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## NORTH CAROLINA PRIMARY ON MAY 27TH

### Working People Will Vote For Friends



FRANK GRAHAM THE AMERICAN

No State in the United States has been more greatly blessed than has North Carolina by having in Congress a man who has had so many honors conferred upon him.

The Labor Journal is speaking of Dr. Frank P. Graham. Frank Graham is too well known by the people of this State for his character to be damaged to any great extent by the scandal-mongers who in the last days of the primary campaign are "throwing the book" at him in their feverish efforts to unseat him as United States Senator from this commonwealth.

Like many other great Americans who have fought for the things that have made this nation great, Frank Graham has chalked up a record for himself many men will never acquire. His life's activities have been devoted to the upbuilding of North Carolina and the Nation. An educator of world renown, he has had many honors conferred upon him for his achievements. As a presidential adviser and diplomat he has very few if any equals. As a United States Senator his great influence has brought signal honors to the State in the brief time he has been in Congress.

Looking out upon the waters The Labor Journal sees no other senatorial candidate in the running whose past record looks anywhere near as good as that of Mr. Graham.

The next few days will give the people their final opportunity to hear the mudslinging by Mr. Graham's opponents. But regardless of all the dirty work that has been resorted to in the past and also which will be used against a distinguished North Carolinian The Journal feels that Frank Graham will weather the storm and that the voters will bury his unjust accusers beneath sufficient votes to still their accusations against a man who deserves to be given a full term in the United States Senate, if we are to base our action upon his past achievements.

Read the life sketch of Dr. Frank Graham on page four of this issue of The Journal.

### Union Label Chiefs Visit Show

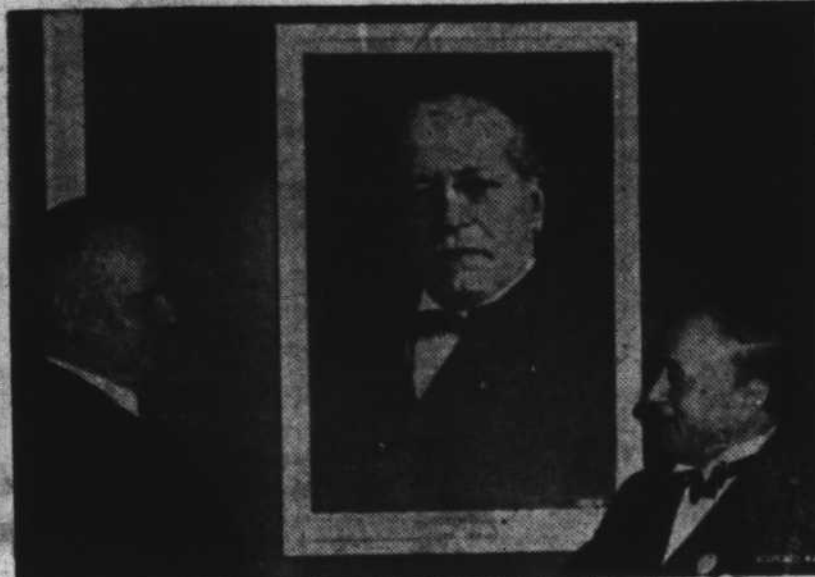


Philadelphia.—Ready to enter Convention Hall where the great-out of all AFL Union Industries Show had just opened are the men who planned the exhibition, all members of the Union Label Trades Department executive board. L. to r., President John L. Mara, Boot and Shoe Workers; President James M. Duffy, National Brotherhood of Operative Pottery; President Joseph P. McCurdy, United Garment Workers; AFL Vice-President Matthew Woll, president of the Union Label department and show director; AFL Vice-President Herman Winter, president emeritus Bakery and Confectionery Workers.



San Francisco.—C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, was appointed to the board of regents of the University of California by Governor Warren.

### Gompers Photo at Show



Philadelphia.—President Joseph P. McCurdy (left) of the United Garment Workers and AFL Vice-President Matthew Woll, member and president of the Union Label Trades Department executive board meet under portrait of Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the AFL, displayed at the AFL exhibit at the Union Industries

### Hope Broadcast Marks Show's Union-Employer Relations

Philadelphia.—Breezy wise-cracking Bob Hope gave the world one of the finest demonstrations of labor-management co-operation to be shown at the fifth AFL Industries Show.

Through excellent relations between the AFL Chemical Workers, headed by H. A. Bradley, and Lever Brothers Co., sponsors of the radio program, Funnymen Hope and his star-studded cast made two personal appearances before 30,000 people in the huge Convention Hall auditorium.

His broadcast was heard across the country and abroad by millions of other listeners. His show was dedicated to the American Federation of Labor. Hope belongs to AFL unions and was made an honorary member of the AFL.

Mr. Bradley hailed Hope's appearance as a dramatic demonstration of union-management co-operation which was the theme of the huge Union Industries Show in all of its 700 booths lined for one and one-half miles up and down the big hall.

Every union affiliated with the AFL was represented through its own booth, in a booth jointly sponsored with individual companies, through with individual companies, through products displayed by management, or the big, attractive American Federation of Labor booth.

A gay carnival atmosphere hung over the fair. Tremendous supplies of hot dogs, ice cream and soft drinks were consumed.

