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WAGNER ASKS CREATION OF GROUP  
TO RULE ON CASES OUTSIDE OF  
THE JURISDICTION OF THE N. L. R. B.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Senator Wagner, Democrat of New York, proposed yesterday the creation of a three-member Federal board for voluntary mediation of employee-employer disputes over wages, hours, working conditions, and other factors not within the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations board.

Looked upon in some quarters as an administration effort to meet part of the criticism directed at New Deal handling of labor problems, the proposed bill appeared assured of at least a measure of bipartisan support.

Wagner explained in a statement that his bill "does not amend or modify the national labor relations act, nor do the functions of the two measures merge or conflict in any way." He said he would introduce the legislation tomorrow.

Senator Danaher, Republican of Connecticut, said he thought the mediation principle advocated by Wagner was "thoroughly sound" and might prove of great benefit in helping settle labor disputes at their source.

Senator Norris, Independent of Nebraska, said he was favorably impressed by Wagner's proposal, although he had not had a chance to study it fully.

Wagner made it plain that the machinery his bill would set up would in no way involve compulsory arbitration. The board, established within the Labor department, would take over the duties of the meagerly-staffed conciliation service which he said had done "splendid work" in settling strikes.

"Building upon the work and the staff of the conciliation service," he said, "this bill places the Federal mediation function on a firmer statutory basis, defines its authority, and authorizes more adequate appropriations for its prompt and efficient operations, both in Washington and in the field."

"The establishments of the new three-man board to head up the mediation service will give added prestige to its operations and probably make unnecessary the creation of makeshift mediation boards to handle particular major strike situations as they arise, as in the automobile, textile, and steel industries in recent years."

"Under the terms of the bill, as Wagner explained it, it would be the general duty about mediation board to bring about agreements on rates of pay, rules and working conditions, including wherever possible, provision for the final adjustment of grievances or over interpretation of such agreements.

Either or both parties to a labor dispute which threatened to interrupt the flow of interstate commerce could invoke the services of the board. The board itself would be permitted to offer its services if neither party had requested such action. If mediation failed, the board could attempt to persuade the disputants to submit their cases to arbitration.

"I am unalterably opposed to compulsory arbitration in any guise," Wagner said, adding that for this reason the board would not be clothed with subpoena powers.

## SAME AS A TELEGRAM

To ALL Union Men and Women in  
Virginia, North Carolina, South  
Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama,  
Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and  
Kentucky.

Greetings:

A REMINDER THAT YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND LABOR'S GREATEST MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD IN ATLANTA ON MARCH SECOND AND THIRD, AT WHICH TIME THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND AFFILIATED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UNIONS AND NUMEROUS OFFICIALS OF THE RAILROAD ORGANIZATIONS WILL HOLD CONFERENCE WITH SOUTHERN LABOR AND ADOPT A PROGRAM OF ORGANIZATION AND STATE LEGISLATION THAT IS EXPECTED TO DO MUCH FOR OUR ORGANIZED LABOR MOVEMENT IN THE SOUTH. I AM URGING ALL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE NOT NAMED DELEGATES TO DO SO AT ONCE AND ALL WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED DELEGATES TO DO SO AT ONCE AND ALL WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED SEND IN THEIR DUPLICATE CREDENTIALS SO OUR COMMITTEE MAY KNOW HOW TO PLAN FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF ALL. THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE BANQUET ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH SECOND, ARE URGED TO GET THEIR TICKETS NOW FROM THEIR STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY. GOOD LUCK AND I WILL SEE YOU IN ATLANTA ON MARCH SECOND. THIS MEANS ALL MEMBERS OF DELEGATES OR NOT, BUT PLEASE SEE TO IT THAT THE DELEGATES WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED SEND IN THEIR DUPLICATE CREDENTIALS AT ONCE. GOOD BYE, GOOD LUCK.

GEORGE L. GOOGUE, Southern Representative  
American Federation of Labor, Atlanta, Ga.

RELIEF IN SOUTH IS CHEAPER;  
NORTH-EASTERN AVERAGE \$100;  
DIXIE GETS A \$50 AVERAGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Senator Bailey, Democrat, of North Carolina, said yesterday that an analysis of Federal relief expenditures from April 8, 1935, to December 31, 1939, showed that \$58 per capita was spent in the 13 southern states as against \$94 in 12 central states and \$100 in seven eastern states.

Bailey said the analysis showed that \$11,776,101,569 had been distributed by 80 governmental agencies in various forms of relief and work relief during the period.

The figures were obtained from government agencies and tabulated by Voit Gilmore, formerly head of the Carolina Political Union of University of North Carolina, now temporarily attached to Bailey's staff.

Bailey said that during the fiscal

year of 1939, which ended last June 30, a \$2,617,974,786 expenditure for relief has provided an average, on the basis of population, of \$10 a person in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

During the same period, he said, the average expenditure in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas was \$24 a person.

In Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, the average expenditure was \$21 a person, he said. No comparisons were made in the tabulation for the western states.

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President Greens' Speech At Atlanta  
Before Southern Labor Conference  
To Be Broadcast To The Nation

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 19.—Definite arrangements have been made for a nation-wide broadcast of President Wm. Green's address before the Southern Labor Conference that is to be held here on March 2 and 3, according to announcement made Sunday by George L. Googe, Southern Representative of the American Federation of Labor. President Green's Address will be delivered Saturday evening, March 2, from 7:30 to 8 o'clock, Central Standard Time, at a banquet to be held in the Ansley Hotel. Gov. E. D. Rivers will introduce President Green.

