

NO COMMENT

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Washington—Many members of Congress were astounded at the statement by Secretary of Labor Mitchell that the Eisenhower Administration is opposed to enactment of a federal law prohibiting compulsory union membership.

It had been the understanding among informed members of Congress that the Administration was planning to follow a policy of neutrality on this issue and not to influence Congress one way or another.

The consensus in Washington was that Secretary Mitchell was trying, on his own initiative, to put the Administration on record in opposition to a national right-to-work law which would prohibit compulsory unionism.

Once before—in 1954—Mr. Mitchell created a sensation by assailing state right-to-work laws—and was promptly rebuffed by the White House. He asserted that state right-to-work laws (18 states now have such laws) do more harm than good. President Eisenhower quickly let it be known that the Secretary of Labor was speaking for himself and not for the White House.

Since then, at every opportunity, Mr. Mitchell has continued to condemn state right-to-work laws—despite the firm conviction of many leading fellow-Republicans that it is un-American to require union membership as a condition of employment.

These Republicans—along with many Democrats—point out that a number of years ago union leaders bitterly fought the so-called "yellow dog" contracts, under which workmen were required to pledge themselves not to join a union.

Equally as objectionable, it is contended, is the "union shop" requirement that workmen must join a union regardless of their personal wishes.

Secretary Mitchell made another significant statement during the recent press conference at which he said the Administration—and he personally—opposes a federal right-to-work law.

In addition, he put himself on record publicly in opposition to making unions—like business—subject to the antitrust laws in order to curb their monopolistic power.

This question has been under discussion for a long time by the Justice, Commerce and Labor Departments in an effort to arrive at an Administration position.

Since he has now "jumped the gun" on the other government departments by publicizing his personal views, it is generally assumed that Mr. Mitchell from now on will campaign publicly in behalf of the union bosses on this issue also.

Obviously, there would be some embarrassment to the Administration if the Attorney General and Secretary of Commerce should publicly line up in opposition to the Secretary of Labor—and proclaim their views at every opportunity.

Just what labor legislation will be recommended to the next session of Congress by the Eisenhower Administration has not yet been determined.

Consideration of right-to-work legislation is certain, however, since Senator Goldwater (R-Ariz.) already has announced that he will introduce a bill to "remove from the federal labor laws all

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language which permits compulsory unionism." Bills already are pending to apply the antitrust laws to labor unions.

End Unnecessary Government Spending—The recent display of Russia's scientific progress may have provided economy advocates in Congress with the stimulant needed to bring about the elimination of much non-essential government spending.

Especially is this true if the Eisenhower Administration recommends additional military spending in an effort to combat the Soviet menace. That should make economy elsewhere all the more urgent.

The belief is expressed by some Administration officials—and many members of Congress—that the government should concentrate its efforts on defense requirements in this time of emergency and eliminate every unessential item of spending.

In this way, it is explained, it will be possible for the government to meet all of its financial needs, maintain a balanced budget, and still provide for essential tax reduction to protect the nation's economic future.

Rotarians Enjoy French Program

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Miss Mayo informed the Rotarians that the French course in the elementary school is the only one east of Raleigh. She also emphasized the importance of younger school children learning foreign languages, pointing out that vocal organs are more flexible which makes it easier to give the proper pronunciation to words of other languages. She also said speaking foreign languages has a great deal to do with understanding people of other countries.

The entire program presented by the French pupils and Miss Mayo was in French and took the form of a class room lesson. The four youngsters have been studying French only 11 weeks with classes of only 15 minutes.

While few of the Rotarians understood what Miss Mayo and the French pupils were saying, the program was very much enjoyed in that they apparently spoke so fluently.

MEETING CALLED OFF

Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pochontas, will not meet Thursday night of this week on account of the Thanksgiving holiday. The next meeting will be held Thursday night, December 12.

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

P. E. Bettendorf, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission in Citizens Bank Building.

How Disabled Must You Be?

Larry Doyle wheeled his car on to the lot and briskly walked toward the office shared with a partner in a prosperous hardware business. As he walked along he thought for a moment about the sharp "indigestion" pains he'd been having lately. "Should see a doctor, I guess! As soon as I get some spare time, I'll do it," he mused to himself.

He was 53 years old; his young-est child was a junior in college; and business was never better. Suddenly, as he approached the office door, a stabbing pain struck him in the chest. Below the heart, he thought to himself. Trying to open the door, he felt a growing sensation of numbness; voices took on a deep melodious tone; and just before unconsciousness obliterated his dim thoughts, one of the secretaries screamed, "Get a doctor for Mr. Doyle, he's dying."

Larry Doyle did not die. However, his heart disease is very serious and has caused radical changes in his way of life. In August 1957, Larry received his first disability insurance check from social security.

