

### EMPLOYMENT SITUATION GOOD, SAYS BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

Washington, D. C.—Five out of every 100 employes engaged in non-agricultural pursuits are directly or indirectly producing goods and services for export, according to a report released by Ewan Clague, Commissioner of Labor Statistics.

This compared to a ratio of 3 out of 100 workers whose jobs in 1939 were the result of export trade.

"Exports are not drawing heavily upon our total manpower resources, but they nevertheless are extremely important to employment in some fields," Clague pointed out.

"The greatest impact, both before the war and recently, has been upon the metals industries. Currently, about 13 per cent of the workers in these fields, or approximately 800,000, are engaged in producing for foreign consumption, as against 10 per cent, or 300,000, in 1939.

"In the textile and apparel fields, about 7 per cent of the labor, or about 200,000 workers are devoted to export goods, as against 3 per cent, or less than 100,000 in 1939. In most other fields, notably chemicals, coal, and petroleum, the relative importance, of foreign trade was not changed significantly.

"These estimates, of course, do not imply that, if exports fell, employment in each industry would drop correspondingly, since for many commodities sufficient demand exists in this country to absorb a large part, if not all, of the difference."

Turning to the total job picture, Clague described the present situation as generally strong. "Unemployment has already begun to recede from the early summer high of 2.6 million, according to preliminary indications," he said.

"Normally the number of jobless may be expected to decline noticeably in August and the downward trend should continue until the late fall. The volume of unemployment compensation claims dropped in late July in both New England and New York, areas where a relatively heavy concentration of unemployment has been reported for the past few months."

### ILGWU PLANS \$1,800,000 EMERGENCY FUND; FAVORS UN PROBE OF WORLD SLAVE LABOR

Forest Park, Pa.—The general executive board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union announced plans to raise a fund of \$1,800,000 during the next three years to be used in part to meet any organizational emergencies resulting from the Taft-Hartley law.

David Dubinsky, ILGWU president, said the fund, which is to be raised through \$1.50 annual assessments on union members, is necessary to "prevent any necessity of placing a drain on the reserve funds of the union."

Officials said that the money would be in addition to the \$500,000 fund authorized to fight the Taft-Hartley law. The latter, to be raised by voluntary contribution, would finance in part the union's new political department which will direct the ILGWU's efforts to have the labor measure repealed.

Part of the proceeds from the new tax will be used to finance the union's network of frequency modulation radio stations and pay increased administrative costs, according to the board.

At its closing session here, the board also announced that it had drafted a resolution which it will present to the American Federation of Labor at its convention in San Francisco urging the parent organization to ask the United Nations for a thorough investigation of "slave labor" in foreign countries.

Members of the board declared that the expanding system of "slave labor" was a dangerous threat to the working standards, hard-won gains and human rights of the free workers of all nations.

The resolution demands that the AFL ask the Economic and Social Council of the UN to commission the International Labor Office to carry out the following program: "Make a thorough investigation of the extent of forced labor in all member nations of the UN."

"Recommend positive action for eliminating this tragic and inhuman evil."

Another resolution drafted by the board for presentation to the AFL convention asks the latter to urge Congress to enact the Stratton bill which would permit 400,000 displaced persons to enter America over a period of four years.

Mr. Dubinsky said that the board also had decided to investigate conditions in the cotton garment industry where 100,000 workers have asked for better standards. The board "will study the problems involved and take practical steps necessary to alleviate the conditions," he added.

The board named the following delegates to the AFL convention: Julius Hoekman, Harry Wander, Benjamin Kaplan and John Gello, all of New York; Jenny Matyas of San Francisco, Charles Kriender of Baltimore, and Jack Halperin of Boston. Mr. Dubinsky will complete the delegation.

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAIMED BY TRUMAN

Washington, D. C.—President Truman called for the observance of "Fire Prevention Week" beginning October 5, asserting that loss by fire has "almost doubled" during the past decade.

