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## FINE PLAYS COY WITH 70 PENN. DELEGATES

### Manufacturers Refuse AFL Recognition

(Special Correspondence)  
Chicago.—Subscribers to fashion magazines, such as Vogue and Harper's Bazaar, would probably recognize the designation "Jewels by Bogoff" as assurance of the finest in costume jewelry.

The women who have been promenading in front of the Spear Novelty Co. offices just west of Chicago's Loop don't wear such spangles often. They only make them.

They are striking for recognition of their union, Jewelry Workers Local No. 4, AFL. They are employes of the Spear Company, which manufactures the Bogoff line.

According to William Lennon, business manager of the union, the average wage of the 60 workers is 85 cents an hour. Many of them have been working for 75 cents, the lowest permitted under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

When the union organized the workers, Henry Bogoff, head of the firm, told them to get certification from the NLRB, but then refused to go along with a consent election, according to Lennon.

By delaying the NLRB election for several months, Lennon believes, the management hopes to build up a large force of temporary seasonal employes who would be less inclined to join a union than the old-timers.

The old-timers were easy to organize, Lennon said. Except for a half-hour for lunch they had no rest periods, though 90 per cent of them are women. Last year, Bogoff gave them their week's vacation during the week of July 4, so a paid holiday sort of got lost.

### MILLIONAIRE'S BILL SLAMMED BY BUTTON

New York.—Labor unions are not the only group which is opposed to the "millionaire's amendment" which would limit taxes to 25 per cent of income.

An official of the Allied Stores Corporation, Ralph Button, told a convention of the Controllers Congress here that the amendment would result in increased sales and nuisance taxes.

Button urged the Congress, a division of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, to take a stand against the measure.

### JACK GLEASON WILL BECOME HONORARY MEMBER OF UNION

Detroit, Mich.—Jackie Gleason, television star of the "Calvacade of Stars," will become an honorary member of the AFL Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America, it was announced by A. L. Spradling, international president.

The presentation will be made on Gleason's June 6 program, seen and heard over the Dumont Network at 10 P. M., EDT, each Friday, in recognition of his portrayal of Ralph Kramden, bus-driver husband of his "Honey-mooners" routine.

### PAY PROBLEM INVESTIGATED

Labor Department officials are investigating reports that contractors have violated and circumvented the Davis-Bacon Act by paying learners' wages instead of prevailing wages to employes at Fort Leonard Wood and Camp Crowder.

Sen. Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D., Mo.), took up the matter with the department.

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### AFL Convention Calendar

(Following is a list of conventions scheduled for the remainder of this year by National and International Unions and State Federations of Labor under the banner of the American Federation of Labor.)