Most visitors jugged green shopping bags handed out free by the Retail Clerks International Association. The bags filled quickly with dozens of free samples, prizes and literature handed out at other booths.

These included popular brands of cigarettes, matchbooks, coast-

ers, coffee, soda pop, pretzels, frankfurters, models of the Statue of Liberty and red firemen's hats. Contestants won prizes ranging from several tons of fresh cuts

of steaks and fresh-baked cake to washing machines, stoves, automobiles and television sets.

Visitors could also watch puppet shows, listen to name bands, see pocket billiard exhibitions by world champions.

At many of the 700 display booths the visitor saw an actual demonstration of the know-how of the American working man and woman.

Six young women from Chicago, who are as adept with a soldering iron as with a lipstick, assembled television sets from bare chassis to cabinet. They were members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers employed by the Admiral Corp.

There were bricklaying contests between apprentices, who won the trip to Philadelphia at state contests across the nation. The bricklayers union sponsored the project with the Structural Clay Products Institute, a national organization of brick and tile manufacturers.

The Bakery and Confectionery Workers showed just how they make Danish pastry. The Meat-curers and Butchers converted two prize steers daily into choice cuts.

Lathers, plasterers and their contractors combined to present the fine points of their craft. They also gave a hand-made replica of the Statue of Liberty to French Consul Raoul Blondeau.

A tiny movie theater was run by the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators.

The National Brotherhood of Operative Pottery, in co-operation

with the United States Pottery Association, showed the methods of Liberty and red firemen's hats. —old and modern — of making dishes, cups, saucers and even cuspidors.

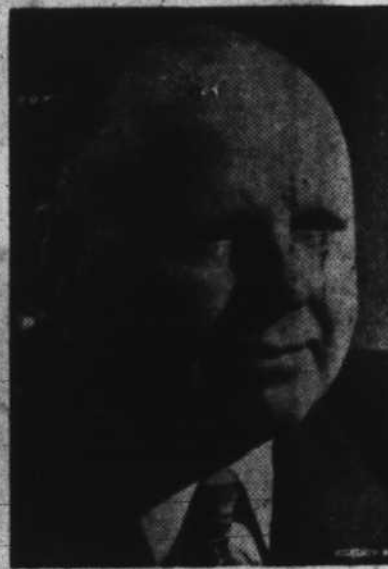
Upholsterers built lessons. Seven girls from the Laundry Workers Union ironed shirts on shiny new pressing machines.

The intricacies of sorting the United States mail were explained by postal employees at a special substation where Samuel Gompers commemorative 3-cent stamps were sold.

One section of the show was devoted to the armed services.

The Philadelphia Naval Shipyard's electronics office offered visitors a chance to operate a radio-controlled vehicle. In this case, it was a 4-foot-long racing car. The push-button remote controls even have one marked "horn."

### Heads University



Seattle, Wash.—Dave Beck, 54, executive vice-president of the AFL Brotherhood of Teamsters, was elected president of the University of Washington board of regents. Not a college graduate himself, Mr. Beck has a long record of outstanding contributions to the cause of higher education.

### Senatorial Contest One Of Unusual Interest

North Carolina voters will trek to the polls on Saturday, May 27, to select nominees for local, State and National offices, in a primary election that will no doubt record one of the largest votes ever cast in this state. Special efforts have been made by all the candidates in the field to get as many people registered and qualified to vote as possible, and according to reports that has been accomplished.

Citizens in all walks of life have interested themselves in the politics of the State this year and thousands who have been uninterested in the past have familiarized themselves with things political in Tarheelia.

Especially has the contest for United States Senator been bitterly waged.

On the local political horizon activities have been more or less normal, with the various candidates working against one another in that spirit of good sportsmanship that has always prevailed in North Carolina local elections. But everywhere interest has been lively.

Labor has left no stone unturned in its efforts to build up strength for its friends, and as a result of its activities many working people who have not voted in years will go to the polls to cast their ballots in efforts to vote for candidates friendly to them.

Do not FAIL to cast your ballot sometime between sunup and sundown on Saturday, May 27.

### To Honor Gompers

New York.—AFL organizations in the two territories approved by the House of Representatives for statehood will honor Samuel Gompers, founder and first-president of the AFL.

A. S. Reile, secretary of the Central Labor Council of Honolulu, reports that its present plans call for a Gompers Centennial dinner on the evening of Labor Day.

T. B. Erickson, executive secretary of the Alaska Territorial Federation of Labor, has informed the Gompers Centennial Committee that his organization has decided tentatively to "honor the memory of Samuel Gompers at its convention banquet in Ketchikan during the last week in October."

### RESUME TALKS.

New York.—Contract negotiations have been resumed by the AFL National Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots and Atlantic and Gulf Coast ship owners.

### FAVOR ARBITRATION

Washington.—A recent survey by the U. S. Labor Department shows that over 80 percent of the current labor-management agreements studied provide for the arbitration of differences. Ninety percent of the agreements call for the arbitration of disputes under the contract.

### Theatre Draws Show Visitors



Philadelphia.—This miniature "cross-section" of the capacity audience at the AFL Union Industries Show, a combination of motion picture, theatre, radio and television by members of the AFL International Alliance of Employees.

### Dates of 1950 Primary Elections

