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# AFL STRIKES AT SLOW ACTION OF CONGRESS

## California Unions Fight CIO Raids To U. S. Consumers

San Francisco.—The executive council of the California State Federation of Labor has pledged the federation's "entire resources" and the resources of its affiliated unions to move as one united force to crush the disruption and jurisdictional invasion attempts by CIO unions.

It accused the CIO not only of planning "raids" but of conducting a "vicious campaign of slander, lies and abuses of AFL unions and their leaders."

"The AFL organizations in California represent more than 1,000,000 members and the CIO represents a total of not more than 100,000," the council asserted, adding:

"The AFL cannot tolerate or permit the disruption and jurisdictional invasions at a time when it must rally its forces to meet employers in collective bargaining for the basic interests in trade-union affairs of its dues-paying, working members."

The resolution did not refer to any specific CIO unions, but a spokesman for the council said the AFL was especially concerned with CIO inroads in the Hollywood film industry, and with similar inroads by CIO organizers among the vegetable and fruit cannerly workers.

## Release Of Veterans Increases In Tempo For North Carolina

Raleigh.—Reflecting tempo in releasing veterans from the service in recent months, the numbers of veteran visits to local U. S. Employment Service offices have almost doubled, reaching 17,314 in August, as compared with 9,034 in March, for example. The increase in recent months has been gradual but important, it is shown by Dr. J. S. Dorton, State director of the War Manpower Commission.

Local placements of veterans on jobs have increased, reaching 2,094 in August, the first month in which the number has exceeded 2,000. Of those completing applications for work in August, 317 were classed as handicapped, and 162 such veterans were placed in jobs.

Local U. S. Employment Service offices directed veterans to proper agencies to handle their problems during August as follows: Veterans Administration, 1,088; State Vocational Rehabilitation agency, 52; Selective Service, 58; training agencies 238, and other agencies, 899.

## IN-PLANT SNACKS CUT ABSENTEEISM RATE

Washington, D. C.—Accident and absenteeism rates have decreased as much as 30 per cent in plants which make between-meal snacks available to workers, Dr. Robert S. Goodhart, chief of the Department of Agriculture Industrial Feeding Programs Division, disclosed.

He cited as examples the Thermoid Company, Trenton, N. J.; the Westinghouse plant at East Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Avondale Mills in Alabama. At the Thermoid company, workers decreased their accident rate 30 per cent after the company began serving free pints of milk to 1,500 employees during 5-minute recesses. In addition, the workers cut down their absenteeism rates, increased their production.

"From practical experience large segments of labor and management have learned that between-meal snacks during regularly scheduled rest periods benefit the worker," said Dr. Goodhart. "Better morale, labor relations, and efficiency have been found to accompany this practice, along with decreases in accidents and absenteeism."

## NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

OCTOBER 15 - 21



These boys, coming back from the fox-hole and the jungle drew courage and inspiration from the book their mothers read.

They won the victory in the name of the Prince of Peace.

Let us honor them and the country to which they give the full measure of devotion by turning to the Guide Book of Human Conduct for our inspiration, our strength — our victory.

Read your Bible during National Bible Week, October 15-21.

Read your Bible EVERY WEEK.

The Laymens National Committee, sponsors of National Bible Week, urges America to turn again to the Book Our Mothers Read.

## WHITE HOUSE CLARIFIES JOBLESS PAY PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON.—The White House said formally last week that President Truman's proposal for \$25 of jobless pay for 26 weeks "does not mean that everybody would get \$25 a week."

Declaring some of the comment on the President's unemployment compensation proposal has indicated a "complete misunderstanding" of the significance of the \$25 weekly maximum, the White House statement said:

"As the President sought to make clear in his message to Congress on September 6, the \$25 is a ceiling and does not mean that everybody would get \$25 a week."

The statement said that all State laws which figure weekly benefits on a percentage of wage loss would remain in effect. Percentages of wage loss which are compensated range in the various

## LABOR, USA

Washington, D. C.—The twelfth edition of the American Federationist of the Air, broadcast on the "Labor, U.S.A." program over the American Broadcasting Company network, presented the following outstanding feature articles to supplement the news:

**POVERTY OR PLENTY**  
 The Senate adopted an unemployment compensation bill which falls far short of the standard urgently recommended by President Truman.

