

JOE WORKER

SMITH, OWNER OF THE SMITH IRON WORKS, HAS JUST FIRED SMITH'S FATHER, DAVE SMITH, FOR BEING ATTACKED BY TWO THUGS IN HIS EMPLOY. JOE WORKER, WHO IS TRYING TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE SALESBURG MURDERS, PROTESTS...

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YES, AND FIRED HIM AFTER YOUR THUGS STARTED A FIGHT. SOMETHING SHIBBLES AROUND HERE!



LABOR ISSUE AT TOP CONGRESS' PROGRAM

(Continued From Page 1) American Political Science Association, but whose message was read by a colleague, Mr. Fenton, AFL organizational director, declared collective bargaining, with a minimum of Government interference, was the best key to industrial peace.

One House member, who recently discussed tax matters with the President, said he believes from Mr. Truman's comments that the President will recommend in his message to Congress on taxes, that the White House will propose a lowering of levies on persons in low-income brackets—those under \$5,000 gross—perhaps through lowering of exemptions in that bracket—to increase buying power.

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AMPLE BUILDING MATERIALS SOON

Washington, D. C. — There should be enough building materials in 1947 to begin construction of 1,200,000 homes, to complete 1,000,000 units and for normal maintenance needs, with enough lumber left over for \$8,000,000,000 worth of nonresidential building. This was the estimate presented here by Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the newly created office of temporary control in a report to the Senate Small Business Committee, in investigating the housing situation.

Chicago, Ill.—According to reports coming from the middle American information bureau, some 250,000 pounds of frog legs have been shipped from Cuba to the United States each year for the past six years—and frog hunting has become one of Cuba's most popular professions.

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we can begin making some real progress.

PREVIEW OF 1947

By Boris Shiskin, AFL Economist
On the whole, America's outlook for 1947 is bright and promising. The war has exacted its grim toll from our people and has left its scars.

Yet our country stands, unravaged by war, in possession of greater productive capacity, better trained workers, and richer resources than any nation has ever known. It seems that it should not take very much effort to capture prosperity. But we must realize that in practice this will prove by no means easy. And in the next year our successes will again be tempered by our failures.

Central Labor Union Notes

The regular weekly meeting of Charlotte Central Labor Union was held Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Labor Temple with a nice attendance in comparison with the previous week when many delegates were absent due to illness and other causes. President Sterling Hicks opened the session with Secretary H. R. Efrid at his post.

The invocation was given by Brother J. J. Thomas, delegate from the Firemen's union, followed by the pledge of allegiance to Old Glory and country. These opening exercises were followed by routine matters, headed by roll call of officers and then the reading of the minutes of last week's meeting, which were approved. Receiving of credentials of new delegates was then called for and delegates from the Charlotte Bakery Workers Union were ordered seated, they being C. P. Hannah, Mrs. G. W. Padgett, Miss Mary Kiker and John Hill. A new delegate from the Custodian's union, Purvis L. Thompson, also came in and reported that his local is to send new delegates at an early date.

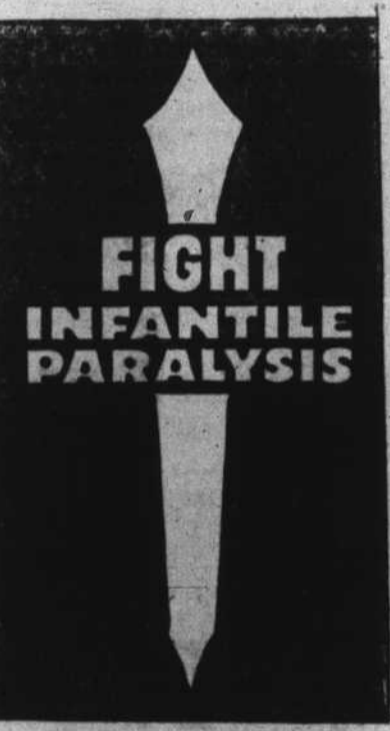
Special and standing committee reports were disposed of, followed by the reports of the officers of the CLU. President Hicks announced that he has just completed a new schedule of the meetings of the various affiliated unions, which are now being held in the Labor Temple and that some dates are open for other unions to meet there, if they so desire. He asked that unions interested in securing meeting places contact him or Secretary Efrid for more specific details relative to the meeting hall time that is now available.

Roll call of delegates then came up and this was responded to by Brother Thomas for the Firefighters, who reported that his union had held two meetings recently for the purpose of studying proposed amendments to the North Carolina Local Government Employees laws relative to retirement age, pay, etc. The Central Labor Union endorsed the proposal which is being submitted by Mr. Thomas' union following his request for an endorsement if the Central Body saw fit to do so. These proposed amendments have been endorsed by the North Carolina Firemen's Society, fire chiefs and others throughout the state, it was said, and have to do with securing better protection for those who protect the lives and property of Tarheelia. Mr. Thomas also announced that he has only recently been elevated from a private to a captain in the local fire department and has been assigned to Morris Field station.

Brother Henry Eddins reported for the Hod Carriers and Common Laborers Union, saying that negotiations are now underway with local contractors along with the other unions affiliated with the building trades.

Brother Gibson reported for the Painters and Decorators Union. His report was full of good cheer, as he announced that the members of his craft are doing very well during this "off season" in their line of work. The Painters Union is also negotiating new contracts, he said.

At the meeting last week Secretary Efrid of the Plumbers Union reported that the secretary-treasurer of his international union would visit Charlotte some time during January.



FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

MARCH OF DIMES

JANUARY 15-30

TWO-PANTS SUITS LEGAL AS BOARD SLASHES CONTROL

Washington, D. C.—Removal of the ban on two-pants suits was announced by the Office of Temporary Controls in extending President Truman's decontrol order. The edict became effective at once.

OTC said that more than 10,000,000 yards of fabric, or enough cloth to make 3,000,000 suits or uniforms, have been saved by the limiting order since it became effective October 26, 1942.

Such a recession is likely to result in a considerable loss of employment. However, there is no prospect for severe, widespread unemployment developing next year and becoming a chronic problem. The temporary snag in production and employment we may hit next year will not prevent us from getting back into full stride by the end of the year.

Taken as a whole, 1947 will be a real postwar test of the American free enterprise system and of the effectiveness of our political democracy and our national leadership. Regardless of partisan political considerations, it is imperative that the executive legislative branches of our Government unite on policies to advance the American standard of living.

Above everything else, 1947 will be a test for each one of us. For during the next year, the real responsibility for peace, happiness and prosperity will fall more directly than it ever did on the American worker, American farmer, American business man and American citizen. Let us not only wish for a prosperous year, but let us determine that we must have it and make up our minds to work for it.



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