Agents' Council selected Washington for its annual convention during the week of May 15 1950.

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