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**Pres. Wm. Greene Urges Legislation To End "Oppressive Labor Practices," Protect the Foundations of Democracy**

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Urging enactment of legislation to end "oppressive labor practices" by employers, President William Green, of the American Federation of Labor, said Monday such a law was necessary to "protect the very foundations of democracy."

Testifying before a Senate labor sub-committee, Green asserted that labor had suffered for half a century from "almost unbelievable" oppressive practices.

The pending bill, sponsored by Chairman La Follette, Progressive, Wisconsin, of the Senate Civil Liberties Committee, would outlaw the use of labor spies, strike breaking agencies and such munitions as sub-machine guns and sawed-off shotguns in labor disputes.

Green said the measure was "a necessary complement to other labor legislation which has been enacted in the last few years."

The AFL official called attention to recent labor disputes at the Remington Rand plant in Syracuse, N. Y.,

and in the Black and Decker Electric Co. plant in Kent, Ohio.

"The story of the Remington Rand industrial struggle is one of the darkest chapters in the history of American labor relations," he said, adding that "carefully planned scenes of disorder and violence were staged—to be described to the public as riots—to manufacture public opinion hostile to the strikers."

At Kent, the witness said, the company "bought and paid for the services of a strike breaking agency and gave it free rein to do whatever it pleased in order to break a strike."

Green said that the use of armed guards and spies in labor disputes, have tended to discredit unions and have given rise to enactment of anti-labor legislation in several states.

"The legislation recently passed in Oregon, Wisconsin and some parts of California are examples," the witness testified, adding:

"In these states 30 years of progress has been undone in a single legislative term."

**INDEPENDENT U.A.W. WORKERS COME BACK INTO FOLD OF AMERICAN FED. OF LABOR**

DETROIT, June 5.—Headquarters of Homer Martin's independent United Automobile Workers union has announced that its union membership had voted "overwhelmingly" to re-affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

The office said tabulation of a recently-completed membership poll showed 70,354 votes cast, 66,768 in favor of re-affiliation with the A. F. of L. and 3,370 opposed. Blank ballots totaled 178, and 38 were voided.

Martin, president of the independent U. A. W., immediately wired William Green, head of the A. F. of L., requesting a conference in Washington Tuesday "for the purpose of confirming our re-affiliation and receiving our charter for affiliation."

The U. A. W. withdrew from the A. F. of L. and joined the Congress of Industrial Organization after a U. A. W. convention in South Bend, Ind., in 1936. Last year Martin split with his executive board and set up his faction as an independent union at a convention here last March. His opponents remained with the C.I.O.

Both Martin's independent U. A. W. and the C. I. O.-U. A. W. are currently engaged in a court fight for designation as the "official" United Automobile Workers union.

Martin's membership voted for re-affiliation with the understanding that their union would be given full autonomous authority in the administration of its own affairs.

Other provisions on the ballot specified that the U. A. W. would re-affiliate with power to expand under an industrial form of unionization and that all local unions now chartered by the independent U. A. W. would remain with the parent body.

A fourth specification on re-affiliation read "the jurisdiction of the (Martin) union shall extend to all branches of the industry engaged in the manufacture of automobiles, motor trucks, aircraft, tractors, and farm implements, including the manufacture of parts, tools and dies, etc., and the assembly of such parts into completed products, and shall embrace all employees engaged in such manufacture and also in office work, sales, distribution, and maintenance of such industries and the affiliation of allied industries to which charters may be granted by the (Martin union) executive board."

Martin conferred with Green before the referendum was initiated and announced that Green has agreed to accept the union into the A. F. of L. under terms laid down by Martin. The terms included the four provisions included on the ballot of re-affiliation, Martin said.

**Saw Used as Hobby**  
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**House Refuses To Reconsider Wage Hour Amendment Under Procedure Calling For A Strict Limitation**

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Upset by administration plans, the House refused Monday even to consider a series of Wage-Hour amendments under procedure which called for a strict limitation of debate.

The action came on a teller vote of 110 to 167 against a routine parliamentary move which would have led to 40 minutes of debate and then a direct vote on the revisions themselves.

The amendments were designed, among other things, to redefine farm exemptions under the law, and it was on this point that most objections were heard.

Five farm organizations had expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed changes, contending they would rather have the law as now written. A month ago the House labor committee approved a set of changes, then Chairman Norton, Democrat, of New Jersey, withdrew the entire bill because of farm opposition. Only last Thursday the committee rewrote them again and had expected little opposition this time.

