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CLOSED SHOPPERS' CHANGES TO ANTICLOSED SHOPPERS

Yea! A potent pill has been prescribed for North Carolina Labor, dear reader, by Dr. North Carolina General Assembly, in the form of an anti-closed shop bill (pill). The dose was administered last week by hurried action of Dr. North Carolina Senate. The bill (pill) may have been concocted by the "doctors" for usage in a hurried effort to forestall an epidemic of coalstriketitis, if one should break out in North Carolina, or some other "epidemic"; nobody seems to know. The patient hasn't been hollering (very loudly) with the belly ache, he hasn't been running temperatures, nevertheless he has been pronounced ailing. The fact of the matter is the patient has been acting normally for over a half a century with the exception of a very few attacks of striketitis which he has suffered during all this time, and it is hard to understand why the physician would put him to bed when his health record and behavior have been far above the average.

Several doctors had different diagnoses. One or two were fearful lest coalstriketitis would break out in the State about March 31; they were fearful that the patient and all of his members would be contaminated by this ailment, when as a matter of fact there isn't a coal mine infection pit in the entire State large enough to give a doodle-bug the slightest bit of trouble. They, however, were not given much consolation favorable to their argument by the more experienced doctors (legislators); they were coldly ignored by the older physicians who would not go along with them on the coalstriketitis theory, for the older physicians (legislators) by now had pronounced the patient suffering with closedshopitis. He was sick and needed treatment, they bellowed, and immediate treatment he must have, they said. The patients' (Labor's) closedshopitis must be given drastic potions lest others afflicted with the milder form of openshopitis contract the closedshop form. Ah! No more closedshopitis in this State, they stormed out in arriving at the final decision. No more freedom for North Carolina Labor and North Carolina Management in arriving at their own working agreements through collective bargaining in a democratic manner, they decided. No more labor and management closedshopitis will be tolerated in North Carolina, said their voice vote to do away with this privilege of North Carolinians who sent them down to Raleigh to look after the best interests of all North Carolinians! It is not what the patient wants—we are the doctors who are prescribing the cure for closedshopitis in North Carolina. (This is what the doctor meant when he sealed the verdict for Labor, if The Journal sees the issue clearly.)

Closedshopitis has been raging in Washington for more than 100 years. The printers and the publishers there have been infected with it all during this time, and it hasn't made any of them take to their beds yet. Josephus Daniels has been afflicted with it for a long, long time and he told the doctor that it hadn't hurt him in the least! Frank Graham has seen it, been in it and experienced its every phase and form; and he told the doctor that it had never hurt him, neither had he seen anyone it had hurt, but to the contrary it had helped all workers and their employers alike; Capus Waynick advised against even prescribing for such a harmless symptom as closedshopitis; C. A. Fink of the North Carolina Federation of Labor said that closedshopitis has been prevalent here for a long time and that it had helped its victims rather than made them sick; and Roy Lawrence of the CIO Textile Workers Union told the doctor that they had better begin prescribing against Communism instead of against American closedshopitis. And we'll be darned if the doctor didn't order his pill to destroy closedshopitis or unionitis instead of any of the other symptoms that had been suggested by those in position to know.

Therefore, The Charlotte Labor Journal predicts that there will be a widespread scramble to change physicians as this new epidemic of anticlosedshopitis begins affecting the ranks of organized and unorganized workers and management in this great State where American freedom was born within a stone's throw of The Journal office more than a century and a half ago.

Ere long the doctor's patients may grow sicker; the bellyaches may become more pronounced, the temperatures may rise to new highs, political storms may rise. Then new physicians may be called in and not until then will the patient pass through the crisis, unless the doctor decides to change his pill by prescribing one that it not so caustic. The head men over at Raleigh can do this by calling a special session of the General Assembly and making null and void the bitter potion they have prescribed for North Carolina Labor, and perhaps Management.

Forgotten Inventor

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AFL Says Portal Pay Issue Being Misused

Washington, D. C. — Charges that some members of Congress have seized upon the portal-to-portal pay issue as an excuse to present legislation which would cram down the throats of the American people new laws which would shackle all labor and wipe out the gains scored by organized workmen over a long period of years were made before a House Judiciary Sub-committee.

Walter J. Mason, a legislative spokesman for the American Federation of Labor, declared these anti-labor proposals go far beyond the question of travel time and would "nullify" the Wage-Hour Act as an effective national standard for minimum wages.

"In our opinion," Mr. Mason told the sub-committee, "this situation is being used as an excuse to emasculate certain laws passed to improve the standards of workers everywhere."

