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LABOR'S YEAR AHEAD

Although American Labor has just cause to be jubilant over its political and other accomplishments during the past year, it must keep an open eye on the great tasks to be solved during the New Year and throughout years to come.

Truly, Labor learned many lessons and accomplished great things during 1948. It co-ordinated its forces and helped to defeat scores of its congressional foes in the new Congress; it battled the effects of the vicious Taft-Hartley law provisions; it played a major role in returning President Truman to office in the face of what political opponents and friends alike thought to be an impossible job; and Labor has battled the Communist elements, both at home and abroad, in an effort to wipe out the Red menace in the ranks of Labor unions throughout the world, and thereby upholding the dignity of Labor in helping to preserve our democratic traditions and elsewhere.

However, the New Year demands of us continued and redoubled vigilance. The Taft-Hartley act is still a labor shackle in this land. The law affects in many adverse ways the collective bargaining procedure of our unions with their employers; it breaches the freedoms heretofore enjoyed by both Labor and Management in arriving at satisfactory working agreements. Its repeal has been called by Labor, by the President of the United States, by the Labor Department and by the Democratic party, as well as by all fair-minded Americans who have ascertained for themselves how the vicious law's tentacles have strangled pleasant experiences in hundreds and hundreds of hundreds of contract renewal negotiations. The desire of the American people was expressed in the November election when by their vote President Truman's program was endorsed.

Following the election the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and the substitution of "just" legislation were predicted by Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin. He also declares that any new labor law "will definitely have to restore the closed shop," and he has pointed out that in elections held by the National Labor Relations Board "99.9 per cent of those voting favored the union shop." He said he did not believe that management would care whether or not such a provision was in the law.

The Secretary plans to seek legislation to return to the Department of Labor the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, which was removed from the Department by the 80th Congress in a section of the Taft-Hartley Act. In the same manner, Mr. Tobin says he hopes to return the United States Employment Service to the Department. It was transferred to the Federal Security Agency late this year.

Secretary Tobin has been having a series of conferences with representatives of several unions, including the American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations, and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in order to line up suggestions for President Truman for the President's State of the Union Message to Congress in January.

A five-man committee of the AFL paid two visits to the Secretary and a three-man committee of the CIO came to present its ideas. A. F. Whitney, head of the Railway Trainmen; Al Hayes, vice president of the International Association of Machinists; and Joseph A. Beirne, President of the Communication Workers of America have also talked with Tobin. United Mine Worker leaders also were invited by the Secretary.

Tobin said his "door is open" to all leaders of independent unions and spokesmen for industry.

Spokesmen for the AFL, the CIO, and the Railway Labor Executives Association have indicated they are in favor of repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and re-enactment of the Wagner Act of 1935. No information is available as to amendments that should be fitted into the Wagner Act when and if it is re-enacted.

Secretary Tobin has said that the new labor legislation should be based on President Truman's 1947 State of the Union Message, the 1948 Democratic platform, the Truman veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, and the President's campaign speeches.

Labor is prepared for a series of hearings before the Senate and House Labor Committees on various legislative proposals but hopes that the Administration's first item on the labor program will be repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

QUILL ASSAILS DAILY WORKER

Michael Quill, president of the CIO Transport Workers, has denounced the Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist Party, as "a scandal sheet which oozes five days a week from a cesspool of anti-labor crackpots."

Quill noted that the "Worker says it supported our fight against the company unions back in 1934 and 1935."

"This is true," Quill wrote in the TWU's Bulletin, "the paper championed our cause in such a stupid manner that thousands of our members still believe the Worker was then in the pay of the traction trusts."

"In 1937, when TWU squeezed its first contract out of New York Omnibus and 5th Avenue Coach, the peddlers of the Workers had to be forcibly removed from the front door of Transport Hall during the meeting because the gutter journalism of the Worker was so distasteful to our bus men that if allowed to continue its sale it would have served the bosses' first and final purpose—to wreck our union."

"I do not owe any leadership in TWU to any individual or group. I have held this leadership through the will of the rank and file of this great organization, and I have owed no allegiance either in the past or now to the crackpot leadership of the Communist Party."

