

**SAN FRANCISCO AIR GROUP WINS PAY BOOST FIGHT**

San Francisco, Calif.—The two independent radio stations of this city, KYA and KSFO, are back on the air after a three-day strike by the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA). A compromise settlement was won providing an 18-month contract, retroactive to last January 1 and guaranteeing no discrimination against strikers.

The new agreement provides wage scales for announcers ranging from \$67.50 to \$77.50 a week, with a further \$2.50 weekly raise on October 1. Former salaries were from \$55 to \$60.

**HOUSE OVERWHELMINGLY REJECTS PLEA TO RESTORE LABOR DEPT. SLASHES**

Washington, D. C.—Efforts by its Appropriations Committee to restore important reductions were overwhelmingly defeated by the House when it approved a bill carrying only \$1,155,586,780 for the Labor Department, the Federal Security Agency and related activities.

The vote was 343 to 39. Brushing aside complaints by the Democratic wing, which accused the Republican side of the House of "false economy," a well organized majority sustained the committee reductions of \$77,825,320 from President Truman's budget requests.

A slash of \$3,327,300 in funds for the Bureau of Labor Statistics had been recommended previously, and an amendment providing for an addition cut of \$1,000,000 was voted.

Approval of the measure followed the defeat, 212 to 169, of a motion to return the bill to committee with instructions to increase specified appropriations.

The appropriations measure, as it was forwarded to the Senate, provides funds of \$89,864,200 for operation of the Labor Department in the fiscal year beginning July 1, which is \$12,714,500 less than requested by the President, and \$89,178,112 for the Federal Security Agency, or \$61,123,420 less than budget estimates.

The measure also would provide \$4,481,900 for the National Labor Relations Board, or \$3,950,300 less than requested; \$746,000 for the National Mediation Board, or \$37,300 below requests, and \$301,330,000 for the Railroad Retirement Board.

The center of the controversy was the \$598,400 cut in the Labor Department Conciliation Service's plea for \$2,678,400. This reduction would eliminate the positions of Edgar L. Warren, Conciliation Director, and some 100 other officials and employees. Mr. Warren had been accused of once having been associated with two Communist-front organizations,

and it was on this basis that his foes in the House pressed for the reduction in funds for his service.

The House rejected by a voice vote an amendment to restore the reduction in the funds, acting despite contentions that the reduction would wipe out the Conciliation Service as an effective implement in settling labor disputes and that the elimination of the jobs of Mr. Warren and the others was an invasion by the legislative branch of the field of the executive.

In rapid order the House rejected 14 other amendments by voice or teller votes ranging from 147-53 to 150-113.

The 150-113 tally came on an amendment to increase by \$2,208,286 the appropriation for the United States Employment Service with most of the proposed increase earmarked for assisting war veterans in obtaining jobs. The committee had cut USES requests by \$3,906,700 with the explanation that adequate funds for veteran placement services would be available to the Veterans Administration.

One rejected amendment would have eliminated the entire appropriation for the NLRB.

All of the rest were aimed at restoring, wholly or in part, cuts recommended by the committee. They would have increased appropriations for hospital construction, vocational rehabilitation, the NLRB, child labor study and a number of other activities.

**MINE TRAGEDY DEcriED BY AFL CHIEF GREEN**

Washington, D. C.—Deep sympathy for the victims of the appalling tragedy marked by the Centralia, Ill., mine explosions and for the workers' families was expressed in a message by AFL President William Green to Edward Auberry, Secretary of the United Mine Workers' local there.

At the same time Mr. Green expressed hope that a thorough investigation of the disaster "will disclose who, because of negligence or otherwise, is responsible," and that those found at fault will be punished properly.

Mr. Green said he was in full accord with the decision of the United Mine Workers (AFL) to observe Holy Week as a full period of mourning for the 111 members who died in the gas-filled pit and for their families.

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**TRUMAN ORDERS CHECKUP AND RELEASE OF SUBVERSIVE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**

Washington, D. C.—Orders for a most thorough examination of present and prospective employees of the executive branch of the Federal Government, coupled with a demand that any such workers found to be disloyal to the American form of government be discharged at once have been issued by President Truman.