The President's proclamation said that fire cost the United States more than \$560,000,000 in 1946.

If unabated, he said "fire threatens an even more calamitous loss of life and waste of material wealth."

He said preventable fires annually claimed the lives of thousands.

### LABOR ON SIDE OF VETERAN SAYS GREEN; PLEDGES AFL FIGHT ON SOCIAL MEASURES

Washington, D. C.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared that organized labor is on the side of the veteran and pledged that it "will not shirk any opportunity to be of service to the veterans in the years ahead."

This was the keynote of a Labor Day message to veterans delivered by Mr. Green on a Veterans Administration radio program broadcast over the nationwide network of the Mutual Broadcasting Company.

"Already, the American Federation of Labor has given concrete proof of the sincerity of this desire," Mr. Green asserted. "When the war was on, our members broke all production records to supply the armed forces with the finest equipment and the best fighting equipment. When the war ended and the veterans returned home, our unions gladly did everything in their power to help them get good jobs in private industry."

Mr. Green said the millions of veterans now holding union membership have discovered that their unions are fighting to protect their interests and to see to it that they get paid vacations, promotions, and other benefits besides good working conditions and fair pay.

"Today, in the building trades alone there are more than 85,000 veterans serving as apprentices, learning skilled trades which will assure them of good, steady jobs in the years to come."

Mr. Green recited recent official figures reporting that 750,000 veterans are unemployed.

"That is a shockingly high figure," he said, "especially at a time when the nation as a whole is enjoying comparatively high employment. But we cannot sit back and talk snugly of full employment when so many veterans and an additional two million civilian workers are without jobs in industry."

"For this reason, the American Federation of Labor will redouble its efforts to bring about an effective full employment program which will mean what it says to every worker, whether veteran or not. In the long run, the welfare and security of veterans will run parallel to those of all other citizens. We certainly cannot afford the risk of inviting mass unemployment and other depressions, nor can we afford the loss of productive labor of so many of our citizens when there is so much to be done to improve the American way of life."

"The acute housing shortage stands first on the list of immediate and pressing problems demanding effective national solution."

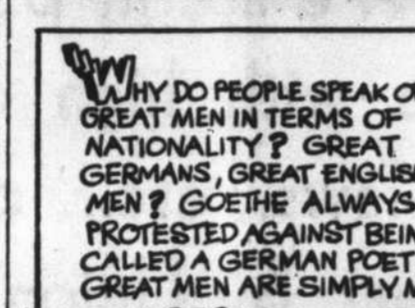
"The American Federation of Labor will again urge Congress to enact the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill to bring about the construction of 15 million new homes in the next 10 years."

"I want the veterans to know that the AFL has supported every legislative measure in Congress to advance their legitimate rights and will continue to do so in the future."

### THE MARCH OF LABOR

WHY DO PEOPLE SPEAK OF GREAT MEN IN TERMS OF NATIONALITY? GREAT GERMANS, GREAT ENGLISHMEN? GOETHE ALWAYS PROTESTED AGAINST BEING CALLED A GERMAN POET. GREAT MEN ARE SIMPLY MEN!

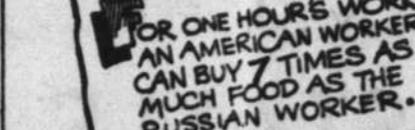
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### LABOR PARTNERSHIP IN INDUSTRY URGED BY PROTESTANT RELIGIOUS LEADER

Tulsa, Okla.—The Rev. Cameron P. Hall of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, declared that "labor is too important to be treated as anything less than a partner."

Mr. Hall, Executive Secretary of the Federal Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life, spoke at a special Labor Sunday vesper service here sponsored by the Tulsa Council of Churches, with the co-operation of Tulsa labor organizations. He said:

"Labor has the right to seek the role of partner in industry, and with this, it has the responsibility to live up to the obligations of a partner. The possibilities for partnership are found first in the Christ-inspired spirit of good will, and second, in the present number of constructively-minded leaders in both labor and management."