The bill as passed has three good features. It extends the duration of unemployment benefits throughout the nation to 26 weeks. The limit now in some states is only 15 weeks. Further, the new measure grants jobless benefits to almost 3,000,000 government employes and 400,000 maritime workers, hitherto excluded. Finally, the bill allows up to \$200 to send stranded war workers back home to new jobs.

These are desirable improvements, but they do not go far enough to meet human needs during reconversion. The Senate killed the President's key recommendation, which called for supplementing the present, inadequate state unemployment benefits with federal funds to reach a nation-wide maximum payment of \$25 a week.

Those who opposed the President's recommendation, have served notice that they intend to fight for an economy of poverty and scarcity in America. That challenge is accepted by the liberal forces in Congress who are determined to press for legislation which will encourage full production, full employment and an economy of plenty in our land.

The provision for a \$25 maximum payment was buried under an avalanche of misinformation and misunderstanding. The argument was made that paying the unemployed \$25 a week would encourage idleness. Yet the law specifically provides that applicants must declare their willingness to accept suitable employment before they can become eligible to receive compensation. The im-

## Labor Department Reorganization Fails To Solve Many Major Problems

Washington, D. C.—President Truman's initial reorganization of the Labor Department failed to ease tension in the nation's troubled labor-industrial situation.

The President transferred to the Labor Department the National War Labor Board, the War Manpower Commission and the U. S. Employment Service. Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach said these changes would strengthen his authority in dealing with disputes.

Thus far, the agency shifts have resulted in no visible improvement, while a certain amount of confusion did develop.

Immediately after the War Labor Board was moved, its chairman George W. Taylor resigned. For a few days it appeared that there would be a wholesale wave of additional resignations but Schwollenbach called an emergency conference and prevented disintegration of the board before its work is completed.

As AFL member Robert J. Watt said on the AFL Labor-USA radio program, the War Labor Board is preparing to go out of existence, the War Manpower Commission

## George Cutter Named To Mill

George K. Cutter has been elected vice president in active charge of the Cutter Manufacturing company at Rock Hill, S. C. last week.

Mr. Cutter is also vice president of J. H. Cutter, Inc., of Charlotte.

## Green Urges Truman To Show Congress Error Of Its Ways For Blocking Needed Labor Bills

### Rankin Legislation Would Create Strife Between American Workers

(Special Dispatch)  
 Washington, D. C.—The editorial writers of the Hearst-McCormick - Patterson axis who work overtime conjuring up new schemes to pit veterans against labor should read the recent Congressional remarks of Representative Charles Savage of Washington.

The truth might twinge their consciences.

Lambasting Mississippi's hate-monger, John Rankin, for his introduction of legislation purportedly aimed at permitting veterans to gain employment without union affiliation, but actually designed to legalize the open shop and foment strife between labor and veterans, the young West Coast progressive listed true facts which the anti-labor press has garbled so willingly.

"Thousands upon thousands of our servicemen were union men before they were soldiers. Many unions have provided free stamps for their dues books or other means to keep servicemen in good standing while in the armed forces. . . . Servicemen are proud to have those service stamps in their books," said Representative Savage.

"If we make strike breakers out of returning servicemen by law, they will no longer have the protection from their brother union men. They would be the potential threat to the American standard of living. On the other hand, servicemen have no greater friends than their fellow workers who have remained on the home front. In many cases, unions have suspended the requirement of initiation fees for servicemen. As far as dues are concerned a union that has no money is of no service to its membership. He pointed out, too, that unions have established special committees to handle veteran problems.

The Washington Congressmen warned that enactment of this bill could lead to vast unemployment, buttressing this argument by explaining that once employers had broken unions through use of veterans and wage scales were lowered they could undersell com-

petitors, forcing them to shut down plants or else join in the "union-busting tactics."

Representative Savage pooh-poohed claims that veterans want to see themselves established as a separate class when they return to civilian life. "They desire to come back to this country and get back into their respective walks of life. They want jobs and opportunities all right, but they want jobs and opportunities for all the people." Speaking in language which could not be misconstrued, he repeated the premise which labor has stated time and time again: "They know that any program to give veterans jobs and leave the civilian population unemployed is an impossibility. They realize that their only security lies in full employment for all the workers."

The Congressmen told the members of the House that these facts weren't concocted in a dream. "I returned from Europe last month where I talked to thousands of servicemen and came back on a ship loaded with 7,000 troops, with whom I was at sea for 11 days. It was from the veterans themselves that I learned that they do not want to be cast aside as a separate group."

