

Meany Outlines Labor No-Strike Wage-Price Stand

NEW YORK. — Secretary-Treasurer George Meany brought this 87th annual convention of the State Federation of Labor to its feet cheering his challenge to American industry and business that they should take a "no profiteering" pledge for the duration of the Korean crisis as they would have labor take a "no strike" pledge "when the time comes."

"Of course, we will give a no strike pledge when the time comes," Mr. Meany said. "But what about a no profiteering, no excess profits pledge from the Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers? How about a pledge from the Tafts, the Martins, the Hallecks, the Byrds, the Wherrys to lay aside for the duration their all-out warfare against the little people of the nation?"

Most significant aspect of Meany's address was his statement of policy on mobilization and economic controls which were:

1. The AFL will not press for a price rollback because "it doesn't work; it's futile."
2. If there is to be at any time a wage-price freeze, then wages should go up automatically by the same percentage of increase over the wages of June 25, 1950, when the Korean war began.
3. "The only way by which the cost of all-out defense of our country can be equitably shared by all is to enact an excess profits tax in addition to the other taxes."

"I think everyone should keep in mind," he said, "that this is a struggle to maintain a free way of life not only for those who work for wages but also for the businessmen, the industrialists, the bankers, the coupon clippers and for everybody else."

He pointed out that if price rises became general, there would inevitably be a demand for wage increases—"and if that happens, the greedy, the selfish industrialists who have taken advantage of a national emergency to add to their already swollen profits will cry out, through their national organizations, for the clamping of controls on labor."

The Dun & Bradstreet wholesale food price index has risen 9 per cent since the start of the Korean war and is now 13.3 per cent over what it was a year ago at this time.

"Why?" asked Meany. "Because of wage increases? Because of increased production costs? Definitely, no. The reasons for the price rises can all be compressed into one word—Greed. How far can this sort of thing be allowed to continue? We all know that as soon as prices get beyond the reach of the worker's pay check there will have to be wage increases."

"Of course, then the cry will be that you cannot increase wages without further increases in prices and that, therefore, wage increases are inflationary. That is a favorite line of reasoning that we hear from Senator Taft

Vic Vet says

JUST MARRIED? BETTER NOTIFY YOUR V-A REGIONAL OFFICE RIGHT AWAY IF YOU'RE A GI BILL STUDENT OR TRAINEE BECAUSE YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A HIGHER SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE



and the other anti-labor spokesmen for the Taft-Byrd alliance"

He recalled to the convention delegates of the "strike" by the nation's industrialists in 1940 and 1941, who refused to convert their plants to production for national defense "until their terms were met by the government."

"After the fall of France in 1940," he recalled, "our requirements of planes, guns, munitions and equipment were most urgent. It then looked as if Britain would go down at any moment."

"The situation was as critical then as it is now. Labor was solidly behind the government. But not our greedy industrialists. Oh, no, they wouldn't budge; they would not lift a finger—not until the government met their terms."

"They really put on a sit-down strike against the safety and security of America."

"Well, we cannot afford to have a repetition of this sort of thing this time. Nor can we afford to let the inflationary spiral get a head start on us by doing nothing about the exorbitant price increases we see every day."

"If we have to pay for a tremendous program of preparedness and possibly a long all-out war, we cannot afford to make tax concessions to those with the greatest ability to pay."

TEXAS FEDERATION ELECTS W. J. HARRIS

Austin, Tex.—The Golden Jubilee Convention of the Texas State Federation of Labor held in San Antonio was the largest in 50-years' existence.

Interest and enthusiasm ran high, and officials hoped that some of it would be carried home to local unions. There were many changes in the officers of the federation.

Officials who will serve for the coming year are:

William J. Harris, Dallas, president; Paul C. Sparks, Austin, executive secretary.

Vice presidents, C. R. Saunders, Temple; H. S. Brown, San Antonio; W. S. East, San Angelo; George F. Webber, El Paso; Bill Sams, Lubbock; M. M. McKnight, Fort Worth; A. R. Johnson, Longview; E. B. Gross, Beaumont; J. A. McMahon, Jr., Houston; L. A. Townsend, Galveston; Mrs. Ethel Still, Fort Worth; Freeman Everett, Houston.

Fred Lucas, Houston, reading clerk, and Frank D. Booth, El Paso, sergeant-at-arms.

There are 13 different organizations represented in the official family of the federation.



"Let me tote him home, Carl," young Bob Akin, above, pleads with "Carl Longworth, who caught the 7 1/2 pound large mouth bass, Young Akin is the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Akin, druggists, at Fontana Village, resort town in the Great Smoky Mountains. Carl Longworth, TVA electrician, caught the fish in the thirty-mile-long lake formed by Fontana Dam.

Farm Labor Union Sets New Tact In Union Organizing

LOUISIANA DAIRYMEN FOR CO-OPERATIVE

Amite, La.—National Farm Labor Union, American Federation of Labor, is launching a unique drive in the area of Amite, Louisiana, where dairy farmers have been organized into the American Federation of Labor, according to an announcement made by J. Lew Rhodes, Southern Director of Organization, American Federation of Labor.

