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OCT. BUILDING PERMITS TOTAL \$13,622,389

Labor Gets NPA Planning Role; Green Brands Red 'Peace' False Propaganda

The American Federation of Labor and other labor organizations are slated to receive a role in the National Production Authority under Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer.

Mr. Sawyer made the announcement following a conference November 10 with AFL President William Green, AFL Director of Organizing Harry O'Reilly, President Walter Reuther of the CIO United Auto Workers and his Washington research director, Donald Montgomery.

Meanwhile Mr. Green issued a statement on the Sheffield, England, "peace" conference called by Communists, in which he warned against abandoning the national defense program.

Idle Wilmington Shipyard May Open

BY SCOTT SUMMERS

December 12 at 11 a. m. in Washington, U. S. senators and representatives from North Carolina will gather in the House Ways and Means Committee room.

There they will meet with Governor Scott, members of the State Ports Authority, and Wilmington representatives to coordinate efforts in influencing the Maritime Administration to lease a portion of the idle Wilmington shipyard to Jack Buncher of Pittsburgh.

Buncher has agreed to lease the 18,000 on Navy dry dock set aside for Wilmington, if he can get part of the shipyard. The drydock is stored in Panama awaiting a decision.

Ironically, the drydock was secured for Wilmington by then-Senator Frank Graham. His successor, Willis Smith, who won in a bitter primary fight, will be asked to help make it possible to get the drydock to North Carolina.

Opposition to the idea is expected from shipyards and drydocks operating along the Atlantic coast, and influence—or pressure—will be heard.

Originally two posts had been planned for labor—an Office of Labor Production and an office of Manpower Requirements. Mr. Sawyer indicated he will decide shortly whether to fill both these jobs, combine them, or provide more elaborate labor advisory machinery.

Spokesmen told Mr. Sawyer and NPA Administrator William Henry Harrison that labor is affected directly by curtailment orders and its views should be heard.

Secretary Sawyer's plans for bringing labor into top consultative status in the National Production Authority are in addition to the equal status already given labor in the policy advisory committee of the National Security Resources board.

Secretary Sawyer said labor will be represented in both advisory and operating capacity in the NPA. It is expected the labor machinery will be similar to the production advisory committee already selected from industry.

Mr. Sawyer said labor should have an opportunity to express its views on all production cut-back orders before they are issued. Mr. Green and other labor

IF POLIO COMES

IT MAY—OR MAY NOT—BE POLIO

CALL YOUR DOCTOR PROMPTLY

IF IT IS POLIO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS

FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

HERE ARE SYMPTOMS OF POLIO listed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. They may—or may not—mean polio. Call your doctor and then, if help is needed, contact your local chapter of the National Foundation. When polio is around, these precautions are recommended: Keep children with their own friends and away from people they have not been with right along. Don't become exhausted through work or hard play. Don't stay in cold water too long or sit around in wet clothes. Always wash hands before eating.

WRITERS WHO NOW TALK OF MANDATE WERE QUIET IN 1948

There's a lot of talk about mandates these days.

According to the newspaper columnists and radio commentators, the 1950 elections handed Congress a big mandate. They mean that the Fair Deal must be killed. That European aid should be slashed. That the Far Eastern policy must be changed.

All this mandate stuff takes us back to 1948. There was no mandate then, you will remember. Sure, President Truman had won, but, after all, his majority wasn't so much.

Certainly, many liberals were elected to both the Senate and the House in 1948. But, you must remember, a lot of them won by close margins.

So, said the experts in 1948, there really was no mandate for Truman to do anything. But this year, when the elections were every bit as close, the mandate suddenly was clear as a frosty morning to all the columnists and the commentators.

Evidently, there's a mandate only when the people who agree with the columnists and the commentators are elected.

HOW MANY VOTED IN YOUR STATE?

In all but three states fewer people voted this year than in 1948.

More voters went to the polls in Arizona and Arkansas in 1950 than in 1948. About the same number voted in Connecticut in both years.

Here is a list showing the percentage of men and women of voting age who went to the polls in 1948 and in 1950.

Per Cent of Persons of Voting Age Who Went to the Polls

	1948	1950		1948	1950
Alabama	14	7	Nevada	69	67
Arizona	47	50	New Hampshire	63	52
Arkansas	22	25	New Jersey	60	47
California	60	55	New Mexico	63	61
Colorado	71	62	New York	63	52
Connecticut	64	64	North Carolina	39	23
Delaware	71	66	North Dakota	67	38
Florida	39	21	Ohio	57	55
Georgia	22	2	Oklahoma	50	43
Idaho	68	59	Oregon	47	43
Illinois	68	65	Pennsylvania	53	49
Indiana	65	60	Rhode Island	65	59
Iowa	60	49	South Carolina	14	2
Kansas	61	45	South Dakota	65	60
Kentucky	51	37	Tennessee	30	13
Louisiana	28	5	Texas	27	6
Maine	47	42	Utah	75	71
Maryland	44	40	Vermont	52	37
Massachusetts	67	59	Virginia	24	8
Michigan	53	47	Washington	55	42
Minnesota	64	41	West Virginia	68	56
Mississippi	17	5	Wisconsin	59	52
Missouri	60	46	Wyoming	60	57
Montana	70	62	United States	52	43
Nebraska	58	53			

Workers Education Bureau Made AFL Dept., Moves To Washington

The Workers Education Bureau moves to Washington on December 1 and becomes the AFL Department of Education, an integral part of the functional structure of the American Federation of Labor.