The farm organizations, however, renewed their objections.

Veiled by the House's action, Mrs. Norton said that so far as she was concerned there would be no further attempt to bring upon the amendments.

And she criticized, too, the farm organizations—the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Grange, the National Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation, the National Co-operative council, and the Agricultural Producers Labor committee.

"The farmers are the dupes of these organizations," she told newspapermen. "And I can't say it in too strong language. They don't know what these people are trying to do to them."

Mrs. Norton had sought consideration of the committee bill under a procedure which would force the House to accept or reject it as it stood, without making any changes.

She said that if the wage-hour law were thrown open to general amendment "a certain group" of House members would "do everything they can to emasculate the act."

Representative Cox, Democrat, of Georgia, and Andresen, Republican, of Minnesota, led the opposition to the procedure. Afterward, Cox said the House's action did not mean that efforts to improve the statute were over.

"It does mean, however, that members of the House have reclaimed the right to legislate for themselves and

upon their own responsibility," he said in a statement.

"It is to be hoped that in time the committee on labor will realize that it is the servant and not the master of the House."

He predicted that the rules committee, of which he is a member, would approve legislative procedure which would permit any member to offer and discuss any amendment to the law.

The farm amendments recently rewritten by the labor committee, would have exempted the preparation, but not processing, of fresh fruits and vegetables in the "general recognized production section" from both the wage and hour standards of the statute. They also would have exempted small canners of the same commodities.

Other changes would have permitted employment without overtime pay up to 60 hours a week for 14 weeks in a year in 16 specified agricultural operations and would have exempted cotton ginning.

Other amendments would have exempted from the law white collar workers whose monthly salary is more than \$200, and workers in small telephone exchanges. Another would have permitted interstate industries in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico to pay less than the legal minimum wage in certain instances.

**Editing a Paper Is Not Easy**

Some appear think that running a paper is easy, but from experience we can say that it is no picnic, because readers are hard to please.

If we print jokes, people say we are silly.

If we don't they say we are too serious.

If we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them ourselves.

If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff.

If we stick close to the job all day, we ought to be out hunting news.

If we do get out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office.

If we don't print contributions, we do not appreciate true genius; and if we print them, the paper is filled with junk.

If we make a change in the other fellow's copy, we are too critical.

If we don't, we are asleep.

Now, like as not, some of the boys will say we swiped this from some other paper—*And We Did.*

The name "sardine" comes from the island of Sardinia in the Mediterranean Sea; commercial sardines include such small fish as the pilchard, the bristling or sprat, and the herring.

**HE IS GONE**

By THERESA YVONNE BARRIE  
In Wilmington (Del.) Herald

He is gone, and I'm alone;  
But I still can feel his lips  
So sweetly pressed against  
my own.

He is gone, but the touch  
Of his kind hand  
Yet lingers on in memory.

His smile so dear  
Haunts me still;  
My heart leaps up  
Just like a rill.

His voice deep and clear,  
With gentle words  
I now can hear  
Through all the years  
His boyish pranks  
Are familiar to me.  
I was his sweetheart,  
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**Interstate Commerce Committee Reports On The Wool Bill**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee report favorably reporting out the Schwartz-Martin Wood Labeling Bill, says "The Department of Agriculture now report that (1) the presence of reclaimed wool fiber of any grade in a wool product can be determined scientifically, and (2) the relative contents of virgin wool and reclaimed wool fiber in a fabric containing only these two kinds of fibers can, according to recent investigations, be determined within 10 per cent of the actual content of these fibers. While the bill relies on access to manufacturers' records for enforcement, availability of a scientific test for finished products will be helpful in locating violations, especially in connection with imports."

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**Twin Generals Retire**

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County of Mecklenburg,  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Ellis A. Lee, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Annie Wallace Lee, Defendant.

The defendant, Annie Wallace Lee, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to secure an absolute divorce, and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County in the Courthouse in Charlotte, North Carolina, on the 24th day of July, 1939, and answer or demur the complaint of said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 31st day of May, 1939.  
J. LESTER WOLFE,  
Clerk of the Superior Court.

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
State of North Carolina,  
County of Mecklenburg,  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
George Emmett Walsh, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Beulah Ford Walsh, Defendant.

The defendant, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County for a absolute divorce, and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court on the 28th day of July, 1939, in the aforesaid County and State, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

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