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TAFT ANTI-LABOR BILL IS "TROUBLE-MAKING AND UNFAIR"

Branding the Taft anti-labor bill "untimely, troublemaking, reactionary, unfair and unduly political," Senator nation from Washington. The Robert G. Wagner, Democrat, of New York, warned the bill further makes explicate pro-Senate that such legislation would "commence to throw visions for continuation of volaway our democracy while we still have our prosperity," and urged President Truman to veto it.

"This bill seeks to repress, to reprove, to demoralize and to weaken the workers and organizations whose welfare is a part of the national welfare," he declared. "If the intentions of this bill were carried out, they would result in an ever greater inequality between employers and workers than exists now, or than existed before the National Labor Relations Act became law."

Discussing the general principles of the bill, as he saw them, the Senator said he would not go into a detailed analysis, because this had been done so frequently that he felt the public was fully informed of its general terms.

He added, however, that it would cause great friction over interpretation and settlement of new and untried definitions of rights and duties, promote and instigate unnecessary conflicts in courts and the collective bargaining process and "at the very time when we most need smoothness and stability."

Regarding his charge that it is a "reactionary bill," Senator Wagner declared that it seeks to strip workers "of hard-earned rights which are at the core of industrial freedom. With a few spectacular instances as pretext, the bill brands all of labor as a culprit. It diminishes the rights of all unions and labor leaders. Yet, experience shows that the exercise of these rights has resulted in a more productive, prosperous and just America."

Senator Wagner declared that the bill was unfair because it singles out workers "for harsh and punitive treatment," when other wrongs crying for attention in the national economy are being ignored.

"It is based upon the idea that unions have acquired too much monopolistic power," he said, "but the truth is that quirement that a majority be music, comedy and drama, and business monopoly—the concentration of economic power in composed of representatives of for the first time in radio history finance and industry-is now, even more than before, the real evil.

"Today the whole country realizes that workers, even ticipation in the administration chandising commercials. M. S. with the help of their unions, cannot keep pace with the of the plan. Purely professional Novik, for many years program increasing-cost of living caused by excessive prices and exorbitant profits.

"Every member of the Congress knows that this: the working people of this county, through their organiza- The bill further provides aid ties and is acting as laison offitions, have been the strongest and most consistent fight- to the State for the expansion and cer between the committee and the ing force for economic progress and human betterment. Without their sustaining efforts, we would go back in the dark era of the longer-day's work for the shorter-day's pay -back in the dark era of neglected unemployment, lower productivity, more widespread poverty, and much lower ate Education and Labor Commitnational income.

"Today, it is these same workers who, through their organizations, are the strongest single fighting force for the fact that the bill introduced greater ecenomic stability, for a lower cost-of-living earlier by Senators Taft, Ball, through curbing excessive prices, and for a better distribution of the national income to provide more buying power. In these efforts, the workers and their organizations are bill proposes to make grants acting in the best interests of the whole American people. available from the Federal Treas-

"Viewing the record, it is too much to expect that a majority of the present Congress will bury this bill. But I earnestly hope that the President vetoes it. Such a veto would. I believe, be sustained here. Certainly, it would be sustained by the liberty-loving, forward-looking, fair-dealing American people."

THE MARCH OF LABOR



UNIONS, REPRESENTING 1,600,000 WORKERS, HELD ITS FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN SEPTEM-BER, 1946. THE CONSTITUTION ADOPTED AIMS AT THE 40-HOUR WEEK, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, AND THE ELIMINATION OF "COLONIAL" CONDITIONS.

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Broader National Health Is Aim of Liberal Senators "double" and \$2 more for each additional instrument played, ac-

been drafted by a liberal group SHOW TO AID LABOR CAUSE it. of Senators, including Wagner of New York, Murray of Montana, and McGrath of Rhode Island, Francis and Sam Wanamaker in for early consideration at the cur- leading roles, the Entertainment

in corporated at the specific request of the American Federation

Among these are decentralizawill be through State and local areas with a minimum of co-ordiuntary health plans such as those developed in collective bargaining agreements by labor unions. medical care will continue to opto practically all wage earners ex- of Lorraine." cepting those under the Railroad retirement act.

full participation in policy mat- paid for their services.

Hearings are scheduled to begin AFL RADIO MUSICIANS GET before a subcommittee of the Sentee May 19. These hearings will prove a battleground, in view of Smith and Donnell will be considered at the same time. This ury to the State health agencies to enable them to pay the cost of medical care to the needy persons and their dependents. It Staff musicians on sustaining ical societies.

It is expected that officers of many national and international vicious Taft bill and in favor of health insurance at the hearings.

CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT

San Francisco, Calif.-The April issue of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Monthly Labor Review reveals the following information: The labor force on the entire West Coast is expected to increase from 4,300,000 in 1940 to a total in the neighborhood of 5,800,000 in 1950, a 36 per cent expansion.

The total civilian employment in the state at its wartime peak was 3,712,000 in June, 1944. The postwar low was reached in February, 1946, with 3,327,00 in civilian employment. It then climbed steadily to a seasonal high of 3,766,000 in September, 1946, and in December, 1946, stood at 3,648,000.

