

THE AMERICAN LABOR DAY

Next Monday the Nation's workers will pause to celebrate their own National holiday-Labor Day. They have a union carpenter by the name of Peter J. McGuire, who tution of the American Federation of Labor, the 68th Constood before his Central Labor Union in New York City vention of the American Federation of Labor, will be held in May of 1882 and proposed that one day each year be in the Civic Auditorium, St. Paul, Minn., beginning at 10 set aside and observed as a general holiday for the working people. His plan was adopted by his Central Labor Union and carrying out Delegate McGuire's suggestion that the first Monday in September be named for the observe of Labor Day a committee was named to complete plans for the initial celebration in honor of the city's everywhere are asking why, following such a long period workers.

Thursday, September 1, 1949



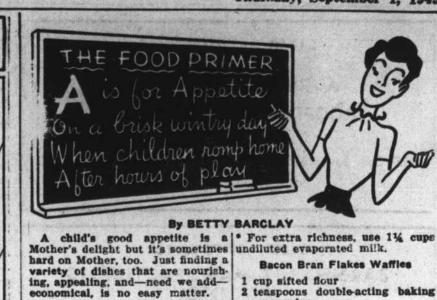
LABOR DAY finds the free American worker still enjoying the best living standards in the world. Let's keep him on top and try to lift other nations up to our level instead of dragging our own citizens down to the low labor standards of Europe and Asia. The best way to do that is to buy Union-made-in-America goods and use Union services. Then-and only then-can we continue to set an example for toilers of all nations. L M. ORNBURN, Secretary-Treasurer, UNION LABEL TRADES DEP'T, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

1949 Convention Call

To All Affiliated Unions Greetings:

You are hereby notified that, in pursuance of the Constio'clock Monday mornng, October 3, 1949, and will continue in session from day to day until the business of the Convention shall have been completed.

Once again we convene in annual convention-four years after the termination of World War II-moved by feelings of uncertainty and increasing disappointment. Worker of time, no substantial progress has been made in the nego-



Cold weather creates a desire for hearty foods with savoury odors that float out from the kitchen and perk up that already awakened appetite even more!

teaspoon salt egg yolks, well beaten 1 cup milk tablespoons melted bacon fat 1 cup 40% bran flakes

powder

a cup chopped cooked bacon

Arrange apple halves in baking dish and spread each half with 1 teaspoon of the honey. Add enough

water to cover bottom of baking

dish (about % cup). Cover and bake in hot oven (400° F.) 20 min-

The recipes below all cater to healthy hunger. One of these, Glazed Ham Patties, is an excellent 2 egg whites Sift flour once, measure, add bakneat dish that will do for two ing powder and salt, and sift again. Combine egg yolks and milk. Add meals in most families (unless you decide to cut the recipe in haif.) For a one-dish supper, or for a big Sunday brunch, Bacon Bran Flakes Waffles really hit the spot. And for the finish of any meal, the to flour mixture, add bacon fat, then mix only until smooth. Add flakes and bacon and blend. Beat egg whites until they will hold up in moist peaks. Stir quickly but thor-oughly into batter. Bake in hot waffle iron. Makes four 4-section Baked Apples with Crumble Top-ping given below are "tops" for any child or grownup with a coldwaffles weather appetite.

Baked Apples with Crumble Topping **Glazed Ham Patties** pound ground smoked ham pound ground fresh pork 3 large apples, cored and cut in halves 5 tablespoons honey % cup water 2 tablespoons butter or margarine teaspoon salt teaspoon cinnamon cup chopped nut meats 2 tablespoons finely chopped 1 cup corn flakes

1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed cup corn syrup tablespoons vinegar

cup raisin bran

Dash of thyme

1/2 teaspoon salt Dash of pepper

onion 1% cups milk*

teaspoon dry mustard Combine ham, pork, raisin bran, salt, pepper, thyme, onion, and bake in hot oven (400° F.) 20 min-milk. Roll into balls and place in utes. Combine butter, remaining 3

custard cups or large muffin pans. tablespoons honey, salt, and cinna-Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) mon in saucepan and mix well. 20 minutes. Cook and stir over low heat until

Mix together in saucepan brown mixture bubbles. Add nuts and sugar, syrup, vinegar, and mustard, Bring to a boil and boil 1 minute. Spread cereal mixture over tops of Pour 1 tablespoon of mixture over each patty and bake 20 minutes longer. Serve with remaining sauce. apples. Return to oven and bake, uncovered, 20 minutes longer, or until apples are tender. Makes 6 Makes 12 patties.



