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NUMBER OF EMPLOYED IN COURT ORDERS DISTILLERY N. Y. SURPASSES EMPLOYMENT LEVEL OF V-J DAY WORKERS CEASE ALLEGED THEIR SECONDARY BOYCOTT

New York City.—Employment in New York State stands at a level higher than that prevailing on V-J Day, the State Labor Department reported.

The department's division of placement and unemployment insurance said that 5,400,000 persons had jobs in New York in September, as against 5,089,000 in August, 1945, the last month of hostilities. The totals did not take into account farm work, domestic work, self-employment or service in the armed forces.

The September figure, the latest officially available, was the highest this year. The division predicted that it would be exceeded in reports for October, November and December. As evidence of the upward trend, the division noted that manufacturing employment rose to 1,923,000 in October, a gain of 23,000 over September, according to preliminary estimates. Increased activity in trade and postal employment during the holiday season was expected to contribute further to the increase in jobs during the final quarter of the year.

The number of persons claiming unemployment insurance benefits in the state dropped to 290,000 in October, 17 per cent below September. It was the first time the figure had dipped below 300,000 since November, 1945. Nearly 44,000 veterans went off the readjustment allowance rolls, chiefly because they found jobs or entered school.

The comparison between employment at the end of the war and September of this year showed that Government service and the manufacture of durable goods were the only major categories showing declines. Industrial employment showed a gain of 6.9 per cent over V-J Day. This was slightly less, the division acknowledged, than the gain for the country as a whole, which was 7.5 per cent.

HOUSING OFFICIALS SUPPORT T-E-W BILL

New York City.—The National Association of Housing Representatives meeting here adopted a resolution supporting the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill as part of a program designed to boost production of homes.

The resolution calls for vigorous action to provide for the construction of dwellings at the rate of 1,500,000 per year for the next 13 years, nearly double the present rate.

Senator Robert F. Wagner, prevented from attending the session by illness, was honored by the group with the presentation of scroll testifying to his "untiring efforts" for the betterment of housing conditions. The presentation marked the 10th anniversary of the United States Housing Act of 1937, adoption of which was due largely to the support given by Senator Wagner.

ARBITRATOR UPHOLDS SENIORITY PRINCIPLE

Philadelphia.—In one of the most important rulings in the history of the union, an arbitrator upheld the seniority of representative of 5,200 food workers enrolled in Local 195, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America (AFL).

The decision, formalizing what the union declared had long been industry practice, was handed down in a dispute involving the Harkell Beef Boning Company of Philadelphia.

The arbitrator ordered Meyer reinstated with pay for time lost.

New York City.—Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan issued a temporary injunction restraining Local I of the AFL's Distillery Workers Union from continuing an alleged secondary boycott against the Schenley Distillery Corporation.

The action was the first brought here under the Taft-Hartley law which prohibits secondary boycotts. The injunction was requested by the regional director of the National Labor Relations Board upon complaint of the Schenley corporation.

Union officials said the court order, which is effective for a 5-day period, would be complied with. At the expiration of the stated period, the Federal court will hear arguments to determine whether the injunction temporarily restraining the union's activities should be made permanent.

It was charged by the Schenley company that warehousemen, member of Local No. 1, employed by six major New York City liquor distributors, have been refusing since last Friday to handle Schenley products cutting off the flow of liquor for the holidays in many local bars and package stores. The warehousemen, it was charged, are acting in sympathy with members of Local 38, of the same international union, who have been on strike since November 13 against the George T. Stagg Company, a Schenley distillery at Frankfort, Ky.

When counsel for the union movement for an immediate hearing on the issues involved, the judge denied the motion, holding that "the facts presented warrant fully the granting of the relief now sought. It is well established that where the court has jurisdiction to grant an injunction by final decree, it has jurisdiction to grant a preliminary or temporary injunction."

An attorney for the NLRB, and counsel for the regional office argued that "substantial and irreparable damage to the complainant would be unavoidable" unless the restraining order was issued at once pending final decision on the merits of the case.

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