

Murray and Lesinski Plead For Defeat Of Slave-Labor Measure

Washington, D. C.—In a joint statement, one of the most condemnatory emanating in recent years from members of Congress against a Senate-House conference agreement on a major legislative decision, Senator Murray of Montana and Rep. Lesinski of Michigan, both members of the conference group, branded the anti-labor bill compromise "bad legislation and a milestone on the road back" for American workers.

"In our opinion," they declared, "the Conference Committee has made a bad piece of legislation worse. We have previously stated that this legislation will cause domestic strife and uncertainty and that it will be used abroad to discredit American institutions and marking a reactionary, anti-labor trend.

"The weakening of the Wagner

and Norris-La Guardia Acts, the impediments placed in the way of legitimate trade union activity, the denial of settled rights, "would constitute a major setback to labor, they said.

Emphasizing that the Senate-House conferees "have worsened rather than improved the proposed legislation," the joint statement of the two members of the Conference Committee warned:

"The conferees have added further restrictions on the right of unions to conduct their internal affairs. They have added further provisions to hamper and frustrate the operation of the Labor Department and have set up a labor czar within the National Labor Relations Board.

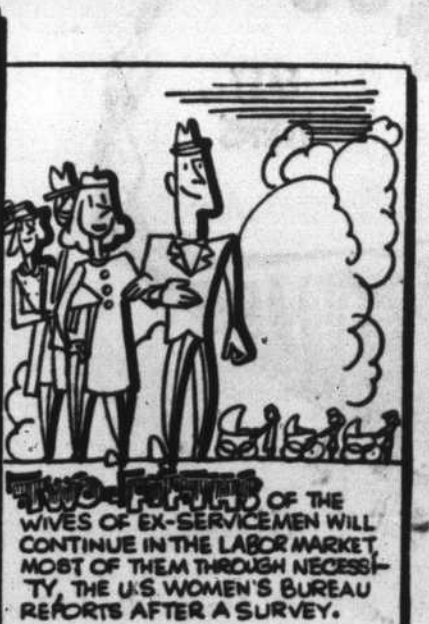
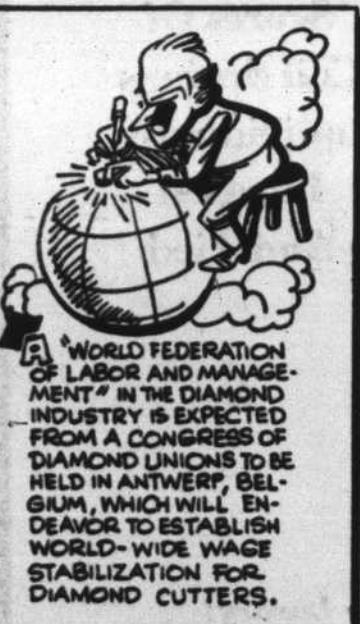
"They have strengthened the positions of Communists in the labor movement by visiting a penalty—non-recognition of the union—upon anti-Communists, non-Communists and Communists alike. "Trade unions are denied the right to engage, like other organizations, in political activity. Statements by employers, unlike those of all other citizens, are not to be used in evidence. In an attempt to outlaw 'feather-bedding,' the bill restores the speed-up.

"The conference bill is not only bad legislation—it is worse economics.

"It goes to the very root of our critical economic situation. It must therefore be judged by its

PATRONIZE JOURNAL ADVERTISERS

THE MARCH OF LABOR



UNION-MADE MEANS WELL-MADE. LOOK FOR THIS LABEL IN THE NEXT HAT YOU BUY!

ANTIOCH POWER GRANTS UMW FURTHER BENEFITS

Indianapolis, Ind.—District 59 of the United Mine Workers (AFL) has signed a new contract with employees of the Antioch Power Co., Inc., here, granting wage increases of seven cents an hour across-the-board; shift premium of five cents a hour, six paid holidays; the company to pay for the cost of a telephone in an employee's home where he is liable to be called for emergency work; \$25 bonus at Christmas for all employees of more than two years' service; one week's vacation after a year of employment, two weeks after two years; employees entering the armed forces to receive two weeks' pay and the families of men killed while in the armed services to receive two weeks' pay and men transferred even temporarily, to higher rated jobs, to receive pay at the higher rate.

2 PAINTER ORGANIZERS DIE

San Francisco, Calif.—A serious blow was felt by labor in the deaths of Thomas C. Meagher, general organizer for the International Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers (AFL), and Ray Gilston, a member of the same organization and international organizer for the Southern California area.

effects on our economic future. If there is any mandate this Congress has from the American people it is a mandate to avoid the mistakes of 1929—to prevent the return of bread-lines and apple stands.

"Already the first signs of recession are appearing. Business leaders have begun to dig economic storm cellars. The basic cause of the recession is the failure of wages to keep pace with prices and profits. The gap between wages on the one hand and prices and profits on the other is widening. Any measure, therefore which is calculated to prevent labor from moving to narrow the gap, merely ensures and accelerates an economic recession of the utmost gravity to democracy at home and to our relations abroad.

