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BOILERMAKERS INTRODUCE EIGHT-STATE RADIO SERIES

Kansas City, Kan.—A 26-week series of radio programs, to inform the public generally of the union's aims and activities, was inaugurated by the Boilermakers International over stations in eight cities.

The programs originate in the studio of Station KFVB in Los Angeles, but locals will sponsor the program in seven other metropolitan centers, it was announced by Charles J. MacGowan, international president.

The proposal that the union embark upon this venture was submitted to the recent conference in Denver and, after thorough discussion, was submitted to the union's executive board.

Weekly broadcast schedules are: Los Angeles, KFVB, each Monday, 9:15 p. m.; Savannah, Ga., WIOC, Wednesday, 10:15; Philadelphia, WIBG, Monday, 10:15; Houston, KXYZ, Wednesday, 7:15; San Francisco, KYA, Sunday, 7:15; Kansas City, Mo., KCMO, Monday, 7:15; Chicago, WCFL, Thursday, 9:15, and Portland, Ore., KALE, Saturday, 9:30. Time is standard in each case.

Since these programs will have a range of only about 100 miles, the Brotherhood has arranged to have records made which will be shipped on request to other local lodges, MacGowan explained.

He urged such lodges to rent or purchase "play-back" machines so that the programs may be heard at local meetings. He suggested also that, where possible, arrangements be made with local radio stations to broadcast the records.

CONGRESS PAY RISE IS VOTED BY THE SENATE

Washington, D. C.—Legislation to raise the salaries of members of the Congress from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year was approved by the Senate, 49 to 16.

The measure was firmly supported by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, which felt that more adequate remuneration would encourage able legislators to seek election to the Congress.

Under terms of the measure, which provides sweeping changes in the legislative machinery of Congress, members of the Senate and House would be permitted to retire at the age of 62 on a pension of \$7,500 a year.

One of the major changes in the Senate's machinery would be consolidation of 33 committees into 15, with the provision that members could serve on only two committees. Membership of individual committees would be cut to 13, except for the Appropriations Committee, which would be allotted 21 members.

Some Senators, jealous of their patronage privileges, assailed one proposal on grounds it would establish a personnel "czar" over the Congress. This criticism was directed at the provision which would have established a director of personnel, with broad powers to hire and fire legislative employees. The issue was dropped when some Southern Senators, irked over the reduction in the number of committee chairmanships, had indicated that they would filibuster the measure if this provision were allowed to stand.

House leaders who attended the final Senate debate on the measure expressed the conviction that, in view of its overwhelming approval by the Senate, House passage appeared assured.

FITZPATRICK'S RE-ELECTION IN CHICAGO IS UNOPPOSED

Chicago.—President of the Chicago Federation of Labor for the past 37 years, John Fitzpatrick was assured of another two-year term when he was nominated here, without opposition, to continue in office. Five other incumbents were re-nominated without dissent: Joseph D. Keenan, corresponding secretary; Maurice Lynch, financial secretary; Christian M. Madsen, treasurer; L. P. Straube, reading clerk, and Peter Bockstahler, sergeant-at-arms.

CAR OPERATORS GET RAISE

San Diego, Calif.—In a compromise agreement, the AFL Street Car and Bus Operators have accepted an 18-cent-an-hour pay raise granted them by the San Diego Electric Railway Company. This new wage scale amounts to \$1.23 an hour.

RED LEADERSHIP DOOMS CIO UNITS, PRES. GREEN SAYS

Chicago.—Predicting great advances for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL President William Green told the union's convention here that its rival counterpart in the CIO is doomed to failure because it is "dominated and controlled by Communists."

"You are an American organization. You do not believe in striking against the government. Your opposition cannot succeed because it is officered and dominated by those who owe first allegiance to another government. The State and local government employees of our nation will never respond to such treacherous leadership."

Mr. Green emphasized the great gains made by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees under President Arnold Zander since the union was chartered by the AFL 10 years ago. At that time, Mr. Green recalled, the organization consisted of a few scattered Federal union locals with a membership of 10,000. Now the union has increased its membership to 75,000 and is still going strong.

Failure of the CIO's attempts to raid this field was confirmed, Mr. Green pointed out, by the fact that its State, County and Municipal employees affiliated has just been forced to merge with the CIO's United Federal Workers Union to avoid being wiped out altogether.

The AFL chief also commented caustically on reports from Atlantic City where the CIO merger was being effected that the new CIO group had adopted resolutions criticizing the United States and Britain for maintaining troops in foreign territories but failed to utter one word of protest against Soviet Russia's belligerent policies.

"Such resolutions show how thoroughly the Communists control this CIO unit," Mr. Green declared.

At the same time, Mr. Green predicted that the AFL's forthcoming organizing drive in the South would snow under the CIO's efforts in that field because "workers in the South will reject the false, Communist leadership" of the CIO campaign.

A NEW CONCILIATION POLICY IS REVEALED

Washington, D. C.—On the unanimous advice of the Labor-Management Advisory Committee of the U. S. Conciliation Service, Director Edgar L. Warren announced a new policy of having the parties themselves bear the expense of arbitrating disputes arising under collective bargaining agreements unless unusual circumstances justify an exception. In the past the service provided arbitrators free of charge to the parties. Service-appointed arbitrators will hereafter charge fees.

"The exception to the new policy will arise in those cases where the existing contract specifically provides for the appointment of arbitrators by the service without cost to the parties," Mr. Warren said. "It is expected that such clauses will not be renewed in future agreements."

"This policy has been adopted in order to foster collective bargaining by perfecting arbitration as a peaceful instrument for the settlement of industrial disputes. Now that arbitration is widely accepted as the terminal step in grievance procedures, it is no longer necessary to encourage its use by monetary inducements. The deterrent of cost tends to promote the settlement of grievances by the parties themselves."

UPHOLSTERERS PAY \$250,000 AID TO MEMBERS

Philadelphia.—More than a quarter million dollars in health, accident, and death benefits have been paid to members during the two years' operation of the Upholsters' International union social security program, Sal B. Hoffman, president of the organization, announced.

This UIU program covers 11,000 workers in the furniture, wood products, bedding, basket and canvas industries, and funds are furnished entirely by employers with a contribution of 3 per cent of their total unionized payroll and also provides covered members with \$1,000 death benefit, payment of hospital and doctor bills, 60 per cent of their average total earnings during disability periods and an additional benefit for dismemberment and accidental death. This program, administered by the social security department of the UIU, makes public periodic financial statements of its operation.

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