Representative Savage reminded that Hitler's first move to establish fascism in Germany was to destroy labor unions—the core of opposition to fascism—and that the Rankin bill was a "fascist measure." It is unjust for the "boys returning home from fighting fascism, to ask them to start fighting for fascism at home, in America," he said. He urged that industrial disputes be settled in the American way, across the negotiating table, "instead of fomenting industrial disputes by pitting one worker against the other as this bill would do." He added that the passage of the Rankin bill would prevent any further peaceable negotiation in regard to veterans welfare in labor unions.

An added twist was the interjection of Representative Ramey who noted that the Rankin bill was

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## New McMahon Labor Relations Bill Emphasizes Voluntary Settlements

Washington, D. C.—Senator McMahon of Connecticut introduced a new labor relations bill in Congress along with three colleagues.

The measure proposes to strengthen the mediation and arbitration machinery of the government without introducing any compulsory features into collective bargaining procedures.

In contrast with the sponsors of the Ball-Burton-Hatch bill, Senator McMahon consulted at length with AFL President William Green and other labor and industrial leaders before drafting this legislation.

However, the AFL has made no commitment to support the bill.

One feature of the McMahon measure at which labor looks somewhat askance is the proposed establishment of boards of inquiry by the President to determine and make public the facts in any labor dispute which cannot be resolved by the preliminary methods of mediation and arbitration. These boards, the Senator said, would hold public hearings to "provide a public forum so that the factual argument of each side would be available to the public." While labor does not fear this plan, it contains a new wrinkle which requires careful study.

First emphasis in the McMahon bill is placed on free collective bargaining. To handle disputes which are not settled by such negotiation, the measure set up a Division of Mediation and Conciliation in the Labor Department. Should these steps also fail, the McMahon bill paves the way for the voluntary submission of the questions at issue to arbitration by a board to be named by the President. Once the board's services are engaged by both sides, its decisions is to be final and have the force of law.

In order to enter arbitration under the McMahon bill, the parties must stipulate in advance that they will accept the award made by a majority of the arbitration board.

## WASHINGTON, D. C.—A. F. of L. President William Green charged that Congress is striking against the best interests of the nation by killing unemployment compensation legislation.

He warned that the hostile attitude of Congress is contributing in large measure to unrest and uncertainty and is driving the American people to the left.

Mr. Green called upon President Truman to "show Congress the error of its ways" and lead the nation through the problems of reconversion into "the economy of plenty which America can and must achieve."

The AFL chief's blast followed the sudden and shocking action of the House Ways and Means committee in killing the unemployment compensation bill passed by the Senate.

Mr. Green called the House move defiance of President Truman's urgent recommendations and "a slap in the face" to millions of war workers who are now losing their jobs.

His statement, which also took cognizance of growing Congressional opposition to the Full Employment bill and other key measures on the AFL's list of "must" legislation, follows:

"By killing unemployment compensation legislation the House Ways and Means committee has defied the President of the United States and slapped in the face millions of loyal American workers who are losing their war jobs.

"These workers responded to the urgent appeals of the government and patriotically remained at their machines in vital war industries when they could have taken safer and more permanent employment. They were assured by the government that they would not be made to suffer for their loyalty.

"Now that victory has been won, Congress has let them down and repudiated the solemn pledge of the government. First the Senate struck out from the Kilgore Unemployment Compensation bill the key provision recommended by President Truman for lifting maximum benefits to \$25 a week. Now the House Ways and Means committee has tabled the rest of the bill.

"This hostile attitude by Congress is contributing in large measure to the unrest and uncertainty that is sweeping the country. Congress is in no position to complain about strikes, when it deliberately goes on strike itself against the best interests of the nation.

"Nothing is better calculated to destroy the free enterprise system and drive the American people to leftist extremes than the callous disregard shown by Congress toward human needs during reconversion.

"The American Federation of Labor calls upon President Truman to show Congress the error of its ways and to exert the kind of progressive leadership necessary to guide the nation through the problems of reconversion and into the economy of plenty which America can and must achieve."

## NEW RADIO FIRM OPENS IN CITY

The Radio Sales & Appliances company, a new Charlotte firm opened for business Monday in quarters in the Addison Storage Garage building at 222 South Church street. W. A. Barber, well-known Charlotte radio man, will be manager, and J. B. Jones, operator of the Addison Storage Garage, will be co-manager.