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## 1952 FEDERATION MEET GOES TO DURHAM

### WASHINGTON WEEKLY COLUMN

**Food For Thought**  
 "If we let inflation run away the Russians will have won the cold war without having fired a shot." That's what President Truman told Congressional leaders in a private talk recently.

**Exempt Industries Takes Lots of Budget**

AFL President William Green told Congress the Defense Production Act exempts from price controls industries which account for 14.6 per cent of the budget expenditures of moderate-income families.

They include gas, telephone, transportation, professional services, motion picture admissions and newspapers.

"A 10 per cent increase in the cost of these items will be equivalent to a 2 cents an hour reduction in pay to the average factory worker," Green said.

**High Prices Hurting 95 Per Cent Of Families**

A survey shows how high prices are hurting the American people. The Homemakers Guild of America, a private public opinion polling group, reports:

Ninety-five per cent of the nation's families are "economizing" because of high prices.

Eighty-two per cent of the families are buying less food; 73 per cent less clothing, and 61 per cent fewer household items. Families also are cutting down on entertainment and laundry services. Sixty-six per cent are buying less meat—especially fresh meat.

**Senator Morse Wants Propaganda Controls**

Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Oreg.) thinks Congress should do something about "vicious" propaganda that "takes the electorate for a ride."

Morse told the Senate Expenditures Committee that if Congress fails to stop "smear propaganda" it will "play into the hands of a new type of political racketeer developing in this country in smear campaigns."

Morse obviously had in mind the campaign of Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R., Wis.) and Col. Robert McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, made in Maryland last year against former Senator Millard Tydings. McCarthy and McCormick elected Sen. John Butler (R., Md.).

**Georgian Repeats Claim of Labor Rep. Paul Brown (D., Ga.) is no special friend of the workman. He has a consistently bad voting record on bills affecting trade unionists.**

But in opposing the Cooley (D., N. C.) amendment to the price control bill which would have increased the price of meat in the grocery store by 10 per cent, Brown said:

"You cannot control wages unless you control prices."  
 That's what labor has said over and over again.

### PRIVATE HOMEBUILDING SHOWS DECLINE

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Nation's homebuilders started 87,700 new private dwelling units in June, a 7 per cent drop from the 92,800 private dwellings begun in May, according to preliminary estimates of the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Bureau said this decline in private housing volume compares with the June decreases of less than 5 per cent in 1948-50.

The 42,300 public units authorized by notice-to-proceed orders issued by the Public Housing Administration brought the total number of units started during the month to 130,000.

"The doc says I've been working too hard lately—says I need a little sun and air."  
 "But Honey, didn't you tell him we can't afford one yet?"

## ITU Plans Nine New Daily Papers

WASHINGTON. — Nine new daily newspapers sponsored by the AFL International Typographical Union will begin publication in the next few months.

The nine papers will be published in Allentown, Pa.; Monroe, La.; Texarkana, Ark.; Springfield, Mo.; Meriden, Conn.; Lorain, Ohio; Huntington, Beckley and Charleston, W. Va.

The step is a landmark in American journalism and may bring a new area of journalism in the interest of all the people.

The papers have been created to provide competition in communities where newspaper monopolies exist and to insure maintenance of union working conditions.

New techniques have been developed to give readers an easy-to-read easy-to-handle newspaper with an honest and responsible report on news and opinion.

A smooth and efficient production system geared to standard printing processes has been developed to give the papers' readers the best in a daily newspaper.

Publication of the papers, to be called the Daily News-Digest, will be under the control of Dale Byrne, who brings wide and rounded experience to the job of launching daily papers.

They will be supplied from their own Washington bureau, New Newspaper Service, directed by Saul Miller.

Tight writing and editing will give the papers more news in their easy-to-handle tabloid-size pages than most papers carry in their larger columns.

New ideas in makeup and typography have been worked out for the papers in line with the compactness and terseness of their controls.

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### No Disappointment!



The starling performance of Paramount Pictures Star Jan Sterling in "Ace in the Hole" won't disappoint you—and neither will the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Union Label, found only on quality products.

