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**KAISER PRAISES U. S. LABOR MOVEMENT FOR EMERGENCE AS NEW WORLD FORCE**

Chester, N. Y. — One of the most dramatic developments of recent years has been the emergence of American labor as an international force, Assistant Secretary of Labor Philip M. Kaiser said in a speech here.

"As a consequence, labor is now part of the local community, it is part of the national community, it is part of the world community," he said.

Kaiser paid tribute to the generous and courageous activity which the American labor movement is carrying on in the international field. "It is giving its wholehearted support to the cornerstones of our foreign policy — the Truman Doctrine, the European Recovery Program and the North Atlantic Pact," he added.

Recently appointed as assistant secretary of labor for international labor affairs, Kaiser also praised the AFL, the CIO and the independent unions who "have given generously to their needy brothers in Europe." He said "They have sent food and clothing, they have given money and lent their support to orphanages and to workers' education schools. Yes, they have even been responsible for building model factories in Europe."

He pointed out that the CIO, AFL and the Railway Brotherhoods have opened offices in Europe and have sent representatives to Latin America and Asia. "More than this, they have organized a pool for the exchange of trade union know-how and have participated wholeheartedly in similar programs sponsored by the government," Kaiser added. "Trade unionists from every part

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of the world are coming here to the United States to study the techniques and objectives of our free democratic trade unions."

Kaiser said he hoped that those trade unionists coming from other countries where freedom and democracy need development and strengthening, will, through these programs, derive new hope, new inspiration and new techniques to carry on their struggle.

**WORK-INJURY RATE DECLINED IN 1948**

Washington.—Work-injury rates in manufacturing and non-manufacturing declined during 1948 according to final summaries released here by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The average injury-frequency rate for all-manufacturing industries decreased 8.5 per cent, from

18.8 injuries per million man-hours worked in 1947 to 17.2 in 1948. Decreases were reported for 14 of 22 mining classifications and for 15 of 40 other non-manufacturing industries.

Although the frequency of work injuries decreased, the relative proportion of fatalities and permanent disabilities increased. As a result the average number of days lost per case in manufacturing rose from 72 in 1947 to 83 in 1948.

Noteworthy decreases in injuries occurred in the lumber group of industries. The frequency rate for the group as a whole dropped from 66 to 58.6. Logging and sawmills still had the highest frequency rates of all manufacturing industries—that for logging was the highest of any industry surveyed.

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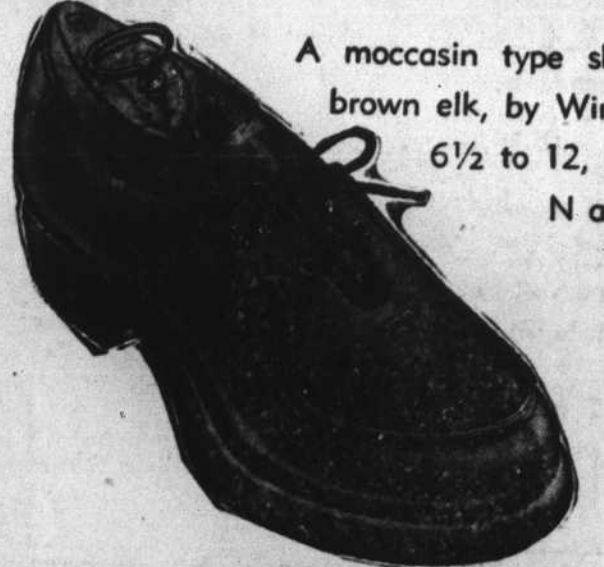

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