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Census Questions Begin On April 1

Washington.—Uncle Sam is getting ready to ring your doorbell.

Armed with questions, pencils and tact, the census-takers will start out April 1 to make the every-10-years count of population, houses and farms.

The enumerators will count about 150 million people and gather 5 billion facts. The nose counting will take 3 weeks in the cities, twice as long in rural sections. It will take 2 years to tabulate all the results.

The census-takers will find the nation has nearly 20 million more people than 10 years ago. For the first time in history women will outnumber the men.

The census will show the nation has just completed its movingest decade. Some 70 million people have changed residence since 1940. That probably will mean some western states will get additional legislators in Congress—and some eastern states will get a cut in their representation.

Every person in the United States, citizen or alien, will become a record to be filed away at the Census Bureau's headquarters in Suitland, Md., outside Washington.

Babies born after April 1 won't count even if they arrive before the census-taker. People who die while the census is in progress will be counted if they were living on April 1.

The Census Bureau will hire 140,000 bell-ringers to bring the nation's vital statistics up to date.

The 1950 census-takers—like those of 1940 will be butted by goats, cornered by bulls and bitten by dogs. They will get marriage proposals and will arbitrate family quarrels. They will visit flop-houses, brothels and hobo "jungles." Alaskan igloos will be covered by dog sled, Hawaiian Island by motor launch and Louisiana bayous by row boat.

One sturdy male enumerator acted as a dress-making dummy while he questioned a Manhattan housewife in 1920.

A South Dakota woman interviewer was greeted with a shotgun and then offered a job as country school teacher. A Virginia pollster was told, "Mama's down at the still."

The census-taker may call in the cops if you balk at his questions. It's a criminal offense to refuse to answer. But once you've told, no one will ever know the information but you and the Census Bureau. Not even the FBI or federal tax collectors have a look at the confidential information collected by the census. It all comes out in impersonal charts and tables.

The 1950 enumerators will be better paid than they were 10 years ago. They'll earn \$8 to \$10 a day compared to about \$1 in 1940.

The enumerators will not want to know about your operation or the name of your dog. But they will ask one person in five if he has a television set. All told, there are some 81 queries on the census questionnaires. But no one person will be asked all of them.

New AFL V-P



Washington.—William E. McFetridge, 56, president of the AFL Building Service Employees, is the newest member of the AFL executive council. He was elected 15th vice-president at the Miami council meeting.

Tobin Endorses Red Cross Drive

Washington.—Adding his endorsement of the March Red Cross fund appeal for \$67,000,000 to those of top labor leaders, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin said "Your Red Cross contribution means a safer, stronger, and happier America."

"To me," Secretary Tobin said, "the American Red Cross has always been the symbol of service to humanity. When disaster strikes, the Red Cross is there to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and care for the injured. To veterans and men in the armed forces, the Red Cross is the hand which helps in time of personal trouble or family crisis."

Labor leaders urging support of the fund campaign include AFL President William Green, AFL Vice President George M. Harrison, grand president of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks; A. E. Lyon, executive secretary of the Railway Labor Executives' Association; and D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

Stating that "need on the part of any of our people is our joint responsibility," Mr. Green said that "the accepted agency of the American people to meet these needs is the American National Red Cross."

Upholsterers Get Pensions for 3,000

Chicago.—Agreement in principle on a new employer-paid pension plan was announced by the Kroehler Manufacturing Company and Sal B. Hoffmann, president of the AFL Upholsterers International Union of North America.

Mr. Hoffmann said the union's negotiating committee would recommend that its 3,000 members employed in Kroehler plants ratify the plan. He said the union hoped eventually to apply it to some 50,000 members and 3,000 employers in all phases of the furnishings industry.

The union president said the plan called for contributions of a fixed percentage of the employers' payrolls into a single fund to be administered by 5 union and 5 employer trustees.

Employees, although not contributing to the private pension fund, would continue to take part in the federal social security program.

"Pension benefits to be paid from the fund will be the maximum allowable under established actuarial risk calculations," Mr. Hoffmann said. "The only thing fixed about it is the payroll percentage of employer premiums."

Mr. Hoffmann said that the Kroehler company agreed upon the percentage of its payroll which would be turned into the pension fund.

The Kroehler company employs UIU member in Naperville, Ill.; Binghamton, N. Y.; Kankakee, Ill.; Cleveland, O.

