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## AFL CALLS FOR PROBE BY UN OF THE SLAVE LABOR IN RUSSIAN - RULED STATES

The Right to

Is Your

Don't Fail to Use It

dustry is in danger," it stated.

CONTINUE AT HIGH LEVEL

Washington. - The number of

Time lost from these stoppages,

RAP WESTERN UNION

New York .- The American Federation of Labor asked the United Nations to investigate slave labor condition in satellite nations of Seviet Russia, and charged that in four such countries "laborers are literally worked to death."

The AFL position was stated in a memorandum to Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the UN, from Matthew Woll, chairman of the federation's international relations committee. Mr. Woll and David Dubinsky, president of the AFL TELEGRAPHERS International Ladies Garment Workers Union, are official AFL consultants to the United Nations.

The memorandum urged nations Labor Organization.

A survey by the federation, the graph service "to the point memorandum said, disclosed that where the future of the industry disability benefits, death grants; in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and is in danger."

The union's charge was coninjury or unemployment; materand that in each country there Federal Communications Commisexists "a single unitary trade sion for an investigation of mass exists a single unitary transfer violations of the Federal Com- doctors fees, hospital bills, and listic powers and is under the munications Act by the telegraph drug costs will be borne by the party and the government."

In Poland, the AFL memorandum tharged, prewar trade unoperators in such citles as Chiionists had been jailed, deported
and killed. Freedom of workers'
and washington in June and July.
This forces the public to wait
and "while no antistrike laws exist, those who foment labor unist, those who foment labor unist, or strikes, or strikes, are liable to arand ariminal prosecution unionists had been jailed, deported
to physicians, if they so desire,
national Labor Conference in sesnational dum tharged, prewar trade unoperators in such cities as Chimay continue to pay private fees San Francisco.—The 31st Interfour years of the GI Bill of sumer demand.

port charged, had died from over- added. "To the contrary, they illness. ation urged that all workers ous financial and other loss." that these trade unions must be service unless it improved. free to act, in accordance with "The telegraph service being

the federation recommened.

Official Soviet publications, the federation noted, showed that un- BLS REPORTS STRIKES ions in Russia are dominated by the Communist party and the government. Collective bargaining, discontinued from 1934 to 1947, strikes taking place in May have done likewise. the survey declared, and the new equaled the 275 recorded for system of collective agreements, April, the Bureau of Labor Sta- GROSS WEEKLY EARNINGS based on a piecework scale, with tistics reported. increases in the norms of output, has led to a consequent decrease however, was about half of that weekly earnings for the nearly in workers' pay. Workers, unable recorded for April, the BLS said. 13,000,000 production workers in to change jobs at will, function The largest factors in the reduct the nation totaled \$51.89 in May, under a "forced labor system," tion were the termination of the a figure somewhat below the recthe report continued.

Mr. Woll said that the federa- April, and to a lesser extent, the of 1947, according to estimates tion's report would likely come cessation of the meat packing of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. before the seventh session of the Economic and Social Council, which opens in Geneva July 19.

#### NUMBER OF FEDERAL JOBS JUMPS 12,854 IN MONTH

Washington, - Federal employment showed an increase of 12, 854 during the month of May, according to a report issued by the Civil Service Commission, bringing the grand total of guvernment jobs to 2,961,342.

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# FREE MEDICAL CARE FOR ALL PROVIDED IN NEW BRIT-

### ISH SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN London, Fingland-A "cradle-tothe-grave" social security system featuring free medical and dental

care for all Britens became effective throughout Great Britain recently. Cornerstone of the new system

is the National Health Act which in effect lifts the burden of worry over the payment for high-cost medical care from the shoulders of all residents regardless of their economic or social station. The benefits of the act will be financed from payroll taxes and direct government contributions.

Simultaneously with the health system, a greatly improved national insurance program, which Washington.-The AFL's Com- consolidates and expands previous "behind the iron curtain" to give mercial Telegraphers Union piecemeal legislation, also went their consent to an investigation charged that inefficient operations into effect. It carries far broader of conditions by the International on the part of the Western Union Company has impaired tele- United States.

The system provides liberalized ons of their choosing and tained in a request filed with the nity payments and various other forms of assistance.

> Under the health program, The union accused the company payroll taxes and government of delaying "rush" messages and contributions to the insurance

rest and criminal prosecution unand rush messages are delayed program will meet the cost of part of government.

