



JOE WORKER

BY MAX SCHACHNER




WE LEFT BALLY, SAMMY, AND GEORGE IN A NASTY AUTO CRACKUP. ARE THEY ALIVE, HURT, OR DEAD? ANYWAY, THERE WENT THE LAST HOPE OF HELP REACHING JOE WORKER IN TIME.

THOSE TERRIBLE PEOPLE—THEY LEFT US HERE TO DIE! AND MY BEAUTIFUL MALL TO BURN UP! WHY? BECAUSE I WAS BORN SOMEWHERE ELSE! BECAUSE I TREAT MY WORKING LIKE HUMAN BEINGS!



FOR MYSELF I DON'T CARE. I'M AN OLD MAN. BUT THAT YOUNG JOE WORKER? MY EMPLOYERS WITH WIVES AND CHILDREN TO SUPPORT! THESE ROPES, THEY CUT MY OLD FLESH. I CANNOT LOOSEN THEM.



THEY SAID THREE MINUTES! IT'S THAT NOW! THAT BOMB—IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE! I MUST—I MUST.



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Widows Get Benefit Checks From Miner's Welfare Fund

Seranton, Pa.—First payments to survivors of anthracite mine fatalities were made from the health and welfare fund established in the wage contract between producers and the United Mine Workers, AFL.

Checks for \$1,000 were presented 18 widows whose husbands died in two mine explosions earlier this year. Five widows unable to attend the ceremony will get their checks tomorrow.

The payments resulted from the January 15 blast at Plymouth's Nottingham Colliery and the April 10 explosion at the Exeter Panzitta workings. Fifteen men died at Plymouth and 19 at Exeter.

Michael J. Kosik, president of the UMW district, presented the checks and told the widows that they were "but a fraction of what the United Mine Workers Union would like to give you."

"The funds were obtained through a levy of 5 cents a ton paid to the union by the companies who employed your husbands," he said.

"This very fund has been attacked in the press, on the radio and in both Houses of Congress. We say that it is one of the greatest things that the miners union ever accomplished."

AFL 1947 Convention Calendar

- (Following is a list of conventions scheduled for this year by National and International Unions and State Federations of Labor under the banner of the American Federation of Labor. This list is not complete. Addition will be announced later.)
- June 23—Michigan State Federation of Labor—Marquette.
 - June 26—South Carolina State Federation of Labor—Greenville.
 - June 30—Texas State Federation of Labor—Dallas.
 - July 2—National Brotherhood Operative Potters—Chicago.
 - July 8—International Association of Longshoremen—New York City.
 - July 14—Washington State Federation of Labor—Seattle.
 - July 4—Int. Assn. of Protective Retail Clerks—San Francisco.
 - July 14—Bro. Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen—San Francisco.
 - July 21—International Union Stove Mounters—Kalamazoo.
 - July 21—Int. Stereotypers and Electrotypers—Montreal, Can.
 - July 28—Railroad Yardmasters of America—Portland, Oregon.
 - *Aug—Nevada State Federation of Labor—Ely.
 - Aug. 4—California State Federation of Labor—San Diego.
 - Aug. 5—Iowa State Federation of Labor—Keokuk.
 - Aug. 11—North Carolina State Federation of Labor—Wilmington.
 - Aug. 11—United Garment Workers of America—Oshkosh, Wis.
 - Aug. 11—Int. Bro. Teamsters, Chauffeurs—San Francisco.
 - Aug. 16—International Typographical Union—Cleveland, Ohio.
 - Aug. 18—International Photo Engravers Union—Chicago, Ill.
 - Aug. 18—Wisconsin State Federation of Labor—Green Bay.
 - Aug. 18—Utah State Federation of Labor—Provo.
 - Sept. 8—Amal. Ass'n Street and Electric Ry.—Los Angeles.
 - Sept. 8—International Chemical Workers—Washington, D. C.
 - Sept. 8—Nebraska State Federation of Labor—Hastings.
 - Sept. 8—Kentucky State Federation of Labor—Bowling Green.
 - Sept. 9—Connecticut State Federation of Labor—Undecided.
 - Sept. 9—United Ass'n Plumbers and Steamfitters—Undecided.
 - Sept. 11—Oklahoma State Federation of Labor—McAlester.
 - Sept. 11—Arizona State Federation of Labor—Tucson.
 - Sept. 12—Int. Union Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers—Los Angeles.
 - Sept. 15—Ohio State Federation of Labor—Cincinnati.

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Washington, D. C. — Senator Pepper, on behalf of 10 other Senators, introduced a bill to raise the minimum legal wage for workers in interstate commerce from 40 cents an hour to 65 cents immediately, to 70 cents at the end of one year and to 75 cents a year later.

Coauthors include Senators Wagner, Murray, Chavez, Green, Magnuson, Myers, Taylor, Langer, Morse and Elbert D. Thomas.

Pepper said in a statement the proposed bill "carried out the suggestion of President Truman that the minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act be raised to 'at least 65 cents an hour' when he signed the portal to portal pay bill.

"In our opinion," the statement continued, "the ultimate minimum wage of 75 cents under our bill would bring economically defenseless workers, who are grossly underpaid a step closer to a decent American standard of living."

Congressmen McCormack and Madden introduced a companion bill in the House.

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WORKERS LEAGUE ADDS VOICE TO VETO CLAMOR

New York City. — A warning that the major provisions of the Taft-Hartley labor bill "would effectively destroy the foundations of established industrial relations patterns in America" was sounded here by the Rev. Donald Harrington, national chairman of the Workers-Defense League.

"If the President should sign the bill," Mr. Harrington declared, "within 12 months or less over 50 per cent of the existing labor and management contracts of a closed and union shop character could be destroyed or capitulated into a legal maze from which few union shops could recover."

"This bill," he declared, "while claiming to 'equalize' bargaining power between unions and management, actually ties the unions in new forms of government control. It would consolidate some of the most reactionary practices of recent decades still insisted upon by that minority of reactionary industrialists who through the NAM have lobbied so carefully and effectively for this legislation."

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