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**RANDOLPH PROPOSES  
NO CONTRACT POLICY  
FOR ITU PRINTERS**

Cleveland—Woodruff Randolph, president of the International Typographical Union, proposed the union follow a policy of refusing to sign contracts as a means of retaining the closed shop and avoiding the strict penalties of the Taft-Hartley law.

Mr. Randolph enunciated the policy in a keynote address before the opening session of the 89th convention of the union. The proposal was well received by the nearly 300 delegates to the conclave.

The policy means that local unions, after discussion with employers, will merely post all the conditions under which their members will work. Any departure from those conditions will be the signal for a cessation of work. Officers said this policy was already operative in thirteen states which have statutory prohibitions against closed-shop contracts.

Mr. Randolph told the delegates the union confronted a condition as critical, "if not more so, than ever in the history of the ITU." He predicted that there would be no surrender of the freedom to refuse to work with a nonunion printer or to handle nonunion materials.

"We are embarged on no new conquests," the union president declared. "We only want to do what we have been doing for more than a hundred years. We can assure them (the employers) that we will do what comes naturally."

Mr. Randolph, who is trained in the law, stated that union members will have greater freedom without a contract. He said the union officers will file required financial data and affidavits that they are not Communists but he warned that any local union which goes to the National Labor Relations Board will be "sticking its neck in a trap."

"Any union that insists on going there, that's their right, but God help them, we can't," he declared.

The union president asserted that "our method is so firmly entrenched that any employer who undertakes to put a nonunion man in a composing room is demonstrating by that very act his desire to break your union." He invited publishers and other employers of printers to join with the union in a move to amend the Taft-Hartley law.

"If they do not join with us we know where their heart lies," he said.

Mr. Randolph added that the American Newspaper Publishers Association had suggested a joint committee meeting with the union but contended that it would be futile until the publishers' committee carried some authority to act.

**CALIFORNIA WAGES UP 9%;  
COST OF LIVING JUMPS 18%**

San Francisco—Wages of factory workers in May were 9 percent higher than in the same month last year, according to a report of the California Department of Industrial Relations.

In the San Francisco Bay area average weekly earnings in manufacturing industries rose to \$56.34.

The report points out, however, that the cost of living during the same period has jumped by 18 per cent. Consequently, the real wages of California workers have declined in the past year.

State of North Carolina,  
County of Mecklenburg.

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT**  
Amzie E. Steele, Plaintiff vs.  
Rosie E. Steele, Defendant.

**Notice of Summons by Publication**

The above named defendant will take notice that an action as entitled above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to obtain an absolute divorce upon the grounds of two years separation; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Mecklenburg County in Charlotte, North Carolina within twenty (20) days after the 4th day of September, 1947, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 7th day of August, 1947.  
**MARY S. POYTHRESS,**  
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