The union plan establishes a single pension fund which will be national in scope and will pay a uniform rate of benefits for workers in the 5 major UIU industries consisting of the upholstered furniture, wood furniture, mattress and bedding, casket, and canvas and awning industries.

Safest Period, Yet—400 Workers Died

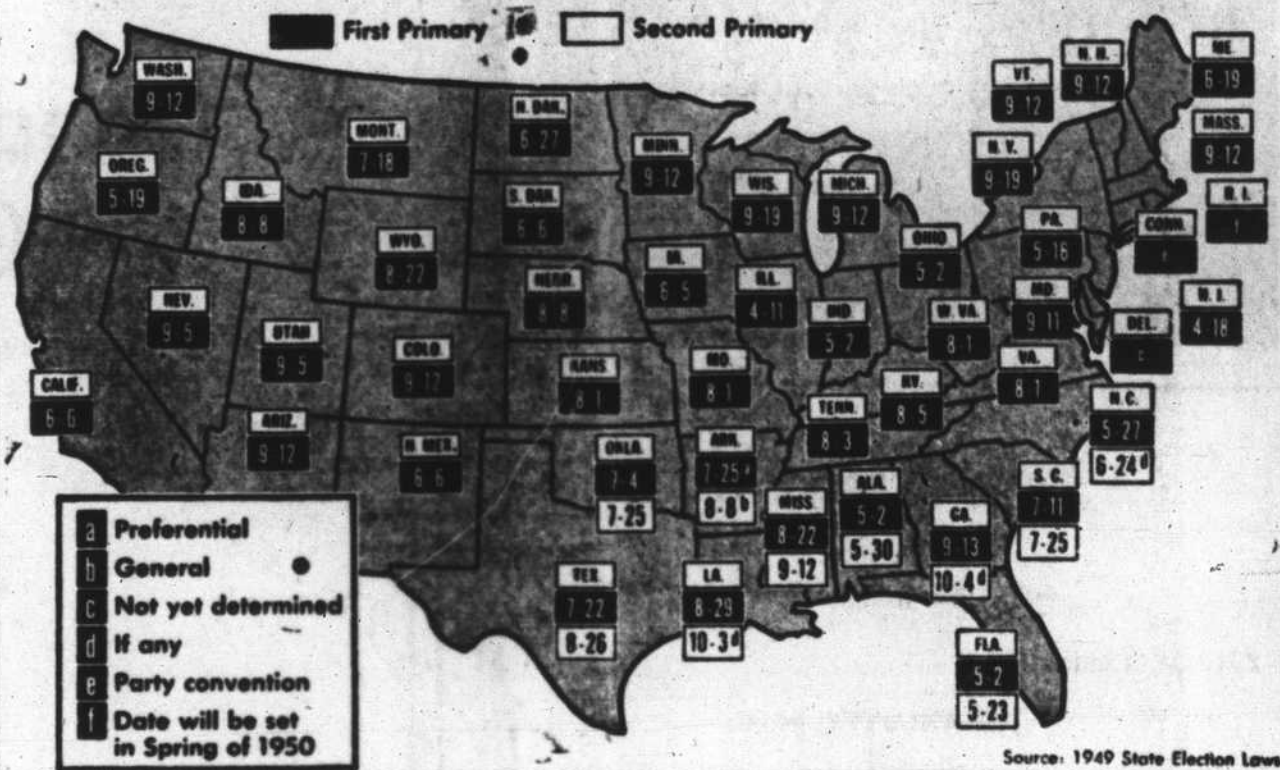
Washington.—It was safer to work in manufacturing in the fourth quarter of 1949 than any time in 7 years, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

About 78,000 workers lost one or more days of work because of injuries on the job, the report said—about 7,700 below the previous 3 months and 26,000 below the same period of 1948.

However, about 400 workers were killed and some 4,700 permanently crippled.

The injured workers lost 1,570,000 man-days and about \$16,000,000 in wages, in addition to their medical expenses and future losses from crippling injuries.

Dates of 1950 Primary Elections



Is A Life Worth More Than Duck?

BY DAN SMYTH
Chicago Correspondent of AFL News Service

Chicago.—John Fewkes, president of the Chicago Teachers Union (AFL), says human life ought to be worth more than a duck.

As secretary of the health and welfare committee of the Chicago Federation of Labor, he was one of more than 400 safety experts called to a meeting in Chicago by Gov. Adlai Stevenson.

