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## Business Paper Admits Failure Of T-H Law

By Arnold Beichman, New York Correspondent for AFL News Service

New York. — Solemn obsequies over the Taft-Hartley law have been intoned by Business Week, a conservative publication whose potency helped sire this moribund antilabor law.

Titling its current editorial, "Why the Taft-Hartley Law Failed," this graveside sermon concedes that the law "went too far." Reversing the old Latin injunction that nothing except should be spoken about the dead, Business Week, with a candor which would have been far more refreshing had it been visible before Election Day, declares that "the Taft-Hartley Act conceivably could wreck the labor movement."

Four provisions are signed out by Business Week as potential destroyers of the free trade union movement:

- "1. Picketing can be restrained by injunction.
- "2. Employers can petition for a collective bargaining election.
- "3. Strikers can be held ineligible to vote—while the strike replacements cast the only ballots.

"4. If the outcome of this is a 'no-union' vote, the government must certify and enforce it.

"Anytime there is a surplus labor pool from which an employer can hire at least token strike replacements, these four provisions, linked together, presumably can destroy a union.

"By going that far, the law defeated itself. It was more than a pendulum swing away from the Wagner Act. As a result, not only will the potentially destructive features of the law go, but also some of its constructive aspects will be lost in the reaction."

Although Business Week, whose pre-Nov. 2 liturgies to the Taft-Hartley law lacked such mundane revelations as those cited above, is specific as to what provisions in the law are antiunion, it curiously omits any citation of what are the T-H law's "constructive aspects."

The editorial attaches the act's failure to labor's conviction that it "was an unjust and oppressive law. (Labor) was able to express its conviction politically."

Business Week argues that "as far as business was concerned, organized labor never made its case against the law," although the four provisions cited by the enormously influential business magazine as examples of the T-H law's going "too far," were precisely the bases of labor's indictment against the law.

One of the most significant aspects of the editorial is its implied warning to ultra-reactionary businessmen that a law in a democratic society will fail unless it has the consent of the people. "Only the police state can enforce a law which is believed to



## To Gather Data Labor Contracts

A new type of report to determine how many of the over 100,000 labor-management agreements are signed each year without a strike is now being developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

An article in the December "Labor Information Bulletin" explains that at the present time no statistics exist which show the extent of peaceful collective bargaining in the United States.

The article goes on to say that "strikes are news. They make the headlines. The day-to-day, even year-to-year, peaceful and interrupted union and employer relations go unheralded and unnoticed."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is now developing a program intended to supplement its statistics on strikes with statistics on "industrial peace." This new approach will, for the first time, attempt to collect data on the number of agreements signed each month, the workers covered by the agreements, and whether the agreement was reached without a stoppage.

Unions will be asked to supply this information to the BLS at regular monthly intervals. BLS has drafted as simple post card which a union official fill out and mail just as soon as the agreement is signed.

It is expected that BLS will obtain information which will show not only work stoppages but also the number of agreements signed without any loss in production time or workers' earnings.

The estimated 100,000 agreements signed, amended, or renewed each year directly cover the terms and conditions of work of probably more than 15 million American wage earners.

be unjust by the people it affects," it declares. But lest any trade unionist should feel that this penitential editorial harbingers long-lived repentance, Business Week lays down this injunction—that "going back to the original Wagner Act would be going too far."

Already you can hear the warcries, the tom-toms beating, the tocsin warnings—the Wagner Act shall not pass. In that one sentence lies the new, post-election antiunion strategy being formulated for the 81st Congress.

## HOW TO KILL A UNION

1. Don't attend meetings.
2. If you go, go late.
3. If the weather isn't pleasant, stay home.
4. Don't accept any office; it's easier to criticize.
5. Never approve anything your officers or committees do.
6. Don't pay your dues until you have to.
7. Don't bother recruiting new members.
8. Insist on official notices being sent you, but don't pay any attention to them when you get them.
9. Don't waste any courtesy at a meeting. It's up to your officers to take it.
10. When you don't like what's going on say so, but under no circumstances offer any constructive suggestions.
11. Devote most of your time talking; let someone else do the work.
12. If elected a delegate to a higher body or convention, don't bother about attending meetings.
13. Then you can report when you get home that the organization is in the hands of a political gang and that there is no use trying to do anything about it.
14. Look for hidden motives; don't credit brother or sister

members with any ideals.  
 15. Don't co-operate with any officer or committee; make them co-operate with you.  
 16. Remember that you know more than anyone else about everything. If they don't agree with you, they're wrong.  
 (Reprint from Cleveland Citizen.)

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