"No propaganda can convince the American people that we have ever been 'picketed' into a recession or 'struck' into a depression. The American people know that we are speculated into panics and profited into depressions. They will not long be deceived by the hollow slogan that labor has become too strong.

"The conference report, because it is self-defeating, unfair, and undemocratic, is bad legislation. Because it strengthens every tendency in American life toward industrial concentration and profiteering, while it weakens the chief agency that protects the purchasing power of American consumers, it is bad economics.

"We fervently hope that the President will exercise his constitutional power to veto this legislation, and that an informed and aroused public will make its power felt to defeat finally this reactionary measure."

As this edition was about to go to press, both House and Senate were planning on swift approval of the conferees' report, with prospects that the compromise measure would be placed on President Truman's desk this week.

Woll Given 1947 Clendenin Award

Philadelphia. — Matthew Woll, Second Vice President of the American Federation of Labor and President of the AFL Union Label Trades Department, was presented with the 1947 Clendenin Award of the Workers Defense League in recognition of his strong leadership against slave labor throughout the world.

The presentation was made at a dinner here of the WDL, keynoted by an address by Mr. Woll in which he vigorously reiterated his determination to fight for free labor.

"Millions of men and women are being held in bondage," Mr. Woll declared. "This expanding system of slave labor is a dire threat to the free workers of all countries," he said pointing out that in Russia alone from ten to fifteen millions are being held in slave labor camps "merely because they are suspected of disapproving or convicted of disagreeing with the Party bosses."

He also stated that even in democratic countries, such as England and France, "there are many hundreds of thousands of war prisoners living in and suffering conditions of forced labor."

Commending the Workers Defense League for its efforts to defend the rights of labor and of all minority groups, Mr. Woll ended his address with a ringing challenge to work "for a world free from hunger, misery, secret police, prison labor, concentration camps, forced, indentured, slave labor, fear, incessant humiliation and degradation of the individual and peace amongst the peoples of the world and the abolition of resort to arms by one nation against another."

Twelve others on the organization's honor roll also attended the dinner, sponsored by AFL President William Green and hundreds of others prominent in the labor and progressive movement.

Among those honored were Harry Lorin Binsse, editor, Commonwealth; Harry Block, Philadelphia; George S. Counts, New York, director of the division of the foundations of education and professor of education at Teachers College, Columbia University; Mrs. Carrie Dilworth, organizer, and C. H. Bolden, chairman Delta District Council National Farm Labor Union, Arkansas; Mrs. Luella S. Halversen, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., retired teacher; Francis Healer, Chicago, labor attorney; Phil Heller, New York, director, International Solidarity Committee; Saburo Kido, attorney, Los Angeles; Herbert Mahler, New York, secretary, Kentucky Miners Defense Committee; Dr. Von D. Mizell, Fort Lauderdale, surgeon and Florida WDL president; and Dean Leon A. Ransom, Washington, D. C., attorney.

In addition to Mr. Woll, speakers at the dinner included A. Philip Randolph, toastmaster; Norman Thomas, William L. Batt, Jr., and M. Herbert Syme, co chairman of the dinner committee; Nathaniel M. Minkoff, who presented the Clendenin plaque to

KILLED BY MINE BLAST

Washington, D. C. — William Henry Patterson, mining engineer and former Columbia University athlete, died as a result of injuries incurred in a mine explosion in Michigan. His age was 33.

Mr. Patterson had been working for the Copper Range Mine near Ontonagon, in northern Michigan for six weeks and was still on terminal leave from the Navy.

WOLL'S SON JOINS PADWAY NEW SET-UP FOR VETS

Washington, D. C.—J. Albert Woll, U. S. Attorney for the Northern Illinois District, has become a law partner of Joseph A. Padway, General Counsel of the American Federation of Labor, and of several affiliated unions.

Mr. Woll is a son of Matthew Woll, a vice president of the AFL.



The Labor Journal is a Choice Advertising Medium Send in Your Subscription Today. We Need Your Support.

A FRIENDLY CHURCH

PRITCHARD MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

1117 South Boulevard

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.	Worship Services 11:00 a. m. 8:00 p. m.	Training Union 6:30 p. m.
-----------------------------	---	------------------------------

Dr. William Harrison Williams, Pastor

Your presence is very necessary at your Central Labor Union meetings.

Yandle - Weathers Mutual Funeral Association

Ambulance Service

820 E. Morehead Street Phone 6129

One of Charlotte's Fastest Growing Organizations

For Indigestion, Sour Stomach and Gas, Take

NA-CO TABLETS

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

SELWYN CUT RATE DRUG STORE

NEXT TO POST OFFICE

Send in Your Subscription Today. We Need Your Support.

PITTSBURGH PAINTS
COLOR DYNAMICS

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

201 East Sixth Street Phone 3-6624



Men like their comfort... here it is... in

BROADCLOTH PAJAMAS

4.95

Woven broadcloths and printed broadcloths nicely tailored with notch lapels. Blue, green and tan stripes. Sizes A, B, C, D, E... including longs.

MEN'S STORE

BELK BROS.

SERVING CHARLOTTE FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY

STREET FLOOR