More than 5,000,000 received edulast fall and the recent packingder the charge of engaging in for so long a time that neither spectacles, hearing aids, artificial Approval of the declaration cation and training benefits totalhouse workers' strike for the re-A Polish mine worker, the re- ceives and benefit therefrom," it required in the treatment of an only negative votes cast by the bought homes, farms and busi- said lack of corn discouraged pro-

"must have the right to freely The union said it had been in- ership of some 3,500 hospitals, stained from voting. unions without interference, and they would discontinue telegraph except for about 200 run by religious orders.

To take advantage of all this the decisions of their members." rendered in many communities free service, the British citizens All countries with an indus- throughout the country has de need not give up their freedom trialized economy and a trade un- teriorated to the point where the to choose their own doctor. The ion movement should be studied, very future of the telegraph in-plan specifically provides that patients will have their free

choice of physicians or dentist. Over 85 per cent of the nation's doctors have agreed to participate under the health program, and so far about half the dentists

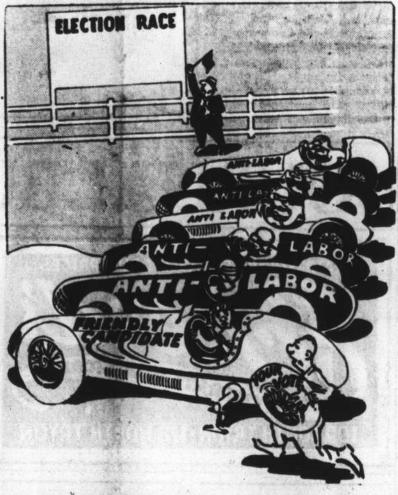
BELOW RECORD FOR 1947 Washington. - Average groos bituminous coal stoppage in mid- ord average reached at the end

LOOK'T THAT!

HOLY SMOKE! (I CAN'T LOOK! WILL YA JUST DID DID THEY

KILL THEM?

# KEEP 'EM ROLLING, BUD-VOTE THIS YEAR



# CONFERENCE ADOPTS

(Continued on Page 8)



PROTECT YOUR FUTURE

YOU'RE JUST IN

TIME TO CART

THESE-AH

DIRECTORS

AWAY.

# BENEFITS PAID VETERANS

out 14.300,000 "benefits" totaling of a short supply was made in \$8,223,000,000 during the first relation to a big increase in con-

two government delegates from nesses with the aid of government duction of beef in feed lots and from 4.6 cents in wartime 1944. work and exhaustion. The feder- frequently are subjected to seri- Under the program, the govern- Portugal. Polish, Czechoslovak, guaranteed and insured loans. slowed up hog production. Of the nation's 14,800,000 short for another year.

### 2.704 EMPLOYEES RECEIVE JULY 31 IS DEADLINE

division.

# Are You

## **MEAT PRICES HIT NEW HIGH** CONSUMER ROOKING

Washington.-The nation's consumers, already groggy from men of Commerce. large overdoses of high prices, Moreover, analysis of he desoared to new highs.

consumer boycott could stop them cents. from going even higher.

cago jumped as much as 5 cents with their 15.9-cent "take" out a pound. In the livestock cen- of each dollar, but are still not ters, hogs climbed to new all-time up to their prewar share of 21.2 highs at some markets and choice cents, the department reported. beef hit new highs during the week ended July 10.

Offering no cause for optimism, share was 13.5. H. M. Conway, of the publication National Livestock Producer, said TOP \$8 BILLION MARK the situation would remain "acute" throughout the summer. Washington.-The Veterans Ad- Conway did not supply compara- 2.1 cents they took in during ministration said it has handed tive figures but said his estimate 1944.

form, join or belong to trade formed by "many patrons" that practically all in Great Britain The proposed treaty specified faults cost another \$6,000,000. summer and that meat might be

"without distinction whatsoever," World War II veterans, many Although the Agriculture Deshall have the right to "estab- have received more than one type partment forecast an all-time lish and join organizations of of assistance. Other thousands record corn crop for 1948, Contheir own choesing," without any have applied for no benefits. | way said it would be "some time" At the end of May, 503,276 before the increased supply of radio stores, now getting 5.5 cents veterans were receiving readjust- feed could be converted into meat. ment allowances and 2,333,766 Other experts said it might take materials and hardware places, were in training under the GI a year before bumper 1948 feed now 7.6 cents against 6.7 cents crops could be reflected in more