The unique angle of the organization work is not in the securing for membership in the American Federation of Labor these milk producing farmers, but the complicated and necessary means involved in the marketing of milk produced by these members. The National Farm Labor Union, Locals No. 236 and 237, have launched a campaign to build co-operative milk cooling plants in order that the members might have an opportunity to market their products at a fair market price.

Organizer I Lee Parker came into the Louisiana delta country to organize the dairy farmers into the American Federation of Labor and as fast as these milk producers became members of the American Federation of Labor through the National Farm Labor Union they were immediately confronted with the problem of having no place to sell their milk. Farmer's milk cans were left on the side of the highway.

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(Continued From Page 1) perhaps that was one reason why the attack was timed when it was. "Irrespective of the character of South Korean government, there is no justification for armed aggression in defiance of the United Nations."

LARKIN GOES I. B. E. W.

PINE BLUFF, Ark.—Employees of the Larkin Electrical company, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, voted last week for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in an overwhelming majority.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg, Edith Louise Ivey, Plaintiff, vs. Marion Eugene Ivey, Defendant.

NOTICE

The Defendant, Marion Eugene Ivey, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, N. C., to obtain an absolute divorce from the Defendant, Marion Eugene Ivey, on the grounds of two years continuous separation prior to the institution of this action, as by law made and provided, and the said defendant, Marion Eugene Ivey, will further take notice that he is required to appear at this office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, N. C., in the Courthouse at Charlotte, N. C., on the 17th day of August, A. D. or within twenty days thereafter, and answer or demur to the Complaint in said action, or the Plaintiff, Edith Louise Ivey, will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said Complaint.

This the 18th day of July, A. D., 1950. W. M. MOORE, Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court, Mecklenburg County, N. C. 7-20, 27; 8-3, 10c.

COCA-COLA GOES UNION AT JONESBORO

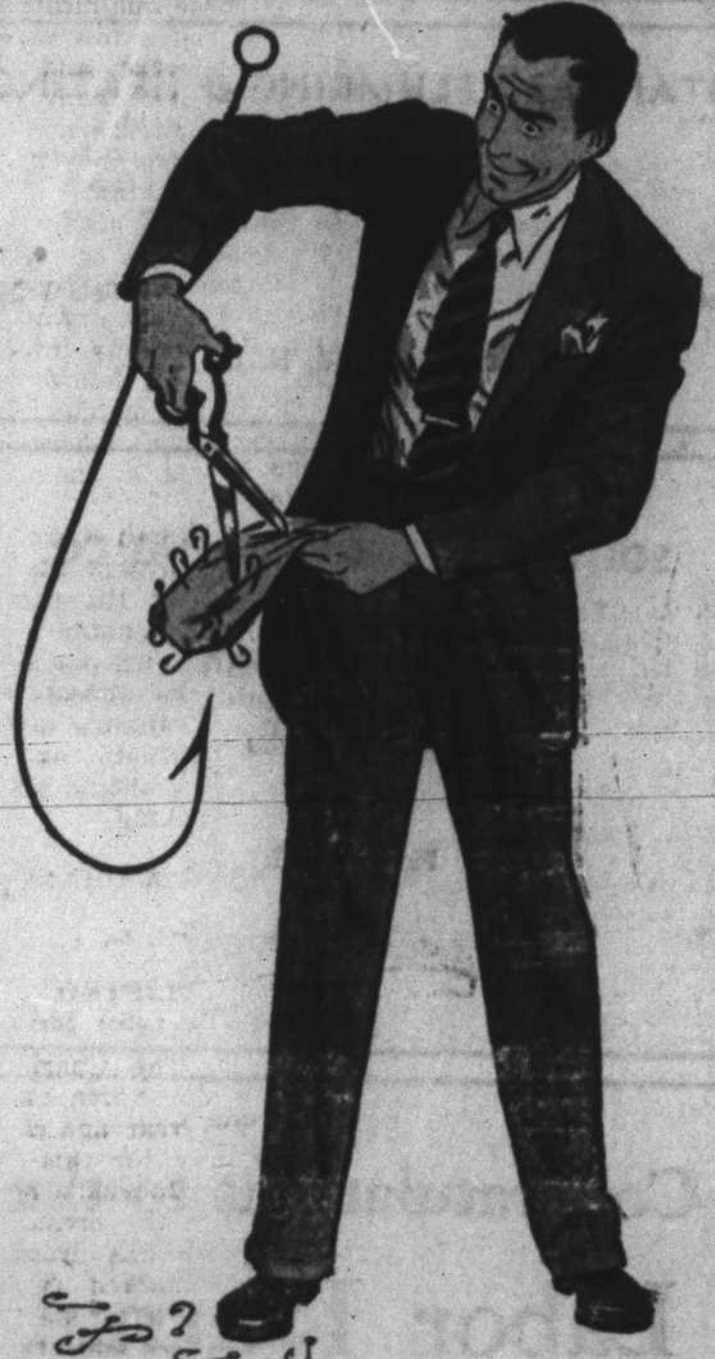
JONESBORO, Ark.—Employees of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company at Jonesboro, Arkansas, have recently been organized, where a 100 per cent union membership has been secured on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America. Organizer Guy P. helps is assisting in this campaign. together with the International Union representative.

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