The screening process will be carried out by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is expected to cover 2,000,000 employees at a cost of some \$25,000,000 or more.

Membership in or "sympathetic association" with any "foreign or domestic group designated by the Attorney General as "totalitarian, Fascist, Communist or subversive" are among the new grounds laid down for prompt discharge of an employe or rejection of a job applicant.

The order, which took the Capitol by surprise, came as welcome news to members of AFL Government unions which had long advocated the far-reaching purge of subversive elements from Federal payrolls.

The reaction on Capitol Hill was immediate and highly commendatory of the President's move. Congressional leaders began immediate steps to lay the foundation for whatever legal backing may be required to implement Mr. Truman's order.

In directing the dismissal of all Federal employes whenever "reasonable grounds" exist to doubt their loyalty, Mr. Truman ordered the names of all workers to be checked against FBI records.

He also ordered a "master index" of all persons whose loyalty has been investigated since September 1, 1939, and called for compilation of a single list of all subversive organizations.

Members of the House Appropriations Committee and the Committee on Un-American Activities—both of which have been spearheading the congressional drive against Government workers with questionable background—saw in the presidential action a vindication of their position.

The President issued an executive order setting up complete machinery for elimination of Federal employes regarded as disloyal, adopting the unanimous recommendations of his temporary commission on employe loyalty. This commission, which reported February 20, found that existing Federal security procedures do not "furnish adequate protection against the employment or the continuance in employment of disloyal or subversive persons."

"Although the loyalty of by far the overwhelming majority of all Government employes is beyond question," the President said, "the presence within the Government of any disloyal or subversive person constitutes a threat to our democratic processes."

**IMPORTANT GAINS REPORTED BY AFL IN TORONTO DRIVE**

Washington, D. C.—Important gains in the organizing campaign of the American Federation of Labor in Toronto, Canada, were detailed in a report by Max Federman, chairman of the campaign there, to AFL President William Green.

The report showed that jewelry workers employed by Coro Ltd., one of the largest such plants in the British Empire, voted three to one to recognize the Metal Polishers International (AFL) as their bargaining agent, the union also selected by workers in the Bond & Boyd plant. Similar successes were reported in other industries.

Acknowledging the report, Mr. Green said:

"I congratulate you and your associates most highly upon the success which has met your organizing activities among the costume jewelry workers, the cork and insulation plant, cleaners and dyers and in other fields. Please accept my thanks for this excellent service you have rendered, not only to the workers of your locality but to the American Federation of Labor as well."

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**Statement of Manley R. Dunaway**  
Candidate For Mayor Of Charlotte  
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April 22, 1947.  
My pre-election statement to the voters of Charlotte is merely a plea for the exercise of their common sense, that is why I did not conduct an expensive campaign.  
My platform is simple because it conforms to the needs of our City and its future welfare. I do not believe it is necessary to go outside to get talent to run our City for \$16,000 a year.  
I am unalterably opposed to the establishment of the ABC stores in this City or in any City. There are many existing abuses, but the tragedy of alcohol can not be corrected by making its sale legal.  
Our City, which is "bursting at the seams," needs more than anything else, an eight-lane super highway, beginning at the Remount Road and Wilkinson Boulevard and crossing the York and Pineville Roads, entering Sharon Lane and following the old road bed between Oakhurst and Hickory Grove through entering Route 29 near the junction of Salisbury and Concord highway. Coming along with the highway, we should direct our thoughts toward the building of a spiral storage building for parking cars in the uptown area. For these two projects, the Federal Government should supply the money to the State, and the County can then borrow the money from the State for these purposes.  
I would also replace "talk" and "petty politics" with a constructive program for the establishment of additional recreation facilities (white and colored) for the mutual benefit of our younger element and for the welfare of our City. Above all, I pledge to the voters a business administration, favoring no one in particular, and with only one purpose—that of making Charlotte the best City in the South.  
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