Director John D. Connors issued this statement on the change: "This change has been under consideration for some time, but only now has it been possible to find suitable office space. AFL headquarters is overcrowded, as you who have visited it know, and therefore the federation has leased space for the bureau in the nearby Victor Building, 724 9th St. N. W., Washington 1, D. C., Suite 801.

"The Workers Education Bureau was formally dissolved as an independent educational organization at the Houston meeting of our executive committee, and title to its library, copyrights, office and film equipment, files and all other assets has been transferred to the American Federation of Labor.

"In becoming integrated into the federation as one of its departments and thus terminating its almost 30 years as an independent organization, the bureau is only fulfilling its destiny. Even in the first year of its existence, 1921, a memorandum, drawn up by President Gompers, Matthew Woll, Hugh Frayne and Chester Wright, with Spencer Miller, Jr., secretary of the bureau, was adopted as a basis of co-operation between the federation and the fledgling organization. Since then the relations between these two organizations have grown more and more co-operative and functional.

"The purpose of the Workers Education Bureau, as originally conceived, was to serve as a clearinghouse of information and a guidance center in the development of workers' education in the United States. In its early days, most of its financial support came from individuals both within and without the labor movement and from foundations. But as organized labor's interest in the education of its members increased, more and more funds for the bureau's program have come from labor, until during the past decade the American Federation of Labor and its affiliates have become the bureau's sole financial support.

"Over the years, as the educational needs of labor have changed and emphasis has shifted, so has the program of the bureau. It pledged to continue to gear its program to serve those needs, and its staff looks forward with eagerness to this opportunity to co-operate more closely with the other departments of the federation and to be of increasingly greater service to the AFL and its affiliated unions.

"As we take this forward step and join the headquarters staff in Washington, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the support we have received from all our affiliated organizations and for their fine co-operation.

WHILE YOU'RE CONSIDERING MY DISABILITIES - DON'T OVERLOOK MY ABILITIES!!

Don't Be Mentally Handicapped, Mr. Employer!

EMPLOY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Building permits for \$13,622,289 worth of construction were issued by 73 North Carolina cities and towns during October, the State Department of Labor reported this week.

The October figure was down slightly from the \$13,656,540 in permits reported during September, Labor Department statistician C. H. Pritchard pointed out.

The number of housing permits issued during the month was down slightly from the total of 824 reported in September. Permits for 783 new houses and apartments accounted for \$5,296,881 of the October building total. They included 627 one-family dwellings, 23 duplexes and five apartment buildings. Average estimated construction cost of the 627 single-family houses authorized in October was \$7,610.

The month's nonresidential building permits amounted to \$6,895,025. They included 62 stores, 16 workshops and factory buildings, 11 office buildings, seven commercial garages, 80 private garages, 11 service stations, six churches, four institutional buildings, one public utility building, nine school buildings (average estimated cost, \$405,000), and four amusement places.

Six of the cities accounted for \$9,022,658—or nearly two-thirds—of the October permit valuations. These were Charlotte \$2,107,622, Raleigh \$1,835,685, Durham \$1,803,613, Winston-Salem \$1,299,313, Salisbury \$1,120,100, and Greensboro \$856,325.

Permits for additions, alterations and repairs amounted to \$1,430,383. The October permits bring the State's reported total of authorized building construction for the first 10 months of this year to approximately \$147,000,000.

AFL Offers Health Insurance Facts

The AFL says national health insurance will enable you to "see your doctor earlier, stay healthier and stop worrying about medical bills."

The new AFL publication explains how national health insurance would work for you:

1. When you or a member of your family need medical care, you would call or go to the doctor of your own choice.

If your doctor found you needed hospital care or the service of a specialist, you would be entitled to such care (hospital care for 90 days).

You also would be entitled to laboratory and X-ray services, costly medicines, home nursing, and, within limits, dental care, eyeglasses and appliances.

2. You and your family would get these benefits if you are employed, a farmer or in business for yourself. You would make small regular payments out of your income into a government insurance fund, just like social security. The payments would be matched by equal payments from your employer.

You would be eligible for these benefits also if you were retired under social security or government retirement plan, or if you were receiving public aid and your contribution was paid by a local or state agency.

3. The health insurance fund would be distributed to local communities by the states. In your locality a board made up of representative citizens and doctors (the doctor members to be selected by the doctors themselves) would handle the funds and determine the method of payment.

4. Your doctor, specialist and hospital would be paid out of the fund handled by the local committee, instead of your paying them directly.

That's the only difference from the present method. Your medical bills will be paid on an insurance basis rather than individually on a catastrophe basis.

You could see your doctor earlier, stay healthier, stop worrying about medical bills.

SEND THIS COUPON TODAY!

HEALTH A. F. of L. Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send me the facts about National Health Insurance.

Name..... (please print)

Street.....

City and State.....

All Americans are urged to send this coupon or just their name and address on a postal card to receive a brief statement of how National Health Insurance works to enable you to "see your doctor earlier, stay healthier, stop worrying about medical bills."

GOMPERS MEMORIAL

1,000,000 NEW MEMBERS IN 1950

American Federation of Labor