

Green Sharply Assails Bills To Impose Curbs On Activities Of Unions

Washington, D. C.—Grave warning that approval of anti-labor legislation now pending in Congress would produce such confusion in industrial circles "as to undermine the present world position of the United States" was served on the Senate Labor Committee by AFL President William Green.

Mr. Green's blast was the opening attack by labor spokesmen against the large number of bills before the current session of Congress to strip union workmen of virtually every gain they have made over a long period of years.

In a blanket indictment of far-flung proposals to completely revamp labor legislation, the usually mild-speaking labor leader made no attempt to conceal his contempt as he condemned the major measures as "vindictive," "obnoxious," "propagandistic hogwash" and attempts to impose "government by injunction."

Questioned at one point by Senator Irving M. Ives of New York, Mr. Green said that leaders of the American Federation of Labor would be willing to sit down in conference with members of the Senate committee to discuss a possible compromise on the entire question of labor legislation.

Mr. Green expressed vigorous opposition to the Ball-Taft-Smith Bill, declaring it would greatly weaken the Nation's industrial setup. Measures to outlaw the closed shop, to ban industry-wide bargaining, to revise the Wagner Labor Act and similar proposals were condemned by the AFL chieftain with equal vehemence.

Point by point, Mr. Green presented the committee with a detailed analysis of each of the major bills. Carefully he discussed the forces and conditions of the Nation's expanded economy, the great expansion in machine development, manpower displacement, dislocations and adjustments caused by the depression, the war and postwar period and eventual emergence of certain economic and social truths.

He singled out particularly the Ball-Taft-Smith Bill and kindred measures which would set up a Federal Mediation Board, compel a "cooling-off period," ban the closed shop and industry-wide bargaining and place new limitations on the scope of the Wagner Act. Regarding the proposal of a

cooling-off period, Mr. Green said this constituted "an unwarranted invasion of an essential liberty—the right to strike—and violates the 13th amendment to the Constitution, prohibition against involuntary servitude."

This proposal, the labor leader declared, also "suggests what is completely untrue, namely that unions call and engage in strikes at the drop of a hat, in a moment of heated excitement, without any consideration for the welfare of either union members or the general public."

Unions confronted with such a "legislative freeze," he declared, "in order to avoid its harsh consequences, rapidly would be forced to develop their differences with industrial practice and returns labor disputes in order to invoke the services of conciliation."

The bill to ban the closed shop, Mr. Green asserted, "is not only bitterly reactionary, but flouts over 100 years of traditional industrial practice and returns labor to the same status it occupied at the very beginning of its struggle for recognition."

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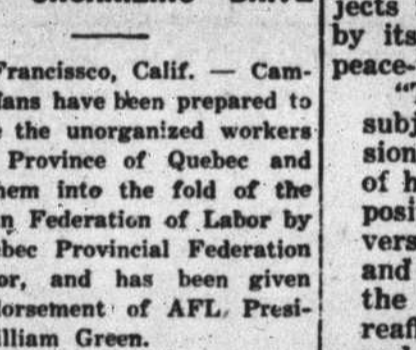
JOE WORKER

THE ESCAPED NAZI AND HIS AMERICAN SIBLING, MORTON GALT, KNOW THEY MUST FIRST DESTROY UNIONISM BEFORE THEY CAN DESTROY DEMOCRACY. THE FIRST STEP IS IN THEIR OWN SOUTHERN HOMELANDS, WHICH THE UNION HAS BEEN TRYING TO ORGANIZE...

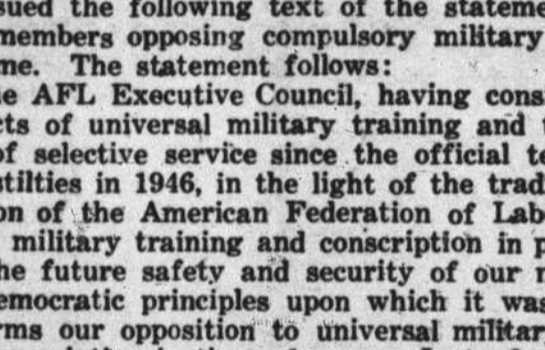


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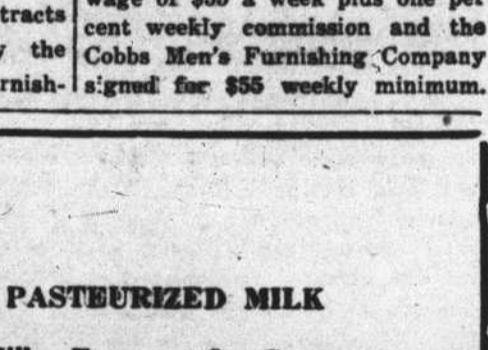
I STILL DON'T SEE... IT'S SIMPLE. A MOVEMENT'S STARTED IN GERMANY TO MAKE AMERICA PROSELYTIC! AND WE... I MEAN... CHANGES IN THE WAY!