The governor and his labor director, Frank Annuzio, wanted to organize a program to reduce industrial accidents in the state. The meeting was preliminary to a Governor's Conference on Industrial Safety to be held in the spring, at which committees organized in the preliminary meeting will present their findings and recommendations.

Stevenson and Annuzio had statistics available which boiled down to the fact that one person was killed or hurt every 3 minutes of each working day in Illinois industry last year. More than \$125,000,000 was lost in production time and in actual money.

Fewkes pointed out that the government of Illinois spends more than 3 times as much for its wild life conservation service as it does to inspect factories and enforce the state safety laws.

"As one practical step toward the reduction of industrial accidents in Illinois," said Fewkes, "I should like to suggest that we attempt to increase the 13 1-3 cents now expended on each worker's safety by at least 10 cents."

"None of us, I am sure, would disagree that the life and limbs of workers are more important than a duck. However, in Illinois, the comparison of money spent on the conservation of wild life—50 cents per worker, or 20 cents per capita—compared with 13 cents per worker on safety and accident prevention work to conserve human life, would indicate a higher regard for the duck."

"Only a few workers get the opportunity to fish or hunt, while all of them are exposed to occupational hazards."

Six technical committees were appointed to prepare tentative programs for accident reduction to be submitted to the governor's conference on May 1 and 2. Fewkes was appointed vice chairman of the committee on education.

According to the governor, the majority of industrial accidents occur in plants employing 200 persons or fewer, in which there is no organized educational program for safety. At least 90 percent of industrial accidents in Illinois are preventable, the governor believes.

STUDY U. S. UNIONS

Ithaca, N. Y.—Twenty-nine German labor, industry and government specialists spent 2 weeks studying the American labor movement at the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University under U. S. government sponsorship.

Some of the union representatives among the group were in concentration camps during the war and others had suffered heavily under the Nazi regime.

ATTEND THE 5TH AFL UNION INDUSTRIES SHOW

You'll Get A Big Kick Out Of It!

It is the only one of its kind and is scheduled May 6-13 at Convention Hall in Philadelphia. We want to make it the biggest and best ever held. In order that it will be the sensational success that other one has been, we appeal to all national and international unions of the American Federation of Labor to participate in this unique labor-management exhibition.

Good relations—co-operation between labor and management—is one of the worthy goals of our Union Industries Shows. Public good will of American consumers is another objective. We anticipate that half a million people will see this spectacular AFL-union event. Admission is free and valuable prizes will be given away.

Over one and a half running miles of brilliant displays of hi-quality, union-made products and exciting demonstrations of efficient union services—marvels of union worker's techniques—will be seen in the huge auditoriums of famous Convention Hall.

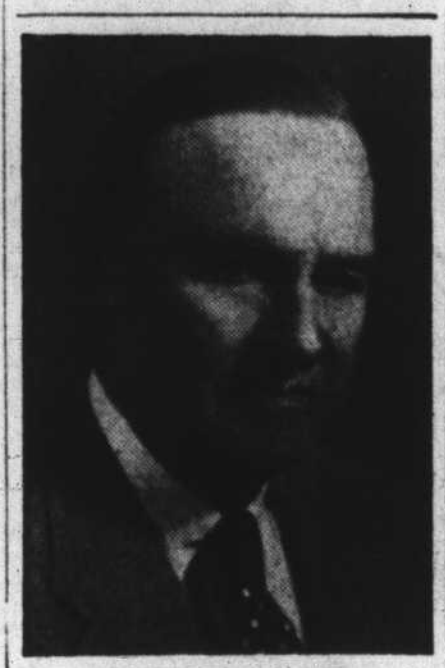
It will be a grand and glorious feeling for all Americans who take pride in our system of free enterprise to witness the human element—the expert craftsmanship—which is emphasized in addition to commercial values at our now-famous Show.

Visitors will also get a big kick out of the music, the contests, the entertainment and U.S. armed forces' displays in addition to the gorgeous exhibits during the 8-day, action-packed, round-up of union-made-in-America merchandise and union services.

Let's prove to the world that they are tops!

For information about the great Show all America is talking about, write to: Matthew Woll, Director, Union Industries Show, American Federation of Labor Building, Washington 1, D. C.

