

# Supreme Court Findings Keep Labor Hamstrung

## LATEST INJUNCTION RULE NEEDS ANSWER FROM LABOR AT POLLS

Washington. — Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson and four of his associate Supreme Court justices voted to keep labor hamstrung in an injunction straitjacket in their latest rulings.

They administered another lesson, in the view of Joseph Keenan, director of Labor's League for Political Education, why union men and women must go to the polls every election day to put in office men friendly to the point of view of labor and the mass of people.

The Supreme Court majority taught their bitter lesson over the objections of Justices Hugo Black, William O. Douglas and Stanley Reed, who, in an unusual statement, said they believed that unions were entitled to a formal court review and opinion on the legality of injunctions issued in national emergencies under the Taft-Hartley law.

But this minority was overruled and labor is left with no alternative but to elect a Congress which will prohibit the use of injunctions in labor disputes so explicitly that nothing is left to the discretion of courts—not even to the United States Supreme Court.

The two court decisions involved the United Mine Workers of America and three railroad

unions, Switchmen's Union of North America of the AFL, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

In the miner's case, the court upheld \$1,420,000 fines against the union and its president, John L. Lewis, for refusing to obey a lower court order to call off a strike for pensions in March, 1948. The majority refused even to hear the union's case on the constitutionality of the Taft-Hartley national emergency injunctions.

The court decision did not imply that if the miners had obeyed the lower court order, then they might have been heard on the constitutional merits. Eight justices, excluding Clark again, joined in closing the door on that possibility in the railroad case.

There the three unions obeyed the lower court order and did not strike in May, 1948. So the United States Supreme Court employed its oldest "dodge" by saying the issue had become moot and there was no need or time to consider the merits of the rights of the workers.

"Union security depends on political action, not on the Supreme Court," Mr. Keenan said. He said his views were first expressed when the court upheld the rights of states to regulate or prohibit the closed and union shops. He said the two latest injunction de-

### THE LAYMAN'S BEATITUDES

1. Blessed is the man whose calendar contains prayer meeting nights.
2. Blessed is the man who does not remain away from church because it drizzles.
3. Blessed is the man who can stay over an hour in church service.
4. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord's work with his pocket as well as his heart.
5. Blessed is the man whose watch keeps church time as well as business time.
6. Blessed is the man who leaves the back pew for late comers.
7. Blessed is the man who does not have a summer "lay-off" from his religion.
8. Blessed is the man whose eyesight will stand as much reading of the Bible as of the Sunday newspapers.

Three things, O Lord, of Thee we pray—

- To know Thee more clearly,
  - To love Thee more dearly,
  - To follow Thee more nearly.
- "Let us practice Christianity in the little opportunities of every day."

### AFL PUTS WHAMMY ON CONGRESSMEN

Reading, Pa. — The Conference of Eastern Pennsylvania Central Labor Unions marked Representatives Franklin H. Lichtenwalter and Ivor D. Fenton for defeat in 1950 congressional elections.

The Allentown CLU said it will "concentrate on the 1950 election in effort to replace Lichtenwalter, who has voted wrong on every issue in the 81st Congress." The Pottsville CLU said it will try "to defeat Fenton, whose record in the 81st Congress in anti-labor."

The Easton CLU said it will back the "re-election of Representative Francis E. Walter, a Fair Deal stalwart."

Representative George M. Rhodes, elected to Congress for the first time in 1948, is president of the eastern Pennsylvania conference of central unions and will be backed for reelection.

Encouragement for political action was given by AFL General Counsel Albert Woll at the 68th AFL convention. "While fighting to the tooth in the legal field and before administrative agencies and boards, we must continue to employ our strength in the legislative and political fields," he said. "Your position as leaders of organized labor does not in any degree or to any extent forbid you under federal law from giving your personal and undiminished support to Labor's League for Political Education. The Taft-Hartley Act restricts only labor organizations—not labor leaders.

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### NOW AND THEN

"God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." As far as denominations are concerned He has been no respecter of persons. The spirit of love and fellowship is heavenly, indeed a foretaste of a certain glad day. As we look ahead we have a deep concern that all this advancement be conserved and that we all grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are told that when Robert Moffatt was a boy leaving home as he and his old-fashioned mother trudged along a Scotch highway, she stopped. She could go no further. "Robert, promise me something?" "What?" asked the boy. Again she repeated the question. "I'll do anything you wish, Mother," said the boy looking into her face. Then putting his head close to hers she said, "Robert, you are going into a wicked world. Begin every day with God. Close every day with God."

Next to coming into a definite heart relationship with Christ is the fresh touch of God upon our individual lives in the very beginning of each day. This is imperative. We are commanded by God: "Keep yourselves in the love of God" (John 21). Private devotions, public testimony, attendance at worship, personal soul winning, immediate adjustments to God when the Spirit checks, avoiding a critical and embittered spirit toward anyone, "doing with our might what our hands find to do" and doing it to His glory, are some of the ways of keeping ourselves in the love of God.

"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts to the which also ye are called in one body and be ye thankful. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." God and I in blessed collaboration—keeping me in the love and peace of God. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples—if ye have love one to another."  
—Claude E. Ries.

### THE IDEAL PASTOR

There was a noble preacher, with a lot of common sense, Who landed on his circuit with a dollar and ninety cents; He did not use tobacco, nor attend the picture show, But used his time and talent to make his church work go.

His face is cleanly shaven, his clothes brushed with care, His shoes neatly polished, and he always combs his hair; He represents the Master to the flock he oversees, And often in his study he is found upon his knees.

He gets a nice donation from the people of his charge, Sometimes increase in salary, although it isn't large, He lives within his income, and always has cash to pay, And he doesn't owe a dollar when at last he goes away.

He's much in love with missions, and God's financial plan, And his members soon decide that he's a business man; He doesn't scold his people, but gives them Gospel food, And soon endears himself to them as every pastor should.

He has a plan for study, and many books he reads, He visits friends and members of all beliefs and creeds, He doesn't discuss differences, but acts as if they're one, And talks of salvation through Christ, God's only Son.

He is clean in conversation, his face aglow with joy, He talks with all the children, the little girl and boy; He is known in all the country for his ministries of love, And God is now preparing him a splendid home above.

### SETS UP LOAN PLAN

Washington.—The Rural Electrification Administration announced that it is setting up machinery for handling loans "to persons now providing or who may hereafter provide telephone service in rural areas and to co-operative, non-profit, limited dividend or mutual associations." The loans were authorized under the rural telephone act passed by the 81st Congress with AFL support.

### GET \$4 WEEKLY RAISE

San Francisco.—The Stereotypers and Electrotypers Union of the AFL won a \$4 a week wage increase after a five-day strike against seven firms.

### KENTUCKY FEDERATION ELECTS A. C. KAISER

LOUISVILLE.—The 45th convention of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor elected A. C. Kaiser, Louisville business agent for the Hod Carriers Building and Common Laborers Union, as president for a full term. He had been acting president since the death earlier this year of Harry F. Petty.

Edward H. Weyler, United Brotherhood of Carpenters, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Terms of the officers were reduced from four to two years.

### PRESENTS LLPA CHECK

St. Paul. — President William Schoenberg of the Cement Lime and Gypsum Workers, presented a check for \$3,100 to Labor's League for Political Action during the 68th annual convention as the balance

due on the 10 cents per member assessment this year. He pledged the union "will do just as well or better as far as the voluntary \$3 contribution is concerned."

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