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NLRB LOAD CLIMBS TO 11-YEAR HIGH; UNIONS WIN 30 OF 31 UNION ELECTIONS

Washington, D. C.—The Taft-Hartley law served to place the National Labor Relations Board further behind than ever during the month of October.
 The board's monthly statistical summary showed that at the end of the month its backlog of pending cases climbed to the highest point in its 11-year history. The board said that 964 new cases were filed during October, and that a total of 4,635 were pending at various procedural levels at the end of the period.

A breakdown of the statistics revealed that unions won 30 of the 31 union shop elections conducted by the board in accordance with the requirement of the Taft-Hartley law. The AFL, involved in 3 of these elections, emerged victorious in all of them.
 Fifty-eight collective bargaining elections were conducted and 92 per cent of the eligible employees voted. Seventy per cent of the votes cast favored such representation.

Of the 17 elections in which AFL unions participated, they won at least a majority in 13, they failed of a majority in 3 and results were indeterminate in 1. CIO unions participated in 2 elections.
 Of the 964 cases filed in October, 351 alleged unfair labor practices by employers, 89 alleged unfair practices by labor or organizations, and 524, or 54 per cent, involved petitions for various types of elections.

Of 240 petitions for collective bargaining elections, 145 were filed by AFL affiliates, 40 by CIO affiliates, 110 by independent unions, and 45 by employers.
 Unfair labor practices charged against employers were filed as follows: 301 by individuals, 26 by AFL affiliates, 10 by CIO affiliates and 14 by independent unions.

Of the 89 charges of unfair labor practices brought against unions, 46 were filed by employers and employer associations, 41 by individuals and 2 by independent unions.
 Among the allegations made against unions were 38 of secondary boycotts and 14 of jurisdictional disputes.

Of the 89 charges of unfair practices brought against unions, none was brought by an AFL union against a CIO union, or vice versa.

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
 Muriel N. Langford, Plaintiff, vs. Olin A. Langford, Defendant.
 Notice of Service by Publication
 The above named defendant, Olin A. Langford, will take notice that an action entitled as 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 he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County at the Court House in Charlotte, North Carolina, within twenty (20) days after the 7th day of January, 1948, which date is at least seven (7) days after the last publication of this notice, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
 This the 28th day of November, 1947.
 J. LESTER WOLFE,
 Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
 (Nov. 27; Dec. 4, 11, 18-p)

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
 Marguerite Lambert, Plaintiff, vs. Raymond Lambert, Defendant.
 Notice of Publication
 The Defendant Above Named, Take Notice:
 That an action, as above entitled, has been started in Mecklenburg County, for an absolute divorce on the grounds of two years' separation, as is now provided by law for such in the General Statutes of North Carolina, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County at his office in the Court House in Charlotte, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint within twenty days after the last publication of this notice, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
 This, the 7th day of November, 1947.
 J. LESTER WOLFE,
 Clerk of Superior Court.
 (11-13, 20, 27; 12-4-c)

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FOOD CHAIN GRANTS 10-CENT PAY BOOST

Washington, D. C.—Nearly 700 employees of Safeway Stores, Inc., won a 10-cent hourly increase in new contracts just concluded, it was announced.
 Due for signing is a contract with Local 639, Drivers, Helpers and Chauffeurs (AFL), affecting 218 truck drivers and helpers, said L. W. Trainham, union business agent.

The new scale under this agreement ranges from \$1.12 to \$1.31 an hour, Trainham said.
 A similar contract gave wage boosts to 475 members of Local 730, Warehouse Employees Union (AFL).

SECRETARY OF LABOR SAYS RIGID CONTROL NEEDED

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 can be envisaged at this time—would have to be taken on a case by case basis. For this reason, it is neither essential nor possible to plan in detail the kind of administrative machinery that will be needed.

"It may be that the wage board which I have mentioned would be a suitable body to entrust with the administration of any necessary controls. It may well be, however, that the few cases which arise will each be so unique that it will be best to handle them by special means, such as the creation of individual wage boards or wage-price boards whose function it would be to achieve settlements or to make recommendations. Even in these cases, voluntary action will play an important role, since there has been no request for authority to order wage settlements in the absence of labor-management agreement.

