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U. S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS SAYS THAT UNLESS EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ESTABLISHED EMPLOYER CAN DISCRIMINATE AGAINST UNION

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The U. S. circuit court of appeals held yesterday that the national labor act did not prevent an employer from discriminating against union or non-union members in hiring workers.

The decision, the first of its kind, was by 2-to-1 vote, the majority declaring that it was only after an employer-employee relationship had been established that the employer was required to refrain from discrimination.

Most local labor leaders declined comment, saying they first wanted to study the opinion in all its implications. One C. I. C. source, however, said informally that his organization did not appear affected since C.I.O. agreements with management usually required employees to join the union only after a stated period of employment.

The American Federation of Labor has a policy of requiring employers in some crafts to select new employees from a 100 per cent union list. This is done, however, under the authority of private labor contracts and the court remarked that the employer "may" but not must "require membership in the labor organization which has been legally chosen to represent his employees."

Dissenting from his colleagues Judges A. N. Hand and Thomas W. Swan, Judge Learned Hand said it appeared beyond doubt to him that it was unfair labor practice "merely to refuse to employ men because of their union activities."

"Surely," he added, "it tends to discourage membership in any labor organization (a phrase from the act itself), to know that a record of union agitation will prevent one from getting back one's old job."

The case involved the National Labor Relations board and the National Casket company of Oneida, N. Y. The board had directed the company to "cease and desist" from discouraging employees from joining an A.F.L. union and from interfering with their "right of self-organization." The corporation also had been ordered to reinstate seven men who claimed they had been discharged for union activity.

Frank Morrison Honored By Employees Of The A. F. of L. At Testimonial Dinner Given By Home Office Employees

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Frank Morrison, who retires as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor on December 31, after 43 years of service, was honored here on December 7, by a testimonial dinner-dance at the Willard Hotel given by 103 employees of the home office of the American Federation of Labor.

Besides Mr. Morrison the guests of honor were: Mrs. Frank Morrison; Miss Esther Morrison, daughter; Nesbitt Morrison, son; and William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor. At the conclusion of the dinner, Mr. Morrison was presented with a leather chair accompanied with a souvenir testimonial, artistically designed and bound in leather, signed by each employee of the American Federation of Labor.

Ensemble singing was led by Margaret Schroeber. Miss Lena Smith played a number of accordion selections.

The entertainment committee was made up of Irving W. Bucklin, who also acted as toastmaster; Edith McMahon, Josephine Kelly, M. J. Willcoxson, William H. Howlin, Frank

PICKETING BAN FOUGHT BY A. F. of L.; HELD DETRIMENTAL TO RIGHTS OF LABOR BY MICHIGAN LABORITES

Organized labor in Michigan is up in arms against the ruling by Attorney General Thomas Read that pickets must be directly involved in a labor dispute in order to picket a job.

Attorney General Read's ruling was made in response to a request of L. J. Hammond, Lenawee County prosecutor, for an opinion on the legality of picketing in Adrian, Michigan, conducted by the Lenawee Building Trades Council. The attorney general ruled that where no controversy existed between the employees and the employer, no strike was in existence and therefore picketing was not to be permitted.

In describing the subversive influence of Attorney General Read's ruling, Edward T. Thal, secretary of the Detroit Building Trades Council, said that if it is permitted to stand it will bar picketing to a large extent in Michigan. Mr. Thal also pointed out that the ruling of Attorney General Read in the Adrian case contradicted a former ruling made at the request of the State Labor Mediation Board in which picketing was construed to be lawful for the following purposes:

"To induce customers of a non-union shop to buy union-made goods.

"By a union against the employment of non-union labor.

"To secure an increase in wages and betterment in working conditions.

"By striking employees to induce employers' customers not to deal with him.

"To publicize that certain store windows are being cleaned by non-union labor.

"To publicize that a certain employer has been declared unfair to a labor union."

In outlining the scope of organized labor's opposition to the Read ruling, Mr. Thal said:

"The Detroit Building Trades Council and the Toledo Building Trades Council feel that this is a case that should be of interest to all labor in the State of Michigan, whether Building Trades Unions or otherwise. The Toledo Council is interested in the case because Adrian to some extent comes under the Toledo jurisdiction."

The case against Attorney General Read's ruling, it was announced, will be handled by Michigan attorneys, who will be under the direction of Judge Joseph A. Padway, counsel for the American Federation of Labor.

The Sad Side Of A Golden Anniversary Celebration Here

The sad part about an enjoyable affair in Charlotte was the tragic end of E. P. Osborne, brother of Mrs. Clarkson, who was killed in an automobile accident near Marion, on his way to his home in Little Switzerland on Saturday night, the car failing to make a short curve near Marion. The funeral took place Monday from St. Peter's Episcopal church here, with interment in Elmwood cemetery. Mr. Osborne was in Charlotte for the Golden wedding anniversary of his sister, Mrs. Heriot Clarkson.

The Clarksons and Osbornes are among our oldest and most honored citizens, having friends in every walk of life, who learn with regret of the tragic end of Mr. Osborne.