Mr. Mason told the group that the measures introduced by labor foes were aimed particularly at collective bargaining. He said they would pave the way to definitions less liberal than had been obtained by the unions themselves "in thousands of cases."

Mr. Mason contended that one pending bill would destroy enforcement of the Wage-Hour Act by freeing employers of liability to violations unless it could be shown that they had not acted "in good faith."

"The enactment of the proposed legislation," he asserted, "would put the American workers back several generations to the time when they were paid \$1 per day, regardless of the number of hours they worked."

"In the case of existing agreements, most unions felt that they were bound by the terms of understanding with employers reached in negotiations, and were therefore under obligation to honor such contractual terms for the period covered by these agreements. This has been consistent with the long-established policy of the American Federation of Labor opposed to resorting to courts for the settlement of issues which are proper subjects of collective bargaining."

"Discussing the portal-to-portal pay issue, Mr. Mason told the subcommittee that few suits based on this subject had been introduced by AFL unions."

"Most AFL affiliates," he said, "have preferred to present their claims directly to the employers concerned and to make every effort to reach an agreement over the definition of 'time worked' in collective bargaining negotiations."

Summarizing the anti-labor bills, Mr. Mason declared they are objectionable because they interfere with collective bargaining by excluding "certain activities now considered as compensable work-

ing time in thousands of collective bargaining agreements" and endangers labor standards by restrictive definition of compensable working time." He added: "I don't think any portal pay legislation is needed. I think the Supreme Court could handle this problem very well."

As the House hurried with its hearings, Senate Republican leaders were arranging to bring a portal bill to the floor at the earliest opportunity. This was confirmed by Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Senate Republican Steering Committee.

MORE OUTPUT BEST ANTIDOTE TO INFLATION, GREEN ASSERTS

New York City. — "More and more production is the simple answer to the threat of inflation," AFL President William Green declared in an article issued in the mid-March publication of Liberty Magazine.

"I believe this is the answer also to the threat of a serious recession in both business and industry," the labor chief said. Inflation, the major threat of the moment, he added, would rob labor of its gains which have been registered over a long period of years.

"I believe thoroughly in private enterprise, and in private enterprise for labor as well as management," he said. "We welcome the removal of price controls, as permitting management and labor to return to real collective bargaining."

"The strike is a weapon which labor must keep for its own protection, but which should not be used except as a last resort. Within 12 months after V-J Day, the AFL had won more than a billion dollars' gain in yearly income for American workers, entirely without a strike."

A 30-hour week is the goal of the AFL, Mr. Green pointed out, adding "labor looks forward to shorter hours and to better pay. American industry can afford to pay its workers nowadays more than workers get in any other country."

"The way out of the present impasse in which America finds itself is voluntary co-operation," Mr. Green concluded. "Only by working together can management and labor produce the greatest number, with the minimum of bureaucratic intervention."

N. Y. JOBS INCREASE Albany, N. Y.—December manufacturing employment in New York reached 1,898,977, according to estimates submitted to State Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi. This was an increase of 151,298 workers over the previous year.

LAWS ALONE CANNOT MAKE BARGAINING FULLY EFFECTIVE, CED TOLD NATION

Washington, D. C. — Warning that "legislation alone cannot make collective bargaining work," the Committee for Economic Development, an organization of non-reactionary businessmen, called for the creation by law of a permanent national Labor-Management Council to promote industrial peace.

The CED proposal featured a report made public by Paul G. Hoffman and Eric Johnston after an eight-month's study of labor relations problems. The report did not endorse such anti-labor legislation as banning the closed shop, industry-wide bargaining and secondary boycotts, which will be covered in a special study by the CED.

The proposed Labor-Management Council would be appointed by the President, subject to Senate confirmation, and would work with a greatly strengthened Federal Mediation Service, which the CED also recommended.

Two other recommendations were that no strike be called or strike vote taken until collective bargaining has had a chance to function and until the mediation service has had a chance to settle the dispute; and that differences arising from interpretation of the terms of collective bargaining contracts must be submitted to arbitration.

"The recommendations in this report," Mr. Hoffman said, "are based upon the premise that the public has a vested interest in industrial peace, that labor disputes are no longer the sole concern of management and labor and, in consequence, the general public, through government, has an obvious right to impose rules upon both management and labor which will promote peaceful bargaining."

He emphasized, however, that legislation alone will not make collective bargaining work. Unions and management must bring "sanity, moderation and tolerance to the bargaining table," the CED chairman said.

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