In 1884 the fourth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, meeting in Chicago, adopted the plan and during the next few years the AFL devoted its attention to securing state legislation proclaiming Labor Day to extend and expand Communist control over certain naas a national holiday throughout the country. A dozen years later the Labor committee in the House of Representatives adopted a favorable report on a bill making Labor Day a legal public holiday and in June of 1884 the bill had passed through Congress and President Grover Cleveland signed the measure making it a law.

For more than half a century the worker's day has been celebrated by both union and non-union workers, and too, this day is observed by large financial institutions, the industrialists, the religious bodies, Mr. Average Businessman and their employes. All of whom have this lowly union carpenter to thank for the part he played in establishing a day of rest and recreation in America for all those who toil.

CALL TO ACTION LABOR DAY KEYNOTE

All members of organized Labor should read President William Green's Labor Day message which appears on page one of this issue of The Labor Journal. In this message President Green calls you into action-"action to preserve the free American way of life from the threat of domestic fascism and world communism."

Mr. Green points out that the leaders of the Kremlin are gambling upon a depression to weaken America's resistance which the Russians believe would enable them to gain control over all of Europe and Asia.

The AFL chief also warns that in America reactionary forces are attempting to turn the clock backward and are also gambling upon a depression to return them to power over the nation's economic and political life. Mr. Green calls upon you to be ever vigilant on the political front and asks that Labor turn out to the polls in unprecedented numbers in the 1950 congressional elections and break the hated coalition by defeating Labor's enemies for re-election.

Great progress has been made in North Carolina in cooperation with Labor's League for Political Action, the aggressive political arm of the American Federation of Labor, but there is much more work to be done before our house has been put in order and our economic stability made more secure. We must pledge the Chief all the support we know how to render, both nationally and on the local front.

tiation of an international agreement providing for international peace and security. The facts seem to make it clear that failure to arrive at an international agreement is due to the negative, antagonistic and selfish policy of Soviet Russia. Apparently the Russian government seeks tions of Europe. Asia and elsewhere throughout the world. The fight, therefore, for international peace and security is supplemented by a fight against the aggression of Russia and its Communist philosophy.

We want world peace, but we want it to be based upon the principles of freedom, democracy and liberty. This issue must be faced courageously and in a spirit of determination that the free people of no nation shall be forced to

accept communism and Communist control against their will.

As we meet in this historic convention, labor throughout the nation is conscious of the fact that our enemies are seeking to destroy, weaken, and if possible wipe out our trade union movement through the enactment of vicious, reprehensible antilabor legislation. As a result, the fighting spirit of the workers has been aroused as never before. That fact was reflected in the election which was held last November. The record shows that unity of thought and action was developed to a high degree among working men and women and their friends everywhere. This fight against anti-labor legislation is still on. For that reason those in attendance at this convention will formulate policies designed to win victories for labor both on the political and economic field. Social security and health insurance legislation, federal aid for education, minimum wage legislation and other social justice and security legislation will and must command the attention of the officers and delegates in attendance at this convention.

Our purpose is to bring about the realization of the hopes and aspirations of labor, to seek to establish a standard of living commensurate with the requirements of American citizenship. We cherish the principles of freedom, liberty, democracy and justice as a common heritage to be preserved at any cost and transmitted to future generations. In conformity with the record made by previous conventions, those in attendance at this 68th Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor will make a genuine contribution toward the realization of this great objective. GEORGE MEANY, WILLIAM GREEN, President. Secretary-Treasurer

For Indigestion, Sour Stomach and Gas, Take **NA-CO TABLETS** MONEY BACK GUARANTEE SELWYN CUT RATE DRUG STORE NEXT TO POST OFFICE