

Win Libel Suit

New York City.—The AFL's International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers and two officials of its Local 229 won a court battle over a libel action against the CIO's Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union, known to be Communist-dominated.

The CIO affiliate entered a stipulation in the New York State Supreme Court agreeing to retract publicly libelous statements made by its officers against Joseph Tonelli, vice-president of the AFL union, and A. N. Weinberg, manager of its Local 229.

In an attempted raid on the AFL membership, the CIO union published and distributed several pamphlets and circulars which referred to the AFL officers as "thieves" and "racketeers." Following the appearance of these

circulars, libel action was filed against the CIO union president the issue brought to trial, the CIO defendants agreed to publish a statement that "these references and characterizations were without foundation in fact" and "unjustified."

The agreement provides that the retraction, as entered in the Supreme Court settlement, is to appear prominently displayed in the CIO local's official newspapers. In addition the CIO local agrees that an AFL representative is to be present during the actual printing of the full edition of the paper and to check on the mailing of this issue in order to ensure full distribution to the CIO membership.

The CIO union also agrees to furnish the AFL officials with a full copy of the statement of retraction on its official letterhead, signed by a principal officer and carrying the union's seal.

A portion of the text of the official retraction as contained in court records is as follows:

"In November, 1944, the Sample Card Organizing Committee of Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union, Local 65, issued several circulars addressed to the workers of Premier Sample Card Co., in which Mr. Weinberg and Mr. Tonelli and their union were mentioned by name. Mr. Wein-

AFL SEAMEN RETAIN UNION HIRING HALLS
San Francisco.—The AFL's Sailors Union of the Pacific announced the successful negotiation of a new Pacific coast contract which, despite the Taft-Hartley law, provides for maintenance of the union's hiring halls.

Harry Lundberg, president of the Seafarers International Union and secretary of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, declared the new agreement gives the SUP "the best contract for seamen in the world."

In addition to the hiring hall provision, the contract provides wage increases ranging from \$15 to \$42.50 per month for the 8,000 members of the union. Percentage-wise, the increases range from 8 to 15 per cent, and were described by Lundberg as "higher than those negotiated by the CIO and other unions."

The hiring hall clause, according to Lundberg, reads, as follows: "The employers agree, in the hiring of employes, to prefer applicants who have previously been employed on vessels of one or more of the companies signatory to this agreement."

"The union agrees that in furnishing deck personnel to employers through facilities of their employment office it will recognize such preferences and furnish seamen to the employers with due regard thereto and to the competency and dependability of the employes furnished."

"When ordinary seamen with prior experience are not available, the union will, in dispatching seamen, prefer graduates of the Andrew Furuseth Training School."

While the clauses, technically speaking, provide only for "preferential employment," in practice they give the SUP a closed shop until such time as there are no "preferred" seamen waiting for employment.

The only sailors who qualify as "previous employes" are members of the SUP, and the Andrew Furuseth Training School is largely staffed with SUP instructors.

The term "employment office" as used in the contract means, in practice, the union's hiring hall.

HARRISON URGES U. S. IMPORT MORE

St. Louis.—George M. Harrison, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and a member of the AFL's Executive Council, urged that the United States import more commodities to strengthen our economy.

Mr. Harrison, speaking before the 34th annual foreign trade convention here, warned that "without imports our economy would come to a standstill." He declared that while production and employment continued at high levels, "we should begin planning for a larger volume of imports," particularly of strategic raw materials.

"Our present large volume of exports and the employment based upon exports cannot long be maintained unless we are prepared to increase our imports," he said. "Otherwise we can continue to export only by giving away our goods to the rest of the world indefinitely."

Other speakers at the convention who agreed with the ideas advanced by Mr. Harrison, included Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and George W. Wolf, president of the United States Steel Export Company.

JEWISH GROUP COMMENTS ON AFL'S ENDORSEMENT

New York City.—The Jewish Labor Committee, through its national chairman, Adolph Held, expressed appreciation for the endorsement by the AFL convention of the activities of the Jewish group. He said:

"We are indeed grateful to the more than 8 million members of the American Federation of Labor who have officially indorsed the Jewish Labor Committee for its activities in helping to rebuild democratic and Jewish cultural institutions abroad, and in fighting bigotry, intolerance and racial hatred at home."

berg and Mr. Tonelli were reby Mr. Tonelli and Mr. Weinberg.