## Louisiana Fruit And Vegetable Producers Chartered By AFL

Hammond, La.—In co-operation with the Louisiana State Federation of Labor, the Southern Organizing Staff of the American Federation of Labor is assisting in organizing a large number of strawberry farmers in the area of Louisiana, just north of Lake Pontchartrain, according to reports submitted by J. L. Rhodes, Southern Regional Director for the American Federation of Labor in Atlanta, Ga. Mr. E. H. Williams, President of the Louisiana State Federation of Labor, has given active assistance in the organizing campaign along with A. F. of L. Mr. Gourley reports as and T. L. Carlton.

Organizer Gourley submits a special report pertaining to the organization of these vegetable producing farmers into the National Farm Labor Union, A. F. of L. Mr. Gourley reports as follows:

"In southeast Louisiana, some fifty miles north of New Orleans, lies the land of strawberries. The City of Hammond, Louisiana, is known as the "Strawberry Capitol" of the world. This once humming town was built around the strawberry and is the principal shipping point for the entire area. In a radius of fifty miles, several years ago, 8,000 to 10,000 farmers depended on the strawberry for their livelihood, but in recent years this figure has dwindled to the approximate figure of 3,000 farmers."

"Many versions exist as to what has happened to this once great industry, but no solution has been tried. The farmer's version is that year after year the farmer has been getting less and less money though there is a profitable market for his product. In the season just ended no profit was made by the farmer. Many lost money spent for fertilizer and other necessities that are required to complete the crop."

"Like many other people who toil for a living, as long as there was money to be made and the "sky was blue," they believed there was no need to prepare for that "rainy day"; something, some miracle, would happen and everyone would be happy and prosperous again. Now, the farmers in this area see that something must be done or they will have to quit farming. A very peculiar condition exists in this area that is not found in any other part of the world. Over a period of years, farms have been divided among the succeeding generations until some berry farms are hardly more than a large garden. Very few farmers

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## C. A. FINK RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT; R. B. ROBERTSON, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, AND J. W. LAZENBY, SECRETARY-TREASURER.

ALL OF VICE PRESIDENTS RE-ELECTED EXCEPT SEVEN — PASSAGE OF MANY RESOLUTIONS MARKS CLOSING DAY OF ASHEVILLE MEETING.

Durham was named as the city to entertain the 1952 convention of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, which will meet in August of next year. C. A. Fink of Spencer, incumbent since 1937, was re-elected president; R. B. Robertson of Asheville, first vice president, and J. W. Lazenby of Salisbury, secretary-treasurer.

## ITU Convention Opens Saturday In Atlanta, Ga.

Local delegates and other members of Charlotte Typographical Union will leave Friday to attend the 93rd Annual Convention of the International Typographical Union, which will be held in Atlanta, August 18-24.

Charlotte delegates are, Arnold Jones and J. T. Primm, president. Others who are attending are J. P. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Beatty and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nixon, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Sykes. The Beatty family will go from Atlanta to Jacksonville, Florida, and back to Augusta for a brief visit with Mrs. Beatty's sister. After leaving Augusta they will visit in South Carolina for a few days with Mrs. Beatty's relatives.

Many delegates from the north and elsewhere have been passing through Charlotte for the past several days en route to Atlanta. Convention headquarters will be at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel.

### MORE INFLATION WOULD AGAIN HEAT UP PRICES

"The next round of inflation we could expect would send coffee prices not to \$1 but to \$1.25. It would send bacon not to 70 cents or so but to 90 or 95."

"It would give us the 20- and 25-cent loaf of bread, the 30-cent quart of milk. And the \$35 rent would be \$70. . . ."

"Is that the wish of Congress?" —Rep. Hugh Addonizio (D.) of Newark in House speech July 5.

OSLO — The Norwegian Coordination Council's recommendation for dealing with cost-of-living and wage-price stabilization is an interim allowance for children under 16 years of age, under which it is expected the government will pay compensation for an 8-point rise in the cost of living index.

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## Congress Hits Consumer As It Guarantees High Profits, Prices

You—along with millions of other consumers—are the forgotten man in this Congress.

After weeks of debate on price controls in the Senate and House, most Senators and Representatives show they are doing what Big Business lobbyists tell them to do.

