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## FOOD PRICES IN SOUTH GENERALLY STABLE

### Low Rhodes Attends Meeting In Mexico

ACCOMPANIES TEXAS LABOR DELEGATION SOUTH OF THE BORDER TO NEGOTIATE BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LABOR IN TWO COUNTRIES.

Mexico City, Mexico, July 27.—While in Mexico City, J. L. Rhodes, Southern Regional Director, American Federation of Labor, chanced to meet H. O. Bob Creasy, assistant Secretary of Labor, and others here negotiating itinerant labor agreement for importation of farm workers in the United States. They report they expect consummation of agreement tomorrow. Accompanying Director Rhodes is a committee from the Texas Federation of Labor, composed of Secretary Paul Sparks, Jose Rivera, A. C. McLellan. His delegation is visiting the Mexican labor movement on a good will tour conferences of four other State Federations of Labor and the American Side of the border will soon announce meetings which are to cement friendly relations with the labor movement on both sides of the border to the end that illegal entries may be stopped or materially reduced.



J. L. RHODES, Southern AFL Director

### RECOMMENDS NEW BOOK ON UNION LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Milwaukee, Wis.—A new book authored by Professor A. A. Livright of Chicago University, "Union Leadership Training—A Handbook of Tools and Techniques" has been reviewed and recommended by the Educational Department of the United Automobile Workers of America, AFL. The review declares in part, "This is a book which could change America and the world in the next ten years if its techniques were put into practice by even one-half of the 500,000 union officers, grievance men, and stewards who operate our unions in the United States. It easily ranks as one of the best works on the subject yet published and should be in the library of every local union."

Copies of the book may be ordered from the publishers, Harper & Brothers, or if desired, from the UAW-AFL Educational Department. The clothbound edition is \$3.50 and the paper-bound edition is \$2.50. In quantities of 25 or more, the paper-bound edition may be had at \$1.30.

### SEAFARERS WIN RIGHTS

New Orleans, La.—The Marine Allied Workers of the Atlantic and Gulf Seafarers International Union, AFL, won bargaining rights in a National Labor Relations Board election among the employees of the Jahneke Service company. The company is engaged in towing operations. The workers voting were cooks, deckhands and miscellaneous employees of the company's tug boats.

### N. C. UNION CERTIFIED

Asheville, N. C.—The Upholsters International Union of North America, AFL, was recently certified as the bargaining agent for the employees of the Rugcrafters of Asheville, Inc. The National Labor Relations Board election resulted in an overwhelming majority of votes being cast for the Upholsters.

### LOUISVILLE TRANSIT UNION

Louisville, Ky.—After a long and drawn-out organizing campaign, the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America, AFL, Division No. 1447, which is composed of the employees of the Louisville Transit company, won an election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board. The contesting Union was the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Results of the election was for the Amalgamated 492, against 330 for the Trainmen.

### BOILERMAKERS WIN

St. Petersburg, Fla.—The fabricating shop employees of the White Construction and Engineering company recently voted in a National Labor Relations Board election to ask the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Shipbuilders and Helpers of America, AFL Local No. 433, to represent them.

### DRUG STORE VOTES UNION

Louisville, Ky.—The Walgreen Drug Store employees will be represented by the Hotel & Restaurant Employees & Bartenders International Union, Local No. 181, AFL, according to results at a recent election of the National Labor Relations Board which showed a choice among the employees of a three-to-one for the AFL union.

Election day this year in several states and cities will be November 6.

### LIBRARY DIRECTOR RETURNS FROM MEET HELD IN CHICAGO

In his monthly report to the board of trustees of the Public Library, Hoyt R. Galvin, director, had the following to say regarding his attendance at the Conference of the American Library Association, held in Chicago.

