

Green Sees Vital Need For Political Action

BOSTON—Political issues today are bread-and-butter issues. As the American Federation of Labor has "built up strong and effective trade unionism to gain economic aims," so must Labor's League for Political Education be built "into an effective political instrumentality."

CONSUMER AND WORKER, BAH!
This was the way William Green, AFL president, interpreted the philosophy of Samuel Gompers, AFL founder, as applied to the political situation today.

Gompers' Injunction
"We are all familiar with the plain and forceful terms in which Gompers expressed the political philosophy of the AFL," Green said at the 3rd annual Samuel Gompers Memorial Dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Federation of Labor League for Political Education, at the Hotel Statler.

"Elect our friends! Defeat our enemies! There is no ambiguity, no occasion for doubt or question, in this slogan."

The AFL chief executive said that "in this day and age, there is no such thing as a purely political issue." Every political question has bread-and-butter economic implications and consequences which affect the welfare of every man, woman, and child in this country."

Issues Are Economic
Green pointed out that adjustment in wage rates are now up to the Wage Stabilization Board, and that whether labor gets justice depends upon the makeup of the board, which in turn is "determined by the temper and action of the present Congress."

Whether workers will be able to "find a decent place to live at a reasonable price, when they move to a new job in a new community will depend largely upon Congressional willingness to provide for an adequate housing program."

The AFL president then called attention to the Smith Bill, now pending in Congress.

Smith Bill Vicious
"The gentleman of the present Congress," he said, "are now considering a bill which is reminiscent of the most vicious totalitarian practices of Nazi Germany—providing for the governmental seizure of the assets and facilities of trade unions, the suppression of free expression, and compulsory servitude for workers through an unlimited extension of the injunction weapon."

"Where such matters are at stake, neutrality is an abomination; inaction is a vice."

"To be neutral in politics is to be impotent in politics. "Nonpartisanship does not mean neutrality. It means only that we must direct our strength to the support of principles rather than parties as such."

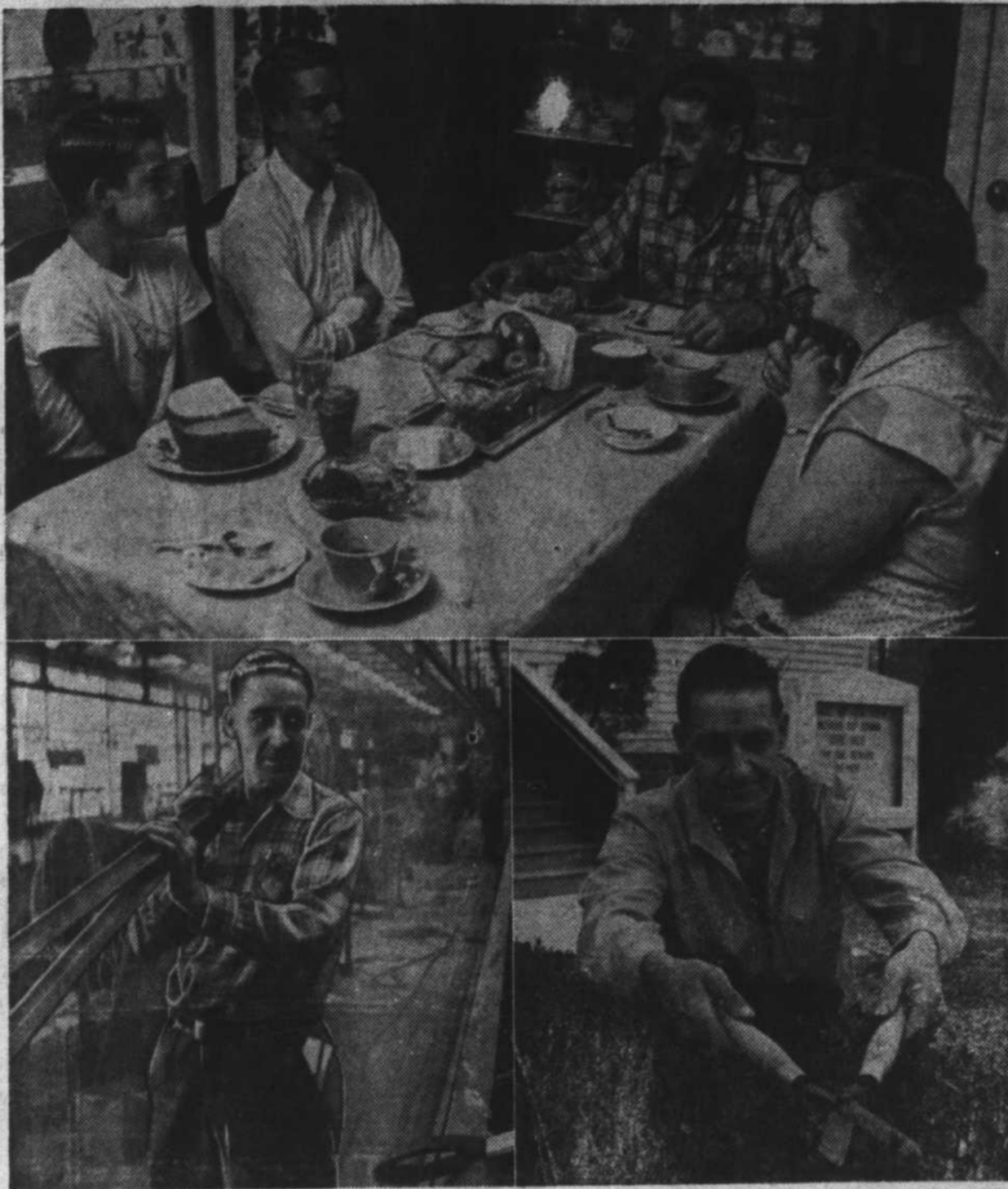
Must Support Champions
"We cannot advance our own principles and policies unless we support the individuals who advocate those principles and policies, in their efforts to gain or hold office."