Hamilton C. Jones Announces For Re-election



HAMILTON C. JONES

Hamilton C. Jones, N. C. Congressman from the Tenth District, while in Charlotte last week-end, announced his candidacy for re-election to succeed himself. He had the following to say to The Journal reporter:

I am today announcing my candidacy to secure the Democratic nomination as the representative in the Congress for the Tenth Congressional District in the primary to be held on May 27. I have also filed with the State Board of Elections as of today and paid the required filing fee. It has been my privilege to represent the Tenth Congressional District of North Carolina during the full sessions of the 80th Congress and the sessions of the 81st Congress to date and I have at all times endeavored to represent it to the very best of my ability and given to the discharge of my duties the necessary diligence and judgment that it required.

It is my conviction that the Congressman owes to his constituents the duty of keeping in close contact with the sessions of Congress and meetings of the Committee on which he serves at all times. Without this close contact, he cannot really be informed properly on the many important matters that come before the Congress and cast an intelligent and informed vote that the public has the right to expect of him.

My attendance record proves that in carrying out this thought I have kept in very close contact with the sessions of Congress at all times during the 80th and 81st Congresses and my record during these terms will further show by examination of the roll call votes my general views on important questions, both foreign and domestic.

The Congress is confronted with many complicated and important problems which extend far beyond the limits of any Congressional District. It is, therefore, necessary that the Congressman keep fully informed on foreign and domestic affairs and be ever conscious of the responsibilities and duties he owes to the people of his District who have honored him by choosing him as their representative.

In the continuation of my future services to the District, I shall work and vote for an early and permanent settlement of our affairs with all nations with the hope that permanent peace may come to the people of the world, for a strong and adequate system of national defense so that our combined armed forces will be adequate to protect our nation against the aggression of any nation or nations of the world, for an economical and balanced domestic program which means so much to the people of the nation, for a program of economy and efficiency in the operation of the Federal Government, and for such other measures as will tend to bring to our nation and the people of the world happiness and enduring peace.

I have endeavored to serve the District with this view of the situation and will continue to do so if favored by the electorate in choosing me again to represent the important Tenth Congressional District of the State of North Carolina in the Congress.

I feel that my experience in the Congress should better qualify me to represent the District and I assure the citizens of the District that I shall endeavor to use this experience as an aid in determining the very important and difficult decisions that lie before the House of Representatives in the 82nd Congress.

May I conclude by thanking the voters of the Tenth Congressional District for the support that they have given me in the past elections and state that their support in this primary will likewise be very deep appreciated.

Philly AFL Local Helps Farm Union

Philadelphia.—Local 286 of the AFL International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers raised \$1183.30 to contribute to the organizing drive of the AFL National Farm Labor Union as part of the Samuel Gompers Centennial Organizing Campaign for 1,000,000 new members in 1950.

AFL President William Green thanked the Philly local "for the excellent work rendered in behalf of the National Farm Labor Union."

"This organization," Mr. Green wrote, "is working in an important field. It is attempting to help oppressed workers whose wages are exceedingly low and whose conditions of employment are intolerable. The excellent service which you rendered will be tremendously helpful."

He sent his thanks to Joseph Simone and Henry Segal, international representatives of the Paper Mill Workers.

Mr. Simone and Mr. Segal said that the fund-raising drive was conducted after International President John P. Burke called for locals to send assistance to the National Farm Labor Union. Mr. Burke acted upon hearing the farm union's plea for assistance at the 1949 AFL convention when the Gompers organizing drive was initiated.

"We gave our members employed in paper converting plants the story of the conditions American workers are confronted with in 1950," Mr. Simone and Mr. Segal said. "We have been able to raise \$1,183.50 and have forwarded this money to our international office to be turned over to the farm workers union."

Plan Apprentice Training Meets

Washington.—James A. Brownlow, secretary-treasurer of the AFL Metal Trades Department, urges members and other interested in apprenticeship training to attend one of a series of three conferences scheduled in May and June.

Mr. Brownlow said the conferences, sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship, are held to interest more people from labor and management in sound apprenticeship.

The conferences will be held May 3-5, Miami, Fla., for Southern States; May 22-25, Seaside, Ore., covering 11 western states; June 8-10, Poland Springs, Me., covering the northeast section.

"These conferences," Mr. Brownlow said, "are open for participation by anyone interested in apprenticeship and should be widely attended as the considerations and results directly affect every apprenticeable craft within the AFL."

PLAN CONFERENCES

Washington.—A national conference on workmen's compensation and rehabilitation will meet here March 22 and 23. William Connolly, director of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Standards, heads a planning committee representing various interested groups. Members of this committee include Lewis G. Hines, of the American Federation of Labor.