July 26, 1951.  
Mr. J. A. Mayo, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, Charlotte 2, N. C.  
Dear Mr. Mayo:

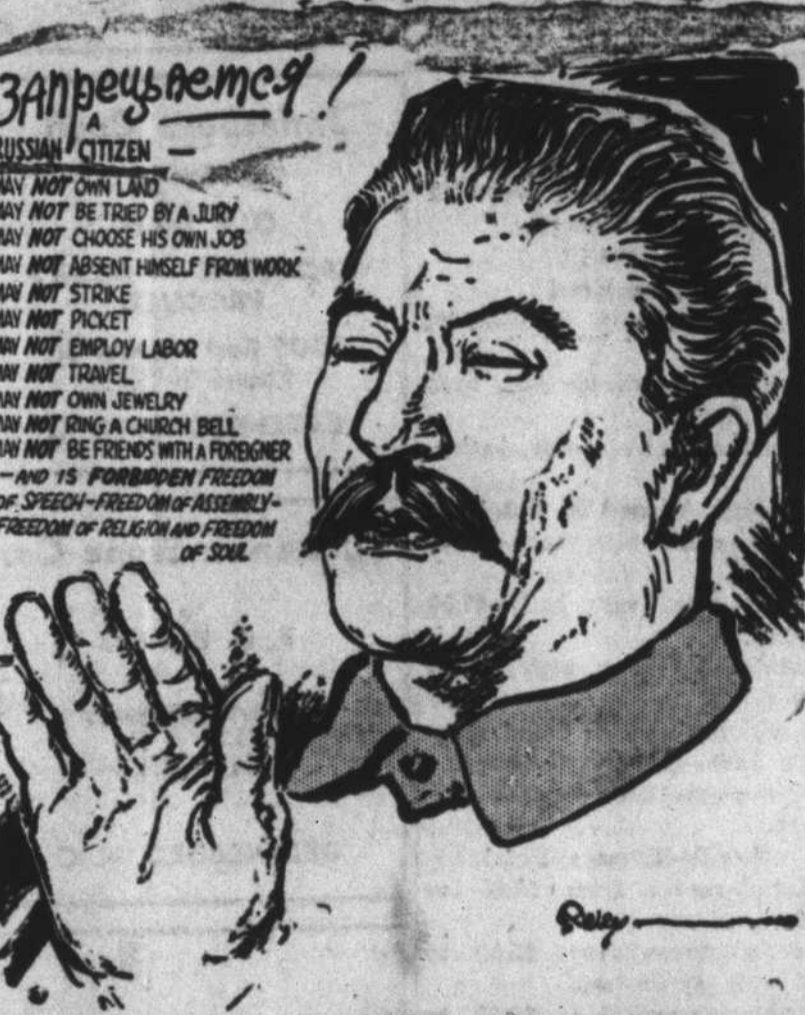
I have just returned to my office following the Conference of the American Library Association in Chicago and a visit to the Louisville Free Public Library. Librarian Clarence R. "Skip" Graham is a friend of long standing and I have been visiting his Library to watch the interesting developments for several years. By coincidence my visit this year came shortly after the story about the Louisville Free Public Library appeared in the Saturday Review of Literature and the Reader's Digest. (I hope you will read the story in the August, 1951, issue of the Reader's Digest on pages 88 to 90.)

We began dreaming about operating an educational radio station ahead of Louisville. The difference is that Louisville did the job and this year received the coveted Peabody Award in radio broadcasting for the most outstanding job among local radio stations in the field of public service.

More important, perhaps, than the actual broadcasting is the collection of tape recordings the Library has captured off the air waves. The Library records all of the radio programs on the air which they consider to be significant. Some of these recordings are available for rebroadcast over the Library's radio station. All are available to play through a system of leased telephone wires connected with the many public and private schools and to the branch libraries. A teacher may request that a given recording be played to her school at a given hour of the day. As many as 26 different programs can be sent out by the Library at one time.

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### Believe It or Not!



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### Communist Roundup

FINLAND — Behind the presence of Finnish labor representatives at the Milan conference of ICFTU, was the fact that the Finnish federation of trade unions (SAK) on June 28 suspended its affiliation with the Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions by a vote of 146 to 63, marking another serious defeat for Communism.

