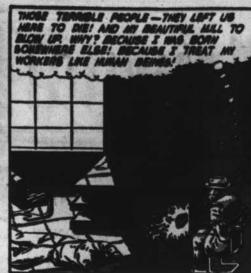


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### Widows Get Benefit Checks From Miner's Welfare Fund

Scranton, Pa.-First payments their checks tomorrow. to survivors of anthracite mine fatalities were made from the January 15 blast at Plymouth's health and welfare fund estab- Notthingham Colliery and the lished in the wage contract be- April 10 explosion at the Extween producers and the United Mine Workers, AFL.

Checks for \$1,000 were pre- at Exeter. sented 18 widows whose husbands died in two mine explosions earlier this year. Five widows unable to attend the ceremony will get



The payments resulted from the eter Panzitta workings. Fifteen men died at Plymouth and 19

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 eration of Labor-Seattle. through a levy of 5 cents a ton paid to the union by the companies who employed your hus-

"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."

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tions 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 ederation of Labor-Greenville. June 30-Texas State Federaon of Labor-Dallas.

July 2-National Brotherhood Operative Potters-Chicago. July 8-International Associaon of Longshoremen-New York

July 14-Washington State Fed-

July 4-Int. Assn. of Protective Retail Clerks-San Francisco. July 14-Bro. Locomotive Firenen and Enginemen-San Fran-

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-Elv. 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,

Aug. 11-Int. Bro. Teamsters, Chauffeurs-San Francisco. Aug. 16 - International Typo-

graphical Union-Cleveland, Ohio. Aug. 18 - Interntional Photo Engravers Union-Chicago, Ill. Aug. 18-Wisconsin, State Fedration of Labor-Green Bay. Aug. 18-Utah State Federaion of Labor-Provo.

Sept. 8-Amal. Ass'n Street and Electric Ry.-Los Angeles. Sept. 8-International Chemical Workers-Washington, D. C.

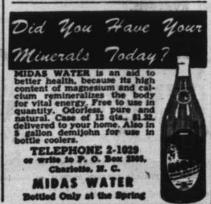
Sept. 8-Nebraska State Federation of Labor-Hastings. Sept. 8-Kentucky State Federation of Labor-Bowling Green. Sept. 9-Connecticut State Fed-

eration of Labor-Undecided. Sept. 9-United Ass'n Plumbers and Steamfitters-Undecided. Sept. 11-Oklahoma State Federation of Labor-McAlester. Sept. 11-Arizona State Fed-

eration of Labor-Tucson. Sept. 12 - Int. Union Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers - Los Angles.

Sept. 15-Ohio State Federation

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Sept. 15-Int. Bro. Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Wks .- Mil-

Sept. 16-Minnesota State Federaton of Labor-Hibbing. Sept. 16-Brotherhood Railroad Trainmen-Miami Beach, Fla. Sept. 20-New Hampshire State

Federation of Labor-Concord. Sept. 20-American Wire Weavers Protective Assn'-New York

Sept.-Mssissippi State Federation of Labor-Jackson. Sept. 22-Illinois State Feder-

ation of Labor-Peoria. Sept. 25--West Virginia State Federation of Labor-Charleston. Sept. 29 - Metal Trades Department-San Francisco.

Oct. 1-Building and Construc-May 1 -- Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor - Harris-

May 2-Kansas State Federation of Labor-Wichita. May 5-Wall Paper Craftsmen

and Workers-New York. May 5-International Coopers' Union-Cincinnati.

May 5-Tennessee State Federation of Labor-Johnson City. May 11-Virginia State Federation of Labor-Richmond.

May 12-Brotherhood of Railway Clerks-Cincinnati. tion Trades Dept.-San Francisco.

Oct. 2-New Mexico State Federation of Labor-Carlsbad. Oct. 3 — Union Label Trades Department-San Francisco.

\*Oct.-Railway Mail Association-Jacksonville, Fla. Oct. 6-International Asbestos

Workers-Undecided. Oct. 20-Commercial Telegraph-

ers Union-Los Angeles. Nov. 17-International Automobile Workers-Milwaukee. Dec. 6-International Bill Posters-Chicago.

\*Date not definitely set.

BILL PROPOSED TO UP MINIMUM WAGE

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 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 acter could be destroyed or cato portal pay bill.

"In our opinion," the statement continued, "the ultimate minimum cover." 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.

bulwark of the nation.

AFL PROPOSES WORLD LA BOR ACTION TO FACILITATE RECOVERY AND THE PEACE

Urging world labor action to bring about economic recovery and lasting peace, Matthew Woll, AFL vice-president and chairman of the Federation's international relations committee, made public a program calling for the establishment in all countries of labor organizations free of government domination.

Such organizations, according to the AFL program, would co-operate in fighting starvation in all parts of the world, in speeding up the reconstruction of world production and exchange and in securing a "just and enduring world peace."

Mr. Woll maintained that the World Federation of Trade Unions offered no basis for such a program of co-operation because it was "manipulated and dominated by the Russian Government, through its agencies, stooges and satellites."

The AFL vice-president ridiculed the notion that the Soviet unions could be outvoted in the WFTU by the representatives of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the British Trades Union Congress. He said Communists and their sympathizers were most active in determining the foreign policy of the CIO, although he specifically excluded Philip Murray, national CIO president, from sharing the Communist viewpoint. In any case, Mr. Woll added, Russia and its satellite nations could outvote the CIO and the British on any issue in which a contest arose.

He made it plain that the AFL was not proposing the organization at this time of a countermovement to the WFTU. He said the federation would circulate its program abroad in the hope that free trade union groups would gain sufficient strength to work out a basis for co-operation on a world-wide scale without the domination of any government.

#### 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 charpitulated into a legal maze from which few union shops could re-

"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 leg-

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