Quill resigned as president of the Greater New York City CIO Council because that body refused to adhere to CIO policy and oppose a third party in 1948. Quill charged the council was Communist-dominated.

GOVERNOR-ELECT TAKES OFFICE JANUARY 1

When the General Assembly convenes in Raleigh on the first of January it will meet and install the new state officers chosen by the North Carolina electorate to serve the Commonwealth for the next four years. Of course, Governor-elect Scott heads the list and the Governor plans to be present with long-tails and bucket hat and all trimmings. He says that North Carolinians like to "put on the dog" at their inaugural ceremonies and that this will be the order of the day, so far as he is concerned.

And proper it is. The executive head of our highest state office most assuredly should conduct himself with the greatest dignity during these solemn ceremonies. He has been entrusted with the State's welfare for a term, following his campaign promises to serve the people and serve them well. His attitude upon assuming office and his personal conduct during the inaugural will assuredly reflect a picture in the minds of the populace as to what they may expect of him in the days to come.

In the case of Governor-elect Scott he has pledged himself to assist the farmers, labor and business in general. He has a paramount task ahead and one which calls for dignity and diplomacy throughout the four years to come. Best wishes, Mr. New Governor Scott, and thank you, Mr. Retiring Governor Cherry.

NEW PLAGUE IN 1949

The North Carolina anti-closed shop bill remains with North Carolina Labor to plague it unless the 1949 session of the General Assembly discards the law as a promoter of chaos in the field of Labor-Management relationships. A call for the repeal of this anti-closed shop bill will certainly be made by all North Carolina Labor during the 1949 session.

It is hoped that the legislators will have had time to review the damnable effects of their handiwork of two years ago and that the great majority will be in sufficiently willing moods to cast their votes for the repeal of this piece of legislation which has done nothing to promote either the welfare of Labor or Management. It is not the balm that will maintain pleasant labor-management relationships.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Mrs. Odessa Nance and her husband, J. F. Nance, dated March 5, 1948, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in Book 1349, Page 600, and because of default of payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out and perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, and pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the said deed of trust, the undersigned trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the County

Courthouse of Mecklenburg County, in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 10th day of January, 1949, all that certain lot or parcel of land situated, lying and being in Berryhill Township, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron, I. W. McGunn's or McGunn's line, and runs with McGunn's line South 55 1/2 deg., East 194 feet to another iron in McGunn's line; thence North 35 deg., East with McGunn's line 134 feet to an iron, a corner of McGunn's and Griffith's line; thence South 66 deg., East 210 feet with Griffith's line to a pine stump, a corner of Griffith's and Weaver's lines; thence with Weaver's line South

4 ft., West 402 feet to a stake in the center of Walker's Ferry road; thence with the center of Walker's Ferry road South 81 1/2 deg., West 311.5 feet to a stake; thence with the center of said road North 89 1/4 deg., West 163 feet to a stake, a corner of the J. Clyde Beatty land; thence North 8 1/2 deg., East with the Beatty land 535 feet to an iron (new) the beginning; containing 4.87 acres, as shown on map dated May 26, 1941, of survey made by J. B. Faires; and being a part of the land conveyed to C. P. Glover and wife, Annie Glover, by Minnie Blair and others by deed dated October 8th, 1921, recorded in Book 454, Page 78, of the office of Register of Deeds of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Being the same property deeded to Mrs. Odessa Nance, wife of J. F. Nance, dated July 15, 1946, and recorded in Book 1205, Page 138 in Office of Register of Deeds, Mecklenburg County, N. C. This Deed of Trust being given subject to two others; one being to Neal Y. Pharr, Trustee for Mrs. Annie Glover for \$500.00, due and payable July 15th, 1947, with interest from July 15th, 1946, and being recorded in Book 1194, Page 279, of the Mecklenburg County, N. C., Register of Deeds office.

Also one for \$2,500.00 to G. D. Aitken, Trustee for Citizens Bank and recorded in Register of Deeds office for Mecklenburg County, N. C., in Book 1194, Page 280.

The exact amount of the balance of the two deeds of trust last mentioned will be announced on date of sale. This sale will be made subject to the two last mentioned deeds of trust.

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