

AMERICAN LABOR FORCE OF 62 MILLIONS FORECAST

Washington, D. C.—The labor force of the United States should reach a strength of 62,000,000 persons by 1950, a gain of 13 per cent over a 10-year period, it was estimated in a report by the Labor Department.

The largest part of this increase for a single decade, 35 per cent, the December issue of the Labor review declared after a survey, should occur on the Pacific Coast, with the South having a gain of 1 per cent and the Northeast of 10 per cent and the Great Plains area, from the Dakotas to Oklahoma, may suffer a net loss.

In view of the fact that the Nation's labor force is defined by the experts as all 14 years or older employed or seeking employment, the 62,000,000 figures is not necessarily the number who will be actually at work.

The work force in 1940 was 55,000,000, the estimate pointed out. "Natural population growth, and continuation of the long-term trend toward use of more women in the labor market" were advanced as reasons for its estimated growth of 7,000,000 by 1950.

The high figure at the end of the decade, the report said, will still be 4,000,000 below the wartime peak. During the war, the labor force was swollen by the added participation of 8,000,000 housewives, students, retired workers and others normally outside the labor market.

But the great majority of these "extra" workers have already dropped out of the labor force and it is considered likely that by 1950 not more than a million will remain.

The regional changes of labor force growth during the '40s is affected not merely by changes in the rate of natural population growth, but also by the pattern of interstate migration, the study declared.

Thus the work force on the Pacific Coast is expected to increase from 4,300,000 in 1940 to five and a half or six million in 1950, owing principally to large-scale migration, mostly from the South and Midwest.

Despite the migration of work-

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GOVERNMENT MAKES A PROFIT OF 172 MILLION ON COTTON

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson revealed that the Government's greatest venture into market aid — price supports for cotton — has returned the Commodity Credit Corporation a profit of \$172,000,000.

The program was started in 1933 and from that time until this year the CCC made loans on 31,200,000 bales and of this amount the growers redeemed 21,700,000. Also, in 1944-45 the CCC bought 2,800,000 bales. The total bales of cotton the CCC took possession of was 12,300,000.

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ers away from the South, that area will still gain in the size of its worker supply because of its high birth rates in predominantly rural areas.

The Northeast will gain about three million workers in the 10-year period, principally because of normal population growth. But in the Great Plains area, the migration of the growing population away from the farms to industrial centers probably will result in a net loss of workers.

JOE WORKER

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Washington, D. C.—Plans to open hearings shortly on all proposed labor legislation, with a view to introduction of an omnibus bill by March 15, were announced by Representative Fred A. Hartley of New Jersey, new chairman of the House Labor Committee.

On the other side of the Capitol, Senator Taft, of Ohio, new leader of the Senate Labor Committee, expressed belief that the Administration is in much more accord with Republican views on labor legislation than was indicated earlier. He based this view on the testimony of Labor Secretary Schwelienbach, despite the Cabinet member's vigorous objection to most anti-labor bills now awaiting consideration.

"It seems that our position is closer than was indicated by Mr. Schwelienbach's prepared statement," Senator Taft told newsmen after the hearing.

Representative Hartley expressed hope that President Truman would sign an omnibus labor bill, but said he believed such a bill could be passed over a presidential veto if brought to a test.

AFL groups throughout the nation have been urged by President William Green to register their protests with both Senate and House Labor Committees against anti-labor bills. This, Mr. Green emphasized, constitutes one of the most pressing issues before the nation today and one which must be met full-force by workers in every section and every branch of industry.

U. S. HAS SOFT TOOTH

Washington, D. C.—The Commerce Department reports that people in the United States spent \$520,000,000 for candy, on a wholesale price basis, to "satisfy the sweet tooth" during the first ten months of 1946. This was the figure for the total of candy manufacturers' sales, as no estimate was available at the candy counters. On the basis of the factory rise, the outlay added up to more than \$3.10 average for each man, woman and child.

LONDONERS OPPOSE TIPS

London.—More than 700 Londoners enrolled in the "Bribery and Secret Commission prevention League," the purpose of which is to halt the slipping of tips to the milkman or butcher to obtain more rations than the law allows.

The league announced that there is three times as much bribery in England now as there was in 1939. England is credited with being the originator of the tip system.

RAISE IN IRON PLANT

Knoxville, Tenn.—Employees of the Knoxville Iron Co. here, members of Federal Local 22840, have negotiated a 4-cent-an-hour increase across the board. This raise was secured in the middle of the contract term.

P. O. SUPERVISORS ARE CHARTERED

Boston, Mass.—The American Federation of Labor has chartered the National Association of Postal Supervisors, which brings the total of AFL unions to 105 and a membership of over 7,000,000. The association has a membership of 12,000 with headquarters in this city. John Mahon of Boston is president of the APS.