ROBOT BLOODHOUND OPENS NEW ERA IN CRIME DETECTION

Convicts Man by Placing Him At Scene of Killing By Footprints.

NEW YORK.—A revolution in the technique of crime detection loomed as a newly perfected "robot bloodhound" unerringly tracked down a murderer and turned him over to the electric chair.

Sure he had an unbreakable alibi, Anton Myslivec, 54-year-old prison graduate, laughed at authorities when they first arrested him for the murder of William Dobitz, 55, a Long Island contractor, to whose wife Myslivec had been attentive.

But his confidence collapsed when, in a surprise move, District Attorney Fred Munder placed before a Suffolk county trial jury the "testimony" of the crime-detection machine.

Myslivec had contended he was in Jamaica, L. I., miles away, on the night of November 21, last, when Dobitz, stepping out the door of his Farmingville, L. I., home to investigate the barking of a watch-dog, was fatally wounded by a blast of slugs from a hidden shotgun.

New Type of Spectroscope.

The "robot bloodhound"—actually a new and improved type of spectrograph—testified otherwise. According to the mechanical witness, Myslivec was standing that night in the exact spot from which, by police calculations, the fatal blast had been fired.

And the jury, believing the machine in preference to Myslivec, convicted him of first degree murder, which in New York, carries a mandatory death sentence to the electric chair.

In Myslivec's case, the device tracked him through "invisible footprints"—tiny bits of earth that clung to his shoes as he waited in ambush to kill the husband of the woman with whom he was infatuated.

But the "robot bloodhound," unlike his four-legged rival, doesn't have to have footprints. It can track its man down through dust that sifts into clothing, or that lodges in the cuff of a trouser leg!

And the evidence it gives is strong enough—or was in the Myslivec case, at least—to convince a jury.

Sentenced to Chair.

Convicted of murder in the first degree, Myslivec was sentenced by Judge L. Marron Hill to die in Sing Sing's electric chair.

In crisp, every day language the city chemist told how he had made spectrographic comparisons of the soil beside the woodshed and of the dirt clinging to Myslivec's shoes.

Showing the spectrographic plates, he explained how each set of lines meant a different element in the soil. Painstakingly he identified each of 44 separate elements to the jury—among them nickel, copper, and even a trace of gold.

The expert told the jury: "Any bit of soil might contain many elements—or more. But—there is no bit of soil anywhere that would contain precisely the same elements, in precisely the same proportion."

Just as proof the jury was shown the spectrograph of soil from the front of the Dobitz home. It no more resembled the spectrograph of the dirt from the slayer's shoes than a Rembrandt resembles a "stop and go" sign. On the other hand, the spectrograph of the backyard soil and the shoe scrapings matched exactly.

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Film Studio Empoyes Choose A. F. of L. Union

A recent outstanding defeat by the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators of the United States and Canada, A. F. of L. affiliate, of a C. I. O. studio group in Hollywood in a National Labor Relations Board election to choose a union to represent the studio workers in negotiations with employers did not receive the publicity the event justified.

When the ballots were counted it was revealed that nearly 4,500 studio workers voted for the A. F. of L. affiliate while less than 2,000 voted for the C. I. O. outfit.

In an article in the Los Angeles Citizen, the official organ of the Los Angeles County Central Labor Council, Ben Savage, the Citizen's labor reporter on theatrical matters, gave the following account of the election and its significance:

"Demonstrating their faith in long-established International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees studio unions that since their inception have won for them numerous and repeated

wage and work improvements, members of I. A. T. S. E. Hollywood locals won an overwhelming victory over the recently-organized United-Studio Technicians' Guild, a would-be dual group, in a National Labor Board conducted election in Gilmore stadium, Hollywood.

"Balloting which determines bargaining agency for approximately 12,000 studio workers, resulted in more than a 2-to-1 vote for the I. A. T. S. E. members. Announced officially by Walter P. Spreckels, regional director of the N. L. R. B., the vote gave the I. A. T. S. E. 4,460 votes, and the Technicians' Guild 1967.

"Four hundred and twenty votes were challenged, 52 were neutral, 5 were void and two blank. Total votes, 6478.

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By I. M. ORNBURN, Secretary-Treasurer A. F. of L. Union Label Trades Department

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During the Christmas shopping period more merchandise is purchased than during any other time of the year. While we do not desire to curtail our general drive for Union Label products and for Union services, we urge every member of organized Labor, his family and friends to demand the Union Label on all Christmas purchases because it fits into our general Union Label campaign.

The Chief purposes of this Union Label Xmas gift campaign is to deliver to Unionized manufacturers and "fair" merchants the Christmas trade of all Labor Unionists, their families and friends. Why not prove to these worthy merchants and manufacturers that a real benefit is derived from placing this official emblem of collective bargaining on their goods? Each member of Labor Unions, Union Label Leagues and Women's Auxiliaries should become an individual sales agent for Union Label merchandise. If business and industry could be made to realize the vastness of Labor's buying power by the spontaneous support of Labor Unionists and their friends, the greatest stimulus would be given to the American Federation of Labor that it has ever received in history. Let's buy only Union Label Xmas gifts.



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