\$56,494 IN BACK PAY Washington .- Carl R. Gray, Jr., New York. - Inspections made Veterans Administrator, reminded by the Department of Labor here veterans that July 31 is the last last month resulted in agreements day on which they may reinstate by 121 employers to pay back national service life insurance wages in the amount of \$56,494 policies without taking physical to 2,704 employes who had not examinations. Veterans may rebeen compensated properly for instate their policies before Augovertime work, or in accord with ust 1 by filling out an application minimum wage rates, it was re- form stating that their health is ployes at Warner-Robbins Field. ported by the department's wage as good as when the policy was and hour and public contracts issued. Premiums must be paid field near here, organized into the for two months.

COUPLE O' GOOD

# RETAIL FOOD STORES GET THE MOST FROM CONSUMERS' SPENDING

Washington.-The lion's share of each dollar spent by American consumers in retail establishments goes to food stores, according to a report released by the Depart-

were hit hard again when whole- partment reported that food stores sale meat and livestock prices are taking in a much larger part of the consumer's dollar than be-The United States Department fore the war. They now take in of Agriculture reported that 27.6 cents of each dollar spent prices were at their highest point in retail channels while before in history and that only a "stiff" the war their share was 23.5.

Automobile dealers and filling Wholesale meat prices in Chi- stations rank next to food stores

Eating and drinking places rank next to food stores in en-Cause for the price jumps ac- larging their prewar share of the cording to a market analyst, is retail dollar. They get 10.1' cents the fact that the nation's supply of it now against 8.4 cents in of meat in relation to demand 1940. But they've lost ground is one of the shortest on record. from midwar 1944, when their

Liquor sellers are doing the same now as in 1940-getting 1.4 cents of the retail dollar, but that's a comedown, too, from the

Men's clothing stores, having caught up with the immediate

economic sabotage." spectacles, hearing aids, artificial the sender nor the addressee re- limbs, and other surgical devices was nearly unanimous, with the ing \$5,000,000,000. And 1,353,000 stricted supply of meat. Conway 1040 but they've slipped a lot 1940, but they've slipped a lot

Shoe stores now take in 1.2 ment has taken control and own- and South African delegates ab- Interest on these loans cost the Conway said livestock prices cents of each retail dollar against government \$140,000,000 and de-would remain high during the 1.4 cents in 1940, while general against 14.8 cents prewar.

Others getting major outlets of the retail dollar include home furnishings, home appliance and against 4.4 cents prewar; building prewar; and drug stores, 2.9 against 3.5 cents.

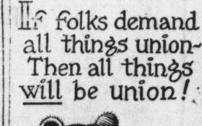
Retail sales account for perhaps two-thirds of all consumer spending, analysts estimate. They don't include rent money, or what is spent on amusements, doctor's bills, lawyer's fees and so on.

#### NEW AFGE LOCAL SET UP AT GEORGIA AIR BASE

Macon, Ga.-Civil Service Ema large government operated air American Federation of Government Employes as Local No. 987. Organizer L. T. Gourley, Ameri

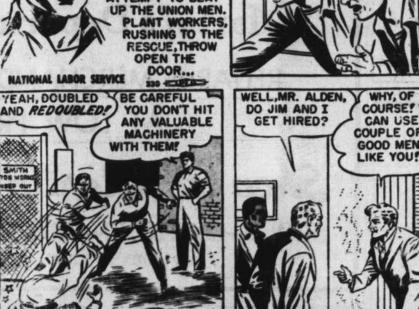
ican Federation of Laobr, reports that a large local has been set ap representing several hundred members working under Civil Service employment at the large air base.

The Golden Rule of Trade Unionism is to buy Union Label goods from others as you would have them pay Union wages unto vou!





THAT BEAR THE JNION LAB Union Label Trades Departs



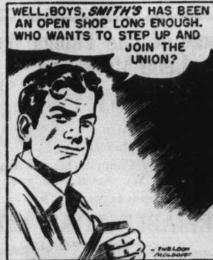
NSIDE THE SMITH

OFFICE THE THREE CONDOR THUGS, ARMED WITH

BLACKJACKS.

ATTEMPT TO BEAT





OH, HELLO, BOYS! YEAH! DIRECT

'EM TO THE

NEAREST GARBAGE





OH, MY HEAD!