TRUMAN ASKS CONGRESS FOR WELFARE AGENCY TO GUARD NATIONAL HEALTH

Washington, D. C.—Establishment of a Department of Welfare, with Cabinet rank, was proposed by President Truman in his State of the Union message to the 80th session of Congress.

"Of all our national resources," the President told Congress, "none of it is of more basic value than the health of our people."

"Over a year ago I presented to Congress my views on the national health program. Congress acted on several of the recommendations of this program and I urge this Congress to complete the work begun last year on this subject."

TRUMAN PUTS UP PRIZES FOR IDEAS TO CUT COSTS

Washington, D. C.—Taking a new tack in his drive to cut out unnecessary spending, President Truman has offered Federal employes prizes as high as \$1,000 for suggestions on how to save the taxpayers' money.

By executive order the President set up a merit-award system for Government workers who offer economy proposals which can be applied effectively within five years of their presentation. The cash awards will be determined by the amount of the annual savings resulting from each suggestion. The minimum award is \$10 for each \$200 of savings, with a ceiling of \$1,000 for an idea which saves the Government more than \$300,000 a year.

10,000 TEACHERS IN N. Y. HOLD PART-TIME JOBS

New York City.—Unable to maintain the living standards to which they had been accustomed, 10,000 New York public school teachers have been compelled to take "outside jobs" to augment their classroom earnings. Dr. Jacob Greenberg, associate superintendent in charge of personnel, announced here.

Asked if the second occupations were necessary, Dr. Greenberg replied that they were if the teachers were to pay their debts, keep their own children in school, and meet family obligations, including, in many cases, the support of parents.

AFL UNION WINS ELECTION

Decatur, Ala.—A collective bargaining election was won here by AFL employes of Southern Cotton Oil Company, involving some 81 workers.

PATTERSON WARNS SECURITY RESTS IN AMERICAN STRENGTH

Denver, Colo.—Addressing a dinner at Denver University, Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson warned that influence for peace "will be felt and our contribution to world progress will be effective only so far as it is known overseas that we can and will back up our commitments."

Secretary Patterson further stated that "if we are to be a power for world peace, that lesson should be brought home to our citizens."

"Our military establishment does not constitute a threat to any nation, he said, "but the condition of the military establishment has determined how well we can live at peace."

"Does any one think that the Nazis and the Japs would have declared war on us in 1941 if they had imagined what our power would be in 1945?"

"Unfortunately," Mr. Patterson said, "our national education in the field of international relations has been one-sided."

He said that we have given every consideration to working with those who sincerely want peace, but have "been unwilling to face the problem presented by those who are unwilling to cooperate for peace."

"Some ineptitude in the rough and tumble of foreign relations has cost us dear," the Secretary said.

A challenge to American education, he said, is "realistic" education in international relations and in the place of military strength in those relations. We must meet that challenge or see the United States sink into a state of helplessness that is an incentive to war."

Secretary Patterson said that "we can prevent a repetition of 1914 and 1939 best if the peoples of those countries learn the value of peace and world co-operation. If they are to learn, we must teach. Here is a challenge not only to the Army, but to American education and to the entire nation."

MOULDERS GRANTED RAISE

Philadelphia, Pa.—Under an agreement recently reached here by the International Moulders and Foundry Workers Union (AFL) and the Philadelphia Foundry Owners' Association, a wage rise of 13 cents an hour has been granted to 2,000 employes of 36 Philadelphia foundries. The contract, already ratified by the union, will be presented to the association for approval immediately.

BRICKLAYERS GET RAISE

El Paso, Texas.—The El Paso Bricklayers have advanced their pay scale, effective February 10, to \$2 an hour. This means a 25-cents-an-hour increase. The agreement also provides for double pay between 5 p. m. and 8 a. m. All Saturday work carries time and one-half and Sundays and holidays, double time.

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OYSTERS WORKERS PICK AFL FIRE FIGHTERS BENEFIT

Hampton, Va.—The Amalgamated Meat Cutters (AFL) have won an election among crab packers and other plant employes, covering about 200 workers in the three plants of Sinclair Seafood Co., M. F. Quinn Co., and oyster shuckers and plant laborers employed by the J. S. Darling & Sons, oyster packers.

Oak Ridge, Tenn.—Roan-Anderson contract negotiations for the fire fighters' unit here have been concluded. The employes won a \$6-a-week increase, \$1,000 non-contributory life insurance, 21 days annual sick leave, full-time pay for injuries sustained on the job, and seniority, grievance and arbitration procedures.

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