SO THE PLACE TO WHICH IS SMITH'S? THAT'S EASY TO SAY, JOE. BUT YOU KNOW WE HAVEN'T EVEN AN ORGANIZER IN THE PLANT.



YOU'RE WORSE, BILL. I'M GETTING A JOB THERE TODAY! THEY KNOW YOU! YOU'LL NEVER GET HERE THE PLACE!



QUEBEC AFL CHIEFS PLAN BIG ORGANIZING DRIVE

San Francisco, Calif. — Campaign plans have been prepared to organize the unorganized workers in the Province of Quebec and bring them into the fold of the American Federation of Labor by the Quebec Provincial Federation of Labor, and has been given the endorsement of AFL, President William Green.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Chamber of Commerce, and the governments, federal and provincial, are drafting elaborate plans to further extend industry in this province. The greatest inducement for such an expansion is the availability of cheap labor because it is unorganized. The adherents of the American Federation of Labor are determined to eliminate this condition.

In carrying out their campaign of organizing the unorganized, the Quebec Federation of Labor needs the full assistance of the whole labor movement, and they are asking the AFL unions to cooperate with them in this campaign.

REGIONAL CO-OPERATIVES SHOW LARGE INCREASE

Chicago, Ill.—It has just been made public that the wholesale volume of the 22 regional co-operatives that make up National Co-operatives, Inc., rose from \$177,400,000 in 1945 to \$232,100,000 in 1946, or an increase of 30 per cent.

Retail volume had a larger increase in dollar sales but a smaller rise percentage-wise. Estimated volume of retail co-operatives affiliated with the regionals was \$541,992,000 in 1945 and \$698,520,000 in 1946, or 28 per cent higher.

Last year a total of 423 co-operative associations were added, making a total of 4,522 affiliated with National. The number of outlets advanced by 594 to reach a total of 5,819 at the close of the year. A total of 180,236 families were added to those served by local co-operatives, bringing the number served through National up more than 1,500,000. Membership at the year totaled 1,516,950, or an increase of 13 per cent over 1945.

FACTORY HIRES DROP IN DECEMBER

Washington, D. C.—The December hiring rate for factory workers was 441 per 1,000, a sharp decline from the November rate of 57. The situation reflected the usual seasonal lull, aggravated by the freight embargo occasioned by the coal strike.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics survey of factory turnover in December indicates that manufacturers generally met the resulting material shortages by curtailing hiring rather than by extensive layoffs. The December layoff rate of 9 per thousand, however, was slightly higher than the November rate of 7. The freight embargo resulted in increased layoffs in the iron and steel and the

AFL ON PEACE-TIME DRAFT

The American Federation of Labor Executive Council at its recent Miami mid-winter session, along with other subjects issued the following text of the statement approved by its members opposing compulsory military training in peace-time. The statement follows:

"The AFL Executive Council, having considered the subjects of universal military training and the extension of selective service since the official termination of hostilities in 1946, in the light of the traditional opposition of the American Federation of Labor to universal military training and conscription in peace-time, and the future safety and security of our nation and the democratic principles upon which it was founded, reaffirms our opposition to universal military training and conscription in time of peace. Instead of the Executive Council favors a comprehensive educational, physical and health program for the youth of the nation.

"We base the foregoing conclusions upon the firm belief and conviction:

"1. That any compulsory system of military training and conscription in peace-time will ultimately lead to a destruction of the principles of voluntarism and consent, upon which our nation is founded.

"2. That it will tend to glorify militarism and military institutions and leadership.

"3. That it will so train the mind of the youth as to give emphasis to war and conflict and resort to force rather than to processes of peace and constructive endeavors.

"4. That our democratic institutions, such as free trade unions, schools, and other free institutions will be progressively endangered by an increasing dominance of a military mind, philosophy, and practice upon our civil affairs and relationship.

"On the other hand, we hold that greater emphasis should be given the subject of encouraging, promoting and retaining the leadership of the United States:

"1. In all technical, industrial and cultural developments, the importance of which was clearly and fully manifested in the recent world war.

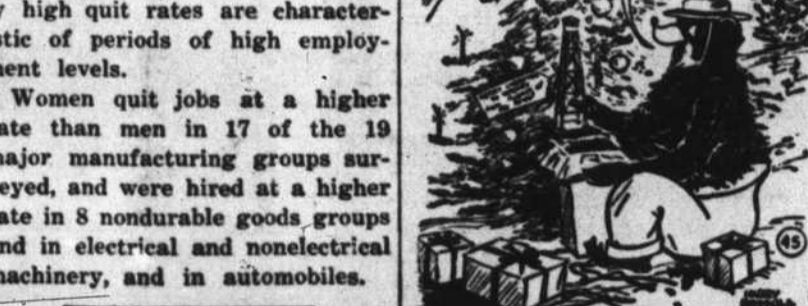
"2. In teaching the youth of our land the constructive arts and processes of production, distribution and transportation.

"3. In undertaking educational, health, and physical culture programs.

"4. In furthering in every possible way friendly, peaceful and co-operative relations with all the nations of the world, as contemplated by the United Nations Organization."

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