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**2 College Students  
Bolster Fears Of  
Taft-Hartley Act**

Washington.—New studies of the Taft-Hartley law just published by two of the nation's leading university industrial relations schools bolster American Federation of Labor charges against that law.

Horace E. Sheldon, in a research bulletin for the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, concludes that "the Taft-Hartley Act ban on closed shop in industry has failed because many employers themselves want to continue closed shop hiring practices."

Dale E. Good, in a bulletin for the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Illinois, reports that under the Taft-Hartley law "union organizing has not proceeded at the same pace as under the Wagner Act" and "the role of government in labor relations has been considerably enlarged and labor disputes have increasingly become a major concern of the courts."

While each bulletin is an attempt to report some of the things that have occurred during the two years of Taft-Hartley operations, the cold sober conclusions almost entirely support the AFL's criticisms of the act and AFL forecasts of its failures.

Through almost a century of bargaining by many of its unions, the AFL knows that hundreds of employers want the closed shop. Mr. Sheldon's survey was made in Buffalo.

"There was clear indication in Buffalo, as there has been elsewhere, that many sections of management have been generally satisfied with their experience with the closed shop," he said. Much of Mr. Sheldon's tract reflects chagrin over this fact and he advocates regulation of the closed shops as the alternative to its complete prohibition, since prohibition—as in the case of alcoholic beverages—has failed.

Mr. Good's study is a little more comprehensive. What he calls "tentative" conclusions checks with AFL experience such as:

"1. Union membership appears not to have declined but some evidence indicates that as a result of employers' activities union organizing has not proceeded at the same pace as under the Wagner Act."

"2. The national emergency provisions of the act have not eliminated strikes in industries affecting the national health and safety; however, such strikes have been delayed."

"3. Cases arising out of provisions of the new law have been a major concern of the National Labor Relations Board. Due to the nature of the charges, the board has acted upon a greater percentage of charges against unions than against employers. Almost all the injunctions sought by the board have been against unions. The role of government in labor relations has been considerably enlarged, and labor disputes have increasingly become a major concern of the courts."

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**Meat Cutters Plan  
Co-Op Apartments**

New York.—The AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America announced plans for a cooperative apartment house for 288 families with rents to start at \$53 per month.

A charter for the development was granted by the New York State Housing Commissioner Herman T. Stichman to the AFL union. The presentation was made to Union Vice President Joseph Belsky.

The project is to be known as the Harry Silver Apartments, in memory of a deceased union member, and will be located in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

Three 6-story semifireproof elevator apartment houses will be constructed on a land area of 127,000 square feet located centrally in Brooklyn within one-fare zone.

The development will contain 30 apartments with 5 1-2 rooms, 186 with 4 1-2 rooms, 72 with 3 1-2 rooms, with an over-all average of 4.35 rooms. The project cost is estimated at \$2,887,000, which includes 136 garage stalls to be located beneath the apartment buildings.

The maintenance charges will be \$63 per month for 3 1-2 rooms, \$65 for 4 1-2 rooms, \$75 for 5 1-2 rooms, averaging throughout the development to \$14.47 per room monthly carrying charge. The figures do not include gas and electricity, which will be provided by master metering and at a general savings to all the cooperators. The cooperative investment necessary is computed at \$240 per room.

A report on the project was made to Harry C. Bates, president of the AFL Bricklayers Union and chairman of the AFL National Housing Committee.

"This development," the Meat Cutters told Mr. Bates, "is being designed to become the leader in progressive future housing developments through the entire state. This is further evidenced by the fact that only 34 percent of the surface coverage of the lots will be occupied by building units. The remaining 66 percent of the land is apportioned to the finest landscaping with recessed playgrounds to protect the children from street traffic."

The project will be financed by a 40-year mortgage in the amount of \$2,585,000 at 3 1-2 percent interest.

**Capital's Private  
Jobs Outrank U. S.**

Washington. — Privately employed workers outnumber government workers in—of all places—Washington, D. C.

The Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security estimates that on September 1, 1949, there were 373,800 privately employed workers in the District of Columbia labor-market area, which includes suburban areas of Maryland and Virginia.

Public employes in federal, district and local governments numbered 250,700.

**AIRS POLITICAL PROGRAM**  
New York.—Radio station WFDR operated by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union of the AFL is broadcasting a 3-times-a-week program of political interpretation by Gus Tyler, union political director.

Trade unionists might show these conclusions to their Congressmen looking for specific reasons to repeal the Taft-Hartley law. They carry the stamp of two great state universities not known for any pro-labor leanings.

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**Latin Unions Fight  
Repressive Actions**

Havana, Cuba.—Organized labor in Argentine, Peru and Venezuela are fighting repressive actions by the governments of those Latin American countries.

The Inter-American Confederation of Workers reports that:

1. The Argentine government has declared a strike of sugar workers illegal and is employing federal police forces to break down the workers' resistance.

2. Peru has reimprisoned Arturo Sabroso, president of the Peruvian Confederation of Labor, and many other leaders.

3. The military dictatorship of Venezuela has subjected trade union leaders "to continual persecution since the coming of power." Many Venezuelan trade union leaders have fled or been deported from their country since 1948.

The Inter-American Confederation pledged its support to the Argentine sugar workers and protested against the methods used by the government against them.

More than 90,000 workers went on strike for a wage increase after the price of sugar was doubled and the cost of living showed a steep increase.

The Inter-American Confederation said that since the powerful Argentine Federation of Meat Packinghouse Workers has lined up with the sugar workers the result might mean a re-alignment of Argentine labor to regain a measure of autonomy and independence of organized labor in its relations with government.

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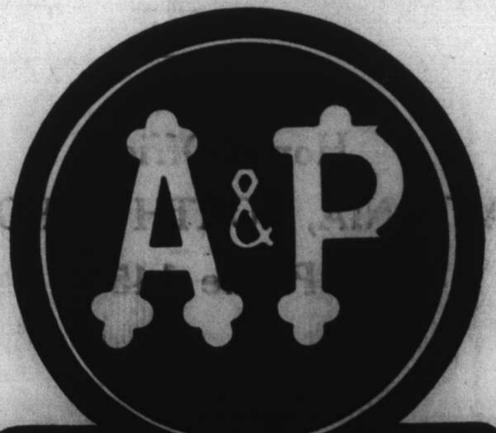
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