ITALY — Additional prestige for the anti-communist trade unionists of Italy was gained when Giulio Pastore was elected to the governing body of the International Labor Office.

BERLIN — SED, Germany's communist labor party, has ordered all its members to join DGB, the free labor party of Western Germany, and carry on "exemplary trade union work." DGB has issued warnings against this method of communist infiltration, a method not unknown in the United States.

SWITZERLAND — The Swiss have no illusions about communist labor unions. A Basle tribunal recently handed down a judgment expressly stating that the Swiss Worker's Party (Communist) is in the service of the USSR. Consequently communist representatives in current National Council debates were given short and sharp answers to their protests against summary dismissals of communists from government jobs and to government bans on exhibition of posters appealing to Switzerland's youth to participate in the "Berlin Youth and Student Festival for World Peace" scheduled to take place on August 19, 1951. This medium of foreign political propaganda, said Federal Councillor von Steiger, head of the Federal Department of Justice and Police Matters, cannot be tolerated in Switzerland.

NEW ZEALAND — Communists are increasing their efforts to promote chaos in the Far East. Main targets are the ports. Principal troublemakers are the dock workers affiliated with the Communist-dominated WFTU. New Zealand ports were disorganized from January 30, 1951, until June 9, by a communist operation of forming a "Trade Union Congress" and rejecting the New Zealand Federation of Labor's policy of conciliation and arbitration. The WFTU (Communist) tactic of attacking the labor government and forcing it to declare a state of emergency made it easy, according to the Federation of Labor, for the Tory government to return to power at the latest election.

### MECKLENBURG TOPS STATE IN TRAFFIC FATALITIES; 26 KILLED

North Carolina recorded its 500th highway fatality last week when 19-year-old Paul Ernest Barefoot of Four Oaks lost control of his car and overturned near Newton Grove. Young Barefoot died of a broken neck. The Department of Motor Vehicles in evaluating its highway death figures through the 500th fatality, found that speeding and reckless driving was the principal cause for the grim total. Motor Vehicles Commissioner L. C. Rosser in commenting on the "record" said, "It looks like we are going to hit 1,000 before the year is out if this trend continues. With a little over half the year gone and several holiday periods coming up, motorists are going to have to be doubly cautious if we are to avoid the 1,000 mark."

The Department reported Mecklenburg County topped the state in traffic fatalities for the first six months with 26 killed. Wake County ran second with 22, including the state's worst single traffic accident. Seven persons were killed March 1 when a speeding automobile on U. S. 64 near Zebulon crashed head-on into a truck.

### Uncle Sam Says



This April, 176 years after the original Minute Men fought the battle of Lexington, our country is once more faced to defend these rights. The ultimate success of this Defense effort depends on the maintenance of a sound national economy. You should have an important part in this defense effort which can be fulfilled by the purchase of U. S. Defense Bonds. Buy them now and buy them regularly. Review your budget today and then enroll for the Payroll Savings Plan where you work or the Bond-A-Month Plan at your bank.

### Out Of 16 Cities Studied Some Showing Lower Prices

#### STATE FEDERATION CONVENTION CALL

To All North Carolina Local Unions and Central Labor Unions:

Greetings: By order of the Executive Board, you are hereby notified that the 44th Annual Convention of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor will convene in the Langren Hotel, Asheville, N. C., Monday, August 13, 9 o'clock, and remain in session until the business of the convention shall have been concluded (usually three days).

Your organization is urged to have full representation at this convention, as matters of great importance to the labor movement will be considered. Delegates should be named as soon as possible and their credentials returned at once.

Basis of Representation — Affiliated local unions are entitled to representation as follows: Up to 50 members—2 delegates; 51 to 100 members—3 delegates; 101 to 200 members—4 delegates; 201 to 500 members—5 delegates, and 1 additional delegate for each additional 1,000 members (membership is based upon number of members upon which per capita tax has been paid to the State Federation of Labor); Central Labor Unions—2 delegates. Delegates shall be elected immediately upon receipt of call and credentials should reach Secretary-Treasurer by July 20.