Mr. Hall listed six broad social objectives sought by labor which are in accord with basic Christian goals and principles. They are: Freedom from mass unemployment, provision of adequate medical care for all, wages sufficient for an adequate standard of living, freedom from racial discrimination, adequate housing, and an understanding of the status and needs of organized labor.

The church spokesman had some pertinent remarks to make about these objectives. Speaking of the employment situation. Mr. Hall quoted from the 1947 Labor Sunday message of the Federal Council of Churches:

"We Christians cannot face with silence or inaction the prospect of recurrent business depressions in which unemployment rots the souls of men."

Turning to the question of adequate pay for American workers, Mr. Hall condemned the effects of substandard wages. He said:

"If a price is low because of substandard wages, the saving to us as consumers is at the cost of the workers' and their families' impoverishment."

The housing crisis facing the nation evoked the most caustic comment from the churchman who deplored conditions prevailing today.

"Whereas, we allowed nothing to keep us from building barracks for our soldiers to live in wherever war training took them," he declared, "we are now letting almost anything keep us from providing necessary homes for our families in peacetime."

"In addition, we are fighting for broader social security, for health insurance and for a higher minimum wage, measures necessary to protect our national economy and safety."

"We also favor a broad national defense program including intelligent safeguards against subversive forces. Above all, we in the AFL stand stalwartly behind the efforts of our Government to attain and maintain world peace and to remove the dread of future war from our own and later generations."

## 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.)

- Sept. 12—Int. Union Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers—Los Angeles.
- Sept. 15—Ohio State Federation of Labor—Cincinnati.
- Sept. 15—Int. Bro. Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Wks.—Milwaukee.
- Sept. 16—Minnesota State Federation 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 Ass'n—New York City.
- Sept.—Mississippi State Federation of Labor—Jackson.
- Sept. 22—Illinois State Federation of Labor—Peoria.
- Sept. 11—Oklahoma State Federation of Labor—McAlester.
- Sept. 11—Arizona State Federation of Labor—Tucson.
- Sept. 25—West Virginia State Federation of Labor—Charleston.
- Sept. 29—Metal Trades Department—San Francisco.
- Oct. 1—Building and Construction 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 Telegraphers Union—Los Angeles.
- Nov. 17—International Automobile Workers—Milwaukee.
- Dec. 6—International Bill Posters—Chicago.

\*Date not definitely set.

### TRUMAN SETS NATIONAL EMPLOY HANDICAPPED WEEK

Washington, D. C.—By proclamation the President designated October 5-11 as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week."

Mr. Truman called upon Federal, state, and local public officials and leaders of labor, industry, and civic groups to exert every effort in a sustained drive aimed at employment and full use of the capacities of physically handicapped workers.

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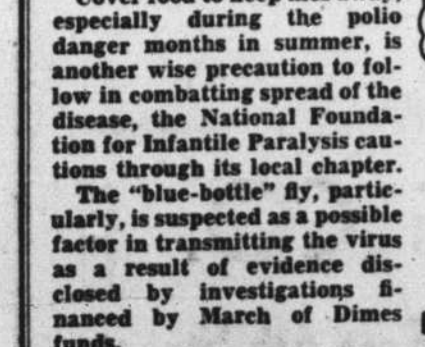
Two automatic bond buying plans are available now. If dad is on a payroll, the Payroll Savings Plan will assure him days of ease when he gets ready to retire. If dad is a professional man or self-employed, he can use his checking account to buy a bond a month.

U. S. Treasury Department

### A Wise Polio Precaution: Keep Foods Well Covered!

Cover food to keep flies away, especially during the polio danger months in summer, is another wise precaution to follow in combating spread of the disease, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis cautions through its local chapter.

The National Foundation also urges that all fresh fruit and vegetables should be washed before use; left-over foods covered properly, and garbage or rubbish placed in containers with lids so that flies cannot get to it.



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