Most Americans have over the past 20 years become familiar with old-age and survivors insurance protection under the social security law. Recent changes in the law make it possible for severely disabled people to receive monthly disability benefits if they are between 50 and 65 years old. Those under 50, moreover, can protect future benefit rights for themselves and their families by having their social security records frozen.

Many of Larry's friends have asked a question which is repeated daily in social security offices throughout the United States: "The question is, How disabled do you have to be to get the social security disability benefits?"

Larry's case provides a good example of the disability required to qualify for payments. His disability makes him unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity. Also, the worker must have credit for work in 5 out of the 10 years before becoming disabled and for 1½ years of work in the 3 years just prior to the disability. Larry's heart disease causes pain and breathlessness

thing like walking a few blocks when he tried to do a simple and, he is not physically able to render any services in the hardware business.

It is not possible to list all the crippling conditions that might prevent a person from working in a gainful activity. Factors such as lack of training and education, the nature of the work being performed, and how regularly the person is able to work in spite of his disability must be considered, together with his handicaps. A team of trained people—doctors and others with experience in dealing with disabling conditions—will consider all the facts before making any decision.

Not all disabled people who have worked under social security are eligible for the disability freeze or for disability benefits at age 50.

As a result of Larry Doyle's visit to his social security office, he is receiving a disability benefit check each month and the checks will continue so long as his disability exists. If you are disabled, follow Larry's example and visit your social security office now.

Home Agent Is Speaker At BPW

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presided at the meeting and Mrs. Josie Ruth Carr gave the blessing.

The club voted to contribute \$10.00 annually to the Teen-Age Club, and to sponsor a Brownie Troop along with a \$10.00 contribution. Following a request by Dr. Edward Bond that members of the club relieve nurses at Chowan Hospital from 6 to 8 P. M., each day for a month, the club voted to serve during the month of February.

Aces Get Another Shot At State Crown

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having a record crowd on hand. They are very anxious to prove to Mebane and the High School Athletic Association that Edenton supports its football team as well as any school in the state so that there will be some justification in playing the game on the Edenton gridiron.

That the Aces will have their hands full and will face aggregation of the season is reflected in a scouting report which is to the effect that Mebane has a very good ball club, the best ever developed in the west. The team is practically the same which lost the State Championship to the Aces last year, except the report is that it has improved at least 100 per cent.

Pre-game dope is to the effect that the western champions will defeat the Aces by at least three or four touchdowns.

This information has reached Coach Bill Billings, Edenton mentor, who made no secret of his disappointment over the playing of his boys in the Farmville game, especially in the tackling department. The boys emerged none the worse from the game in Greenville and, barring accidents this week in practice sessions, they should be in good shape. However, Coach Billings feels that unless the boys play more heads-up ball, tackle harder and open up holes, the Aces stand a very good chance of being defeated.

The Greensboro newspapers have picked Mebane as the No. 1 football team all season, so that the Aces need not expect a push-over and should do everything possible to be in tip-top shape to meet the strongest outfit they have encountered all season. They are capable of playing better ball than they have in some games, so that in this crucial game they should be ready to play their best game.

The Edenton band, of course, will be on hand to cheer on the Edenton warriors and provide entertainment for the large crowd of fans expected.

Important Fidelis Club Meeting December 3rd

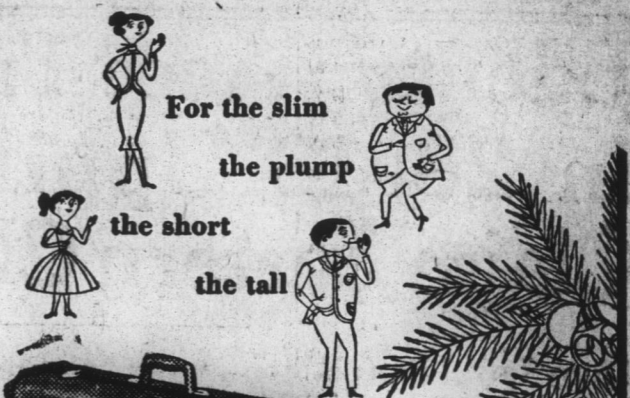
The Fidelis Staff NCO Wives' Club will hold its monthly business meeting Tuesday night, December 3, at 8 o'clock in the Staff NCO game room.

Mrs. J. O. Clanton, president, says this will be a very important meeting, beginning a new year of club work. She urges all old members and invites new members to attend this meeting. "There is a lot of business to be discussed," says Mrs. Clanton, "such as appointing new commit-

tee chairmen and making plans for the arrival of Santa Claus at the base on Saturday, December 14. There will also be various discussions about the progress the club has made selling Christmas aprons and candy to help someone less fortunate than we are to have a happier Christmas. So come out, all Staff NCO Wives and enjoy a delightful evening."

RED MEN MEETING

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night, December 2, at 7:30 o'clock. Albert Cullipher, sachem, urges a full attendance.



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