600,000 TEACHERS QUIT

Six hundred thousands teachers have quit the nation's classrooms in the last seven years for better-paying jobs, the American Federation of Teachers (AFL)

Washington, D. C. - A broad MISS FRANCIS AND WANAnational health insurance bill has MAKER STARRED ON RADIO

New York City-With Arlene Union's Committee, in co-opera-The measure re atmost identical tion with the AFL campaign with the Wagner-Murray-Dingell against the Hartley-Taft anti-labill of 1946 but centains a num- bor bills, presented the second ber of important improvements of its daytime radio serials placing before the nation a message from its toiling millions on May 9.

Under the title of the well known serial: "The Best Things tion of administration, providing In Life," the broadcast was carthat the operation of the plan ried over the entire ABS National network. It is a drama of by William Morwood and directed by Anton M. Leader, both topranking radio figures.

Miss Francis is a popular actress on the legitimate stage and has been a mistress of ceremonies Voluntary plans that meet the on radio programs, notably "Blind Sam Wanamaker is the young erate as service agencies within actor who won plaudits for his the over-all plan. The new bill, brilliant performance as leading like the old, provides protection man for Ingrid Bergman in "Joan

ventive, diagnostic and curitive most popular stars of stage, fice at union headquarters. services by a family physician of screen, radio and the musical the patients' choice and services world in its drive to educate the of specialties when required lab. American public on conditions home nursing and other auxil- has volunteered its services to The National Health Insurance Authors League of America are have bad luck." and Public Health Bill, as the writing the scripts. All particinew measure is called, guarantees pants in the programs are being

ters by those who receive and pay In addition to the daytime profor medical care. National, State grams, the committee is sponsorand local policy committees are ing several night-time gala vaprovided in the bill with the re- riety shows, which will include peoples organizations. Labor un- will carry pro-labor commercials, ions would be assured of full par- instead of the customary merand technical matters are left, as director of New York City's they should be, in the hands of WNYC radio station, is co-ordiprofessionally trained personnel, nator of the committee's activiimprovement of public health serv- | AFL.

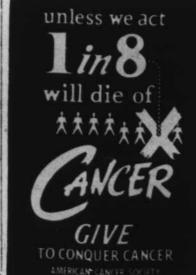
> RAISES PUSHING WEEKLY SCALE HIGH AS \$191

New York City.-Musicians employed in major stations of the four principal radio networks here will receive wage increases ranging from 16 to 28 per cent under the terms of a contract reached by representatives of the networks and Local 802 of the American Federation of Muscians

is based on the charity principle and commercial programs who your home and every home. and to be eligible for its benefits formerly received from \$126 to persons would have to be certi- \$165 a week will get \$151 to \$191 fied as "medically indigent" by under the new scale. All these some welfare agency. Admini- musicians work a five-day week, strative control of this program with some playing four hours out is lodged in the hands of the med- of eight each day and others playing five hours out of eight.

For musicians employe in inunions and State Federations of dividual programs the rehearsal Labor will testify against the rate is raised from \$6 to \$7.50. Pay for half-hour broadcasts will go up from \$14 to \$19 and for one-hour programs from \$18 to \$23. All the wage increases are EXPECTED TO INCREASE retroactive to February 2, when the old contract expired.

> Richard McCann, president of the local, and Charles Iucci, its secretary, announced that the agreement provided for the first time in network broadcasting ex-



tra pay for musicians who played more than one instrument. A payment of \$3 is made for the first cording to the union leaders.

A demand for vacations was dropped by the union after the networks had refused to grant

The agreement affects about 300 staff musicians employed at stations WNBC, WJC, WCBS and WOR. In addition, several thousand musicians will benefit from the higher scale for individual broadcasts, according to the un-

Another contract on which agreement was reached last night will give pay increases averaging about 9.5 per cent to 460 technicians and engineers employed by the National and American Broadcasting Companies in this city, Chicago, Washington, Cleveland, American family life, authored Denver, San Francisco and Hol-

ILGWU PRESENTS \$25,000

CHECK FOR INFIRMARY New York City.-David Dubinsky, President of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' requirements of providing good Date" and "What's My Name." Union (AFL), and Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor, presented a check for \$25,-000 to Mrs. Harold E. Talbott, vice-president of the New York Infirmary, toward the \$5,000,000 This presentation is in line with fund for a new building for the the AFL's Entertainment Union's hospital. Mrs. Talbott accepted Under this bill all needed pre- Committee pledge to recruit the the check in Mr. Dubinsky's of-

"We are a union with many women members," Mr. Dubinsky said, "and it seemed that we had oratory and x-ray services and which will follow if anti-labor leg- an obligation to encourage an inother special services as required islation such as is pending in stitution whose staff is women, will be available to workers and Congress is approved. The finest and where the patients are chiefmembers of their families. Dental, talent in the entertainment world ly women. I hope the new hospital will be able to take care of iary services will be available de- bring this message to the Ameri- our needy members. They may pending on the adequacy of per- people. In addition, members of not be needy now, but it is althe Radio Writers Guild of the ways possible for some one to

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