Credentials in duplicate are being mailed to all affiliated unions. The original should be filled out completely, signed by proper officers, the local seal affixed, and turned over to the delegate or delegates. The duplicate should be filled out identically and mailed at once to J. W. Lazebny, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 1546, Salisbury, N. C.

Delegates desiring to submit resolutions, changes in Constitution and By-Laws, etc., are reminded that all such propositions must be presented in triplicate (three copies), typewritten on paper 8 1/2 x 11 inches. Proposals may be submitted prior to or during the convention.

With every good wish for the continued growth and success of your organization, we are, Fraternaly yours,  
C. A. PINK, President,  
J. W. LAZENBY, Sec.-Treas.  
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Retail food prices in southern cities, with the exception of Jacksonville, Mobile, and Savannah, remained generally stable during June, according to Brunswick A. Bagdon, Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics in the South. Of the sixteen selected southern cities included in the June survey, approximately two-thirds reported fractionally lower prices and the remaining cities showed no change or fractionally higher prices. Changes during the month varied from an overall decline of 0.8 per cent in Birmingham and Houston to an increase of 0.8 per cent in Savannah. Retail food prices showed little or no change during June in Charleston, Little Rock and Winston-Salem.

Of the important food items included in this monthly survey of retail food prices, fruits and vegetables, fats and oils, and chickens led the downward trend in most cities. Fruits and vegetables showed the greatest decline in Birmingham, down 4.1 per cent, in Houston 3.8 per cent, and 2.4 per cent in Norfolk. Fats and oils were down generally, led by drops of 3.2 per cent in Mobile, 2.9 per cent in Jackson, and 2.7 per cent in New Orleans. Chicken prices were lower in a majority of southern cities — 4 per cent or more in Atlanta and Knoxville and substantially higher in Mobile—8.4 per cent, and over 6 per cent higher in Birmingham and Jacksonville. Although dairy products were down over 2 per cent in Memphis they remained stable during June in most cities.

Egg prices, however, rose substantially during the month, varying in increase from 0.1 per cent in New Orleans to 5.4 per cent in Richmond and 9.8 per cent in Winston-Salem. Retail prices of beverages and sugar and sweets remained firm with higher prices reported in Dallas, Charleston, and Knoxville.

Meats, poultry and fish prices were generally stable during June — lower prices were noted in Atlanta, Little Rock and Richmond, and fractionally higher prices in six of the remaining cities.

Cereals and bakery products were lower in most southern cities, varying in decline from 2.9 per cent in Jackson to 1.3 and 1.1 per cent respectively in Birmingham and New Orleans.

### Charlotte Area Employment Increases 800 During June

FACTORY WORKERS AVERAGE \$50.38 PER WEEK

RALEIGH, July 27.—Factory employment in the Charlotte area increased approximately 800 from mid-May to mid-June, the State Department of Labor reported today.

According to Labor Department statistician C. H. Pritchard, the employment increases amounted to 500 in textile mills, 100 in machinery manufacturing, 100 in metal products manufacturing, and 100 in other miscellaneous industries.

Employment in broad woven fabrics mills increased 400, with working hours averaging 41.4 per week, average hourly earnings of workers \$1.35, and weekly earnings averaging \$55.87.

Knitting mills employed an additional 100 workers during June and worked a fractionally longer workweek than in May.

Total factory employment in the Charlotte area increased from 21,700 in mid-May to 22,500 in June, Pritchard said. The June figure was 5.7 per cent above the employment level of June a year ago, and was 3.7 per cent above the level of May 1951.

Employment in most other manufacturing industries remained firm, showing little change. Yarn and thread mills were down 100 due to less business and the working of less overtime. The workweek in yarn and thread mills, which also decreased 1.2 hours during June, caused a corresponding decline in workers' earnings.

Average hourly earnings of workers were up four cents in food products and increased three cents in apparel manufacturing and chemical products.

The average factory worker in the Charlotte area worked 40.5 hours during the week nearest (Continued On Page 4)