Apparently not willing to have referred to as 'thieves' and 'racketeers' and similar characterizations. These references and characterizations were without foundation in fact. Local 665 and its Sample Card Organizing Committee hereby retract such characterizations which were unjustified."

THE MARCH OF LABOR

CONTRACT SIGNED BY PAINTERS' UNION GIVES 8,000 MEMBERS MEDICAL CARE

New York City.—District Council 9 of the AFL's Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, announced the signing of an agreement under which 8,000 union members will receive complete medical care.

The plan will provide complete service by doctors in homes, at their offices and in hospitals. It will include specialist and full surgical care, diagnostic and laboratory procedures, periodic health and eye examinations and visiting nurse and ambulance services.

Under a previous agreement in effect since May, 1946, painters in District Council 9 already receive life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, weekly accident and sickness aid and hospitalization benefits for themselves and their families.

These services are financed through employer contributions of 3 per cent of the gross payroll to the Painting Industry Insurance Fund. The fund is administered jointly by three employer trustees and three union trustees.

The pact was signed in the office of Martin E. Segal, group health insurance consultant, at 17 East Forty-ninth Street. He said higher wages, in addition to dividend, earned through the insurance fund, made it possible to obtain the new medical benefits without increasing the employer's contribution of 3 per cent.

Mr. Segal estimated that the new benefits would cost \$170,000 a year and that if employers in the painting industry continued at a high level, employer contributions would amount to \$600,000 annually.

NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE IN HOLLYWOOD DISPUTE

San Francisco.—The AFL's executive Council discussed the jurisdictional questions underlying the Hollywood labor dispute between the Conference of Studio Unions and the International Association of Theatrical and Stage Employees.

Following the meeting, AFL President William Green said the Council decided to bring the disputants together for direct negotiation in an attempt to settle the problem involved.

Representatives of the opposing groups held their first session later in the day, but adjourned without having reached a final settlement.

Action in the matter was postponed until the next meeting of the negotiators scheduled for October 20th in Hollywood.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT UP

Washington, D. C.—Industrial production in September climbed for the second straight month, according to the Federal Reserve Board's index of production.

The level of production stood at 185 per cent above prewar output, the board said, but was still 5 points below the postwar record set during last March.

TRUMAN'S FOOD UNIT REPORTS PROGRESS; HOPES TO FINISH IT BY CHRISTMAS

Washington, D. C.—The Citizens Food Committee, appointed by President Truman to direct the voluntary conservation plan, set Christmas as the time limit for their efforts to save 100,000,000 bushels of grain for export to Europe.

Charles Luckman, chairman of the committee, dubbed the "kitchen cabinet," and his associates estimated that about 25,000,000 bushels of grain already have been pledged toward the over-all food-saving objective and said:

"As soon as we reach 100,000,000 bushels, we will close the kitchen. Our goal is to finish up by Christmas."

The necessity that the food campaign succeed not later than Christmas or the new year was stressed by Mr. Luckman's associates. They pointed out that the critical time in Europe could be the next three months.

To tide needy western European countries over the winter, committee members estimated that the bulk of food saving would have to be "over the hump" here by late fall and early winter.

"If the job is done at all," a committee member said, "it has to be done quickly. If it drags on much beyond Christmas, it means we are not getting our work done."

The tentative estimate that about one-fourth of the needed grain already has been pledged was based largely on promises of distillers, brewers, bakers, poultrymen and restaurant operators.

The biggest grain saving was estimated to be coming from the distilling industry. The committee said it had pledged that up to 20,000,000 bushels of grain would be saved during the 60-day distillers' holiday.

It was estimated that food-saving promises of bakers were good for about 3,000,000 bushels of grain and those of brewers for 2,000,000 bushels over a three-month period.

In addition, the committee said "indeterminate" amounts were pledged by poultrymen and restaurant operators. Added together, the combined pledges will bring the grain saved on paper well over the 25,000,000-bushel figure, it was stated.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Marvin R. Beatty, Sr., deceased, late of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 214 Johnston Building, Charlotte, North Carolina, on or before the 27th day of October, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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