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PITTSBURGH PLANS
LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Pittsburgh.—Plans for a huge Labor Day parade in protest against the failure of Congress to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act were announced here by the Pittsburgh Central Labor Union and the Joint Council, No. 40, of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Committees in charge of the demonstration predicted the parade would be the greatest show of worker strength in the history of the Tri-State area.

All of the 250,000 local union members of the AFL in the Pittsburgh area will be called upon to participate.

This Labor Day parade will be the first to be held in Pittsburgh since prewar days.

In deciding on the demonstration, its sponsors declared a firm conviction that there can be no hope of future progress nor the enjoyment of the free way of American life for the wage earners of our country while Taft-Hartleyism in any of its devious forms remains on the statute books.

The full impact of these reactionary laws have not yet been felt by labor generally but as time goes on their various provisions can stifle the growth of organized labor, weaken the trade union movement in the land and make it increasingly difficult for American men and women to keep their heads above water.

At the same time, President James L. McDevitt, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, said:

"The answer to labor's sharp defeat on T-H repeal lies in more and intensified political action between the nation's working men and women and their union organization.

"The defeat of organized labor by the 81st Congress in its effort to repeal the T-H law will weld organized labor into a smooth running political organization by 1950. In Pennsylvania, 700,000 members of the American Federation of Labor will answer this challenge at the polls. A successful 1949 campaign is vital to prepare labor for the 1950 test."

LABOR VOTES WILL BEAT
SENATOR TAFT IN 1950

Every vote counts. Whenever a Trade Unionist starts thinking that his lone vote is unimportant, he should remember the election of Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) in 1944.

If only 3.1 voters in each precinct in Ohio had switched their votes from Taft to his Democratic opponent, the Labor-Hating Ohioan would have been defeated.

In 1944, Taft received 1,500,609 votes. His Democratic opponent, William G. Pickrel, got 1,482,610 votes, only 17,999 less than Taft.

And there are 5,710 precincts in Ohio. It's as simple as that! Every Unionist in every state should vote against Labor's Enemies!

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Labor Dept. Gets Employment Service
As Senate Votes Reorganization Plan

Washington—The United States Employment Service, kicked around like a football for years, has finally been booted back to the Labor Department.

This was accomplished when the Senate upheld President Truman's proposal to transfer the agency, together with the Unemployment Insurance Service, from the Federal Security Agency to the Labor Department.

The move, long supported by the American Federation of Labor, came as a victory for the Administration after its earlier defeat in efforts to create a new Department of Public Welfare. The all-too familiar coalition of reactionary Republicans and Southern Democrats killed this proposed reorganization plan by a vote of 60 to 32.

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, hailing the transfer of the new functions to his department, declared the action was "a great step forward in bringing about greater efficiency in government and in strengthening the nation's economy." He said that steps would be taken soon to return to the department other labor functions in a program to rebuild the agency "to its greatest usefulness."

The Administration triumph scored on a 57-32 vote, meant that six of the seven reorganization proposals submitted by President Truman in line with recommendations of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, headed by former President Herbert Hoover, would go into effect. These included:

Transfer of the Bureau of Public Roads to the Department of Commerce.

Reorganization of the Post Office Department, with greater authority vested in the Postmaster General and greater assistance provided for him.

Transfer of the National Security Council and the National Security Resources Board to the Executive Office of the President.

Make the chairman of the Civil Service Commission the executive officer of the commission.

Make the chairman of the Maritime Commission the chief executive and administrative officer of the commission.

The measure to put the Bureau of Employment Security and affiliated services, as well as the Federal Advisory Council and functions of the Veterans Placement Service Board, into the Labor Department had the strong

support of Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota. Its chief opponent was Senator Irving Ives of New York.

HOOVER, 75, SAYS U. S.
IS NEAR COLLECTIVISM

Palo Alto, Calif.—Age cannot wither nor custom stale the infinite sameness of Hooverism.

On his 75th birthday, the former President, now regarded by Wall Street as an elder statesman, delivered a speech in which he said America is now "on the last mile" toward collectivism.

No, it's not news; it's just Hoover again.

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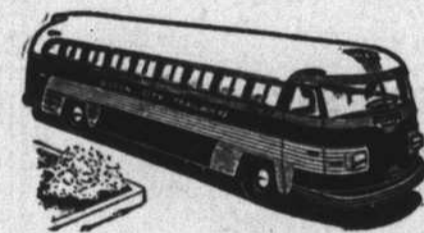
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