

Maintenance Workers Union President Dies

Washington, D. C.—AFL President William Green paid high tribute to Elmer E. Milliman, president of the AFL International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, who died in Detroit at the age of 56.

"The death of President Milliman comes as a tremendous shock to all his friends—it was so sudden and unexpected," Mr. Green said. "All the representatives of the American Federation of Labor and the Railroad Workers have suffered a tremendous loss as a result of his passing. No one can adequately appraise the great loss which all the hosts of Labor have received."

Mr. Milliman was graduated from high school and studied engineering at the Rochester Institute of Technology, but had to leave for lack of funds. He went to work on the Lackawanna, quickly became a section foreman, and led in efforts to organize his craft.

In 1919 he was elected general chairman of the Brotherhood on the Lackawanna. Three years later, a convention elected him international secretary-treasurer, a position he held until his elevation to the presidency in 1940.

He was active on many important committees of the AFL and the Railway Labor Executives' Association, and one of his last outstanding services was as a member of the association's committee of three which fought to put the Crosser bill through Congress.

He is survived by his widow, Esther D. Milliman, and by two sons—Elmer E., Jr., and John Richard, both of whom served at the front and were wounded in World War II. They are now university students. His mother and sister also survive.

Mr. Milliman entered the Ford Hospital in Detroit recently for treatment of a kidney ailment. Physicians said he was run down. When he failed to improve under treatment, doctors attempted an operation, but he died on the operating table.

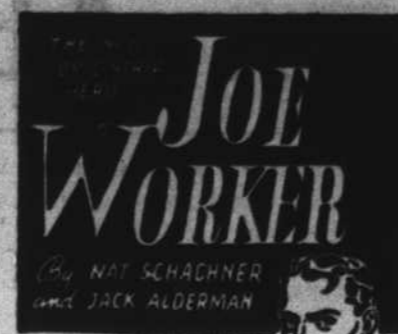
Speaking for rail labor, President T. C. Cashen of the Switchmen who is also chairman of the Railway Labor Executives' Association, declared "We are all deeply shocked and grieved to hear of his death."

"He was one of the most energetic and progressive labor leaders we have had in recent years," Cashen said. "He was always ready and willing to co-operate in all vital movements to improve the lot of those who toil. His death is a distinct loss to railroad labor—and all labor."

AFL PRINTERS IN CHICAGO WIN IMPORTANT RAISE

Chicago.—The Chicago local of the AFL International Typographical Union, consisting of a membership of 3,500, was granted wage increases ranging from 39 1-2 to 43 1-2 cents in an agreement offered by the Franklin Association of Chicago and accepted by the members. The vote was 1,040 to accept and 218 against, the agreement to extend to next December 31.

The pay of print shop workers will be increased from \$1.81 1-2 to \$2.21 an hour, and night workers from \$1.91 1-2 to \$2.35 an hour. The wage hike is retroactive for 14 weeks, and the contract provides for a 36 1-2 hour week and paid holidays will be increased from three to six a year.



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Atomic Trades Sign Contract

(Continued From Page 3) selection this committee shall render a written decision. This shall be binding on the classifications involved. The Company agrees to honor such decision.

The Federation, Mr. Mason said, as he analyzed both the Wiley and Caphart bills in detail, is strongly opposed to both measures, because it sees in them a serious threat to gains registered by labor over a long period of years.

Apprenticeship
A joint committee of management and union is provided for the administration of suitable standards for progression in apprentice training which is part of the wage structure.

Time Off For Voting
Time off for civic voting is allowed without loss of pay.

Shift Pay
Shift premium pay is .05-.10 and .10 hourly.

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Employees of six months service but less than a year's service will receive up to 30 working days pay if disabled by illness.

More than a year's service will entitle an employee to receive up to three months pay when ill and in exceptional cases payment may be made beyond this time with the approval of the Director of Plant Manager.

There are provisions for medical examination at the employer's option. All earnings exclusive of overtime and including shift differentials are counted as normal earnings to be paid during disability.

AFL UNION SELECTED
Chicago, Ill.—Harry O'Reilly, AFL regional organization director, announced that in an election held by the National Labor Relations Board recently, employees of the Illinois Paint Works voted for AFL local 960, Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Allied Products union, by 57 to 29.

XMAS SALES SETS RECORD
New York City.—Department store sales here in December were reported to have marked a gain of 28 per cent over the comparable 1945 month, the Herald Tribune said after a survey. The increase boosted sales to the highest levels ever recorded for that month.

WOMEN'S CLOTHES TO DECLINE SOON
(Continued From Page 1) "is a drug on the market," and more expensive jewelry also will drop.

The Fish and Wildlife Service predicts that fur coats will be more plentiful and cheaper next year.

GREEN URGES BARGAINING

(Continued From Page 1) standard of living necessary for their health, efficiency and general well being, rather than legislation that will weaken the act itself.

When labor and management enter into negotiated agreements, the integrity of both are involved. Unless agreements can be depended upon by both parties, collective bargaining can not be continued.

"Our trade union movement has no asset more valuable in its agreement with employers than the integrity which is involved. The minimum wage and maximum hour standards of the Fair Labor Employment Act are of crucial importance to the future prosperity of all American workers. The magnitude of the portal-to-portal pay claims has been exaggerated for emasculation of the act itself."

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GREEN PLEDSEG NEW FARM

(Continued From Page 1) pletely ignored. Yet here are the facts:

"First: Farm workers are still not included under the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act and therefore have no legal protection of their right to join unions of their own choice and to bargain collectively with their employers.

"Second: Farm workers are excluded from the benefits of the nation's social security system, which provides unemployment insurance, retirement pensions, and old-age assistance.

"Third: The Fair Labor Standards Act does not cover farm workers, thereby denying them the protection of minimum wage and maximum hour standards.

"These omissions are an evil which Congress should remedy at once. The American Federation of Labor, at its last convention, unanimously endorsed this legislative program and will back up your efforts to obtain prompt action from Congress.

"In some parts of the country, especially in the South, agricultural workers suffer from even more dangerous discrimination which deprives them of their constitutional rights to vote and limits their field of economic opportunity to the most menial and lowest-paying jobs.

"The American Federation of Labor throughout its entire history has opposed discrimination because of race, color or creed. Such discrimination constitutes a repudiation of the most basic American principles of freedom. Yet it exists. In fact, six States

still have in effect poll-tax laws which restrict the right to vote. "It is fitting and proper that this annual convention of the National Farm Labor Union should meet here in the Nation's Capital, almost under the very eyes of the Congress and the executive departments of the Government, because by such proximity you can call attention to the shocking neglect with which the agencies of our Government have treated the problems of farm workers. "I have no doubt that the people of this country will be surprised to learn that farm workers are treated as second-class citizens of America, excluded from the benefits and protections which our social and economic laws extend to workers in other lines of endeavor."

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