SCREEN ACTORS' GUILD TO BAR COMMUNISTS

Hollywood, Calif.—Members of the AFL's Screen Actors Guild called upon their officers to disavow communism as a condition of holding office in the organization.
 The guild by resolution decreed that no one shall be eligible for office in the organization unless he signs an affidavit stipulating that he is not a member of the party.

Ronald Reagan was elected president of the union. Other officers elected are Gene Kelly, William Holden and Walter Pidgeon, vice presidents and Olivia de Havilland, treasurer. Leon Ames defeated Marsha Hunt for secretary.
 Directors are Dana Andrews, Edward Arnold, Charles Bickford, Lee Bowman, Hume Cronyn, Dan Duryea, Van Heflin, William Lundigan, Larry Parks, Tyrone Power and Anne Revere.

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Washington, D. C.—The 2,000,000th consumer will soon be connected to power lines financed by the Rural Electrification Administration, the Department of Agriculture announced.

UPHOLSTERERS' PRESIDENT WARNS OF HASTY ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT TERMS

Philadelphia—Sal B. Hoffman, president of the AFL's Upholsterers International Union, declared that one of the worst features of the Taft-Hartley law is the fear that it instills in the hearts of some workers.
 In a statement released for publication to UIU locals, Mr. Hoffman cautioned union members not to be daunted by the law's tricky and unfair provisions. He declared:
 "Unions and their attorneys have become fully cognizant of the booby traps that exist in the law for unwary union members and leaders, and have devised counter-measures. These have been embodied in the form of provisions in collective bargaining agreements to be negotiated with employers."
 "Pitfalls in the law are brought to your attention in union publications not to dismay you," Hoffman continued, "but to make you aware of their existence so that you may intelligently evade them."
 "A chief objective of the law is to make you afraid to fight for your rights, for better conditions and for your job. Afraid to oppose your employer and afraid to hope in the future for the improvements your union won or you in the past."
 "The secret to effective protection from the iniquities, double talk and booby traps with which the Taft-Hartley law is so fully studied is that they can be invalidated only before a contract is signed and not afterward."
 "That means you should make sure your local union does not accept, and your leaders do not sign, a contract with any employer unless it contains all the protective provisions devised by the legal staffs of your international and the American Federation of Labor."
 "We must be alert and ready to fight any employer who tries to use the evils of this law to take from us decent wages and working conditions and effective security which have been obtained and established by our unions in years of bitter struggle for organization and hours of patient negotiation."

PLANS FOR LABOR'S POLITICAL LEAGUE TO BE MAPPED BY AFL UNION PRESIDENTS

Washington, D. C.—Final details in the organization of Labor's Educational and Political League are expected to be worked out at a meeting of all AFL national and international union presidents here on December 5th and 6th.
 Prior to the general meeting, the AFL Executive Council is scheduled to convene in Washington on December 4th.
 Establishment of the league was voted unanimously by the AFL convention last October as a means of combatting the obnoxious Taft-Hartley law. Its purpose is three-fold:
 1. To see that union members go to the polls in 1948.
 2. To make known to union members the meaning of the economic and political policies of the American Federation of Labor and the evil effects of the vicious Taft-Hartley measure.
 3. To bring about the defeat at the polls of labor's foes in Congress and the various state legislatures and to elect those men who will give labor a square deal.

The meeting of union chiefs was called by the AFL Executive Council in order to discuss and formulate definite plans for the league concerning its organization and methods of operation. The convention left such details to the union officials and merely authorized the establishment of the league as a weapon to be used in the coming crucial political battles of 1948.

In addition to the organizational details to be considered, the meeting is expected to develop ways and means of financing the activities of the league and to establish a goal for the funds necessary to carry out its purposes.
 The Executive Council discussed these matters in a general way at a meeting following the AFL convention, but nothing was announced in the way of a definite proposal.
 At that time, members of the council were of the opinion that regular funds of the AFL could be used within the meaning of the Taft-Hartley law to carry

on the educational aspects of the campaign. This embraces the task of acquainting workers with AFL policies and explaining how the provisions of the law adversely affect union activities.

In regard to the political phase, the council was of the opinion that necessary funds should be raised by voluntary contributions made by union members and friends of the labor movement.

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