Fortunately, you can do something about this disgraceful situation. You can go to the polls November 4, 1952, and elect Senators and Representatives who will look after your needs—instead of those of the million-dollar lobbies.

Price controls will be a big political issue next year. So you should know the details of the phony legislation Congress passed.

The story of the Senate price controls debate is in the July 15 League Reporter. Here are some of the details of the pro-lobbyist, anti-consumer price controls bill the House passed July 21:

**High Food Prices**  
 Big meat packers, large food processors, black market operators and food gamblers were taken care of.

The housewife? The House didn't give her a thought—she doesn't operate a million-dollar lobby. The House voted to kill the meat price rollbacks planned for August and October. These would have meant a decrease of 10 cents a pound in meat prices.

The House also killed any substantial future rollbacks on food prices. The most the price of any food could be cut would be 10 per cent under May 19 prices. Such reductions would mean little difference in your grocery bills.

A black-market meat amendment was approved. This would prevent slaughtering quotas on

livestock. If each meat slaughterer or packer is allowed only so much cattle each month, the Government can keep track of all cattle and prevent any animals from going into the black market.

Finally, the House gave the commodity speculators a break. A majority of Congressmen said it was fine for gamblers to go into the commodity exchanges and bid up the prices of wheat, corn, soy beans, sugar, butter and other foods. Such gamblers also help to increase your grocery bills.

**Guaranteed Profits**  
 Congressmen rushed to write profit-guaranteeing amendments into the price control bill. But there was no rush to guarantee that your dollar will buy as much a year from now as it does today. You don't have a million-dollar lobby.

After trying several times to guarantee profits, the House finally decided the best way would be to assure businessmen exactly the same profit margins as those they had from May 24 to June 24, 1950.

**Rent Control**  
 The real estate lobby got its way. Most Congressmen acted as if they had never heard of tenants. Renters, of course, have no million-dollar lobby.

The House voted for rent increases of up to 20 per cent over June, 1947, rents. The Representatives also let cities and towns that have decontrolled rents veto any Federal plan to put controls back on. Many cities need controls again because of defense plants being built or Army camps reopening in the area.

Finally, the House told land-

lords in areas where rent controls whatever they were getting before the controls went into effect. The House approved that amendment the very next day after the nation was shocked by a Senate report on the shocking housing conditions around Army camps.

The House amendment means the man who is renting a chicken coop for \$27.50 a month to a soldier near Camp Breckinridge, Ky., can keep right on charging \$27.50 a month for the coop even if rent controls go into effect in the area.

**Defense Plants**  
 The House said the Government must build defense plants on the most costly terms possible. Those terms involve tax handouts to Big Business. Million-dollar Big Business lobbies saw to it the House approved such a set-up.

To get businessmen to build needed plants the Government offers them special tax favors on new plants. This means lower taxes for Big Business and higher taxes for the rest of the people—meaning you.

**Enforcement**  
 To enforce price controls the Government should issue licenses to businesses as a matter of right. Then when a businessman violates the price control law, the Government can suspend his license.

That's the way price controls were enforced during World War II. But the million-dollar Big Business lobbies said: No! So did the House.

### LABOR DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES NEW SAFETY PERIODICAL

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The first issue of Safety Standards, new Federal monthly magazine of safety, will be published by the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Standards sometime this month. The magazine will cover Federal and maritime safety and will publish news and feature articles on the activities of the President's Conference on Industrial Safety, regular safety programs of the States and the Bureaus, and special public and private programs for safety in defense production.

There are 18,419,000 women in the civilian labor force, according to the Census Bureau.

### Put On the Heat . . .!



UNION LABEL WEEK—SEPT. 2-8

But IF YOU HAVE AN INJURY ACCIDENT, THE CHANCES OF SOMEONE BEING KILLED ARE		
AT A CONSTANT SPEED OF	YOU CAN DRIVE 400 MILES IN	
45 m.p.h.	8 hrs. 54 min.	1 in 16
55 m.p.h.	7 hrs. 18 min.	1 in 12
65 m.p.h.	6 hrs. 10 min.	1 in 6

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