The banquet is to be given by the Atlanta Federation of Trades and the State Federations of Labor in honor of Frank Morrison, secretary emeritus, and George Meany, secretary-treasurer, of the American Federation of Labor. It is expected that 700 people will attend the banquet, including National and International Union executives, heads of railroad labor organizations, officers of the State Federations of Labor in the ten Southern States sponsoring the Conference, and many outstanding men and women in industry, business and the professions.

President Green will speak on "Union-Management Co-operation."

MEMBERS OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL TO BE GUESTS OF  
LOCAL NO. 4 AT BANQUET

Members of Atlanta's City Council have accepted an invitation from Local No. 4, American Federation State, County and Municipal Employees, to be guests of the local union at the banquet to be given here on March 2 in connection with the Southern Labor Conference convening in Atlanta on that day. Local No. 14 is made up of city employees. Mayor Hartsfield will be guest of the Atlanta Federation of Trades at the banquet.

Reservations have been made at the banquet by the Local Union for the entire City Council membership. The banquet is being given for the entire City Council membership. The banquet is being given by the Atlanta Federation of Trades and the State Federation of Labor in the ten Southern states, honoring former Secretary Frank Morrison and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, of the American Federation of Labor.

EDITOR KEATING TO SPEAK  
AT LABOR CONFER. HERE

Hon. Edward Keating, editor of "Labor," a national weekly newspaper owned and edited by the railroad workers of America and published in Washington, D. C., has accepted an invitation to address the Southern Labor Conference which convenes here Saturday morning, March 2. He will be on the program Saturday afternoon, and will attend the banquet to be given Saturday evening in honor of Frank Morrison, secretary emeritus, and George Meany, secretary-treasurer, of the American Federation of Labor.

PROGRESS OF THE AMERICAN  
FEDERATION OF LABOR IN  
THE SOUTH TO BE CHARTED

One of the many interesting and instructive features being planned for the Southern Labor Conference to be held here on March 2 and 3 is that of a large poster, symbolizing the progress made by the American Federation of Labor in the South during the past several years. This poster will be placed in the convention hall, city auditorium, of which many small size reproductions will be made and used for window displays. This feature is being arranged by Mr. Boris Shiskin, of the research department of the American Federation of Labor.

CARPENTERS LOCAL UNION  
TO HONOR VISITING  
OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS

Local Union No. 225, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, will honor visiting Union officials, members and friends attending the Southern Labor Conference at a banquet to be held on the evening preceding the opening of the conference. The Southern Labor Conference starts Saturday morning, March 2. The Carpenters Local Union is planning its event for Friday evening, March 1.

TEAMSTERS TO HAVE LARGE  
DELEGATION AT CONFERENCE

J. T. Odum, business agent for one of the Atlanta Local Unions of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs International Union, reports that several hundred members of his International Union are planning to be in Atlanta on March 2 and 3 in attendance upon the sessions of the Southern Labor Conference. Reports from C. H. Anderson, Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the "Over-the-Road Area Committee" of truck drivers, announces that a meeting of his committee will be held in Atlanta in conjunction with the Southern Labor Conference.

From Charlotte, N. C., comes the report of H. L. McCrory, business agent, that a large number of Teamsters in North and South Carolina are making arrangements to attend the conference, while from Richmond, Va., Birmingham, New Orleans, and many other centers in the South similar reports are being received.

CIRCUS EMPLOYEES UNION  
CHARTERED IN A. F. OF L.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The American Federation of Labor issued a charter yesterday for an international union of workers employed by circuses, carnivals, fairs, and rodeos. Ralph Whitehead, who heads the new group, said a campaign would be undertaken to organize some 30,000 workers in the outdoor entertainment field. He said he hoped to have the major shows unionized and under contract before the spring openings.

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THREE SHIFTS FOR TEX. WORKERS;  
WOMEN NOT TO WORK AFTER 6 P. M.;  
SAYS MASS. LABOR COMMISSIONER

The tendency of competitive conditions to reduce employment standards is revealed in the action of James T. Moriarty, Labor Commissioner of Massachusetts, in authorizing textile mill owners in that State to operate three shifts to whatever extent may be necessary to meet competition in other States which have resorted to the 24-hour plan in the present upturn in the market for textile goods.

The action of Commissioner Moriarty grew out of a conference with the textile mill operators in which general opposition to the third shift had been broached, but it was emphasized that mills in Massachusetts would suffer a decrease in profits unless they were permitted to operate on the same all-day all-night plant that was being applied by operators in other textile manufacturing areas.

Committees were formed representing both employers and workers to formulate a workable hours policy, accompanied by a reported threat of the

commissioner, in event of disagreement, to revoke his suspension of the six o'clock law which forbids employment of women after that hour in the evening.

Following the recommendations of the committees, Commissioner Moriarty promulgated a compromise policy under which he will not enforce a regulation preventing mills from operating three shifts where it involves large contracts which otherwise might be awarded to mills in other States.

The Massachusetts operators agreed not to work the third shift except under those conditions.

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a temporary arrangement deemed necessary to enable Massachusetts textile mills to compete under national conditions which it is hoped will be changed.

He said it was planned to have all New England operators support a movement to put into operation

a national two-shift agreement.

their settlement "inside the house of labor."

The unions include the machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, sheet-metal workers, carmen and firemen, oilers and shop laborers.

Under the plan, which climaxes thirteen years of effort, impartial referees will decide jurisdictional questions that cannot be settled through direct negotiations.

Officials of the Railway Employees' Department said the plan was designed to exclude recourse to management or government in the handling of inter-union disputes and to keep

fees of \$3,570,000.

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## UNION LABEL ACTION

Secretary-Treasurer I. M. Ornburn of the American Federation of Labor Union Label Trades Department will speak on radio station WAPI in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 3, from 1:45 to 2:00 p.m. Mr. Ornburn's subject will be "Union Label Action."

It is requested that all American Federation of Labor Unionists in the south tune in on this address as it will be of interest to all workers.

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