Green attacked the reactionary majority of the present Congress and its disdain for the working men and women of the U. S.

"We came before them and asked for an equitable system of taxation, designed to meet the revenue needs of defense, so as not to saddle generations yet unborn with the burden of the debts of this generation," he said.

"What did we receive? We got a tax law which takes from the poor so the rich might be spared inconvenience; adding to the national burden of debt so that the loopholes through which a privileged few escape their

UNION MAN NAMED 'WORKER FATHER OF YEAR'



Top photo shows union man Christopher Ziegler, 52-year-old factory worker at Fruehauf Trailer Company's Avon Lake, Ohio, plant who has been named 1952 Worker Father of the Year by the National Father's Day Committee, at dinner with his family in the dining room of their pretty Avon Lake home. With Chris are his wife, Eileen, and his sons—David, 13, and Jack, 15. Chris, a member of Local 925, United Automobile Workers of America (AFL), is popular with the officers and the rank-and-file members of the union. (Lower left) Chris, who has been with Fruehauf since 1946, is pictured here carrying rear drip rails along a truck-trailer assembly line in the half-mile-long Avon Lake plant. As a stock chaser, he's responsible for the shipment and movement within the plant of all the various materials and stock to the production lines. (Lower right) Chris trims hedges in front of the Congregational Church in Avon Lake. He shuns the limelight but is always available when the Church, the Boy Scouts or anyone else needs a hand on a tough job. He was selected Worker Father first because he is what his neighbors call a "perfect father" and, secondly, because of such contributions to his Church and his community.

Father's Day Committee Selects Fruehauf Trailer Union Man "Worker Father Of Year"

New York (Special) Christopher Thomas Ziegler, a 52-year-old workman at the Avon Lake, Ohio, plant of the Fruehauf Trailer Company, and a member of Local 925, United Automobile Workers of America (AFL), has been named the 1952 national Worker Father of the Year, it has been announced

by Albin Austin, executive director of the National Father's Day committee.

Union man Ziegler, who is popular with the members of the local, was selected by the committee to receive this honor, first because he is what his neighbors call a "perfect father" and secondly, because of his outstanding contributions to his community and his church.

Before his selection as Worker Father, there was nothing in Mr. Ziegler's life that could be considered "glamorous." The story of Chris Ziegler is essentially the story of millions of other Americans: A good day's work on his job, which no one need remind him is vital to the defense effort, and continued devotion to his country, his community, his church and his family.

Mr. Ziegler has been with Fruehauf Trailer Company for six years. When Fruehauf opened its new plant at Avon Lake, Mr. Ziegler joined the company as an assembler and later became a stock chaser, in which position he is responsible for the shipment and movement within the plant of all the various materials and stock to the production lines. As Mr. Ziegler's boss points out: "Our production schedules depend on how well the stock chaser does his job. He can put us in a hole or get us out of one. There's nothing to worry about when Chris is handling the job... he knows what he has to do and does it well."

Mr. Ziegler was born August 23, 1899, in Gillett, Pennsylvania. When he was still an infant, his family moved to Charlon, Ohio, where he spent most of his years before

entering the Army during World War I.

In 1935, Mr. Ziegler married the former Eileen Henderson of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. They and their two sons—15-year-old Jack and 13-year-old David—live in their own pretty home on Inwood Avenue in Avon Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler and the two boys, in their quiet way, have done much for the community and the Congregational church, of which they are members.

Although he puts in a long day on his job and in varied civic activities, Mr. Ziegler seems to find plenty of time for his children and his hobbies. He and the boys are together as much as possible—hunting, fishing, scouting, making cabinets and cornices.

Mrs. Ziegler sums up her husband's philosophy of being a good father:

"Chris wants us all to share whatever we have. When one of us is happy, the others are too. When one of us has something he enjoys, he tries to share it with the other. We even share our troubles... they're so much lighter that way."

STEEL QUOTAS EASED
Restrictions on the use of steel and other materials both for home and commercial construction were eased by the National Production Authority effective July 1. Copper and aluminum also were affected. The order will permit limited building

of entertainment and amusement projects. Five tons of carbon steel, two tons of structural steel, will be permitted for such buildings.

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