Date, 1952	Organization	Place
June 23	Glass Bottle Blowers' Assn., etc.	Cincinnati, Ohio
June 23	Amal. Meat Cutters & Butchers, etc.	San Francisco, Cal.
June 23	Natl. Bro. of Operative Potters	Chicago, Ill.
June 23	Texas State Federation of Labor	Amarrillo, Texas
June 26	South Carolina State Fed. of Labor	Columbia, S. C.
July 7	Radio & Television Directors Guild	New York City
July 14	Intl. Brotherhood of Bookbinders	St. Louis, Mo.
July 14	New York State Federation of Labor	Rochester, N. Y.
July 14	Washington State Fed. of Labor	Tacoma, Wash.
Aug. 4	Intl. Alliance of Theatrical, etc.	Minneapolis, Minn.
Aug. 11	Massachusetts State Fed. of Labor	Boston, Mass.
Aug. 11	North Carolina State Fed. of Labor	Durham, N. C.
Aug. 11	Intl. Assn. of Fire Fighters	Seattle, Wash.
Aug. 11	United Garment Workers of America	Minneapolis, Minn.
Aug. 11	Ohio State Federation of Labor	Cincinnati, Ohio
Aug. 12	Women's Intl. Union Label League	Youngstown, Ohio
Aug. 16	International Typographical Union	Cincinnati, Ohio
Aug. 16	Nevada State Federation of Labor	Las Vegas, Nev.
Aug. 18	Wisconsin State Fed. of Labor	Wausau, Wis.
Aug. 18	Utah State Federation of Labor	Salt Lake City, U.
Aug. 18	Trades and Labor Cong. of Canada	Winnipeg, Can.
Aug. 18	American Federation of Teachers	4. Syracuse, N. Y.
Aug. 18	The Natl. Assn. Special Del., etc.	St. Louis, Mo.
Aug. 18	Bro. of Railroad Signalmen of Amer.	Los Angeles, Calif.
Aug. 18	Intl. Photo Engravers Union of N. A.	Cleveland, Ohio
Aug. 18	Natl. Fed. of Post Office Clerks	St Paul, Minn.
Aug. 19	Montana State Federation of Labor	Missoula, Mont.
Aug. 25	California State Federation of Labor	Santa Barbara, Cal.
Aug. 25	Amer. Fed. of Government Employes	San Francisco, Cal.
Aug. 31	North Dakota State Fed. of Labor	Grand Forks, N. D.
Sept. 1	Natl. Association Letter Carriers	New York, N. Y.
Sept. 2	Intl. Assn. Heat and Frost, etc.	Los Angeles, Calif.
Sept. 8	Metal Trades Department	New York, N. Y.
Sept. 8	Intl. Stereotypers and Elec., etc.	Atlantic City, N. J.
Sept. 8	International Union Chemical Workers	Chicago, Ill.
Sept. 9	Indiana State Federation of Labor	Evansville, Ind.
Sept. 10	Building and Construction Trades	New York City
Sept. 12	Union Label Trades Department	New York City
Sept. 13	American Wire Weavers Pro. Assn.	New York City
Sept. 15	Intl. Alliance of Bill Posters, etc.	Minneapolis, Minn.
Sept. 15	Cigarmakers' Intl. Union of America	New York City
Sept. 15	Intl. Association of Machinists	Kansas City, Mo.
Sept. 15	Railway Patrolmen's Int. Union	New York City
Sept. 15	Tobacco Workers Int. Union	Rochester, N. Y.
Sept. 20	New Hampshire State Fed. of Labor	Keene, N. H.
Sept. 21	Natl. Assn. Postal Supervisors	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Oct. 2	Wyoming State Fed. of Labor	Casper, Wyo.
Oct. 2	West Virginia State Fed. of Labor	Wheeling, W. Va.
Oct. 2	Air Line Dispatchers Assn.	Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 6	Minnesota State Fed. of Labor	Minneapolis, Minn.
Oct. 6	Mississippi State Fed. of Labor	Meridian, Miss.
Oct. 6	Kentucky State Fed. of Labor	Owensboro, Ky.
Oct. 9	New Mexico State Fed. of Labor	Roswell, N. Mex.
Oct. 9	Oklahoma State Fed. of Labor	Bartlesville, Okla.
Oct. 13	Intl. Union of Lathers, Wood, etc.	Houston, Tex.
Oct. 13	Illinois State Federation of Labor	Peoria, Ill.
Oct. 13	Intl. Bro. of Teamsters, Chauff., etc.	Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct. 14	Connecticut State Fed. of Labor	Undecided
Oct. 19	Commercial Telegraphers Union	Vancouver, B. C.
Oct. 20	United Cement, Lime and Gypsum, etc.	Long Beach, Calif.
Oct. 20	Air Line Pilots Association	Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 27	Bricklayers Masons and Plasterers	Minneapolis, Minn.
Oct. 27	Intl. Assn. Bridge and Structural, etc.	St. Louis, Mo.
Nov. *	Natl. Assn. Master Mechanics, etc.	Washington, D. C.
Nov. 10	American Fed. of Grain, Millers	Buffalo, N. Y.
Nov. *	Florida State Federation of Labor	Orlando, Fla.

\* Date not definitely set.

### Senate Softens Controls, Amputates WSB Scope

On an anticontrols rampage, the Senate voted to wreck the Wage Stabilization Board, soften price controls, cut off rent controls at an early date and wipe out allocation of scarce materials.

As this edition went to press, the Senate was still considering further amendment to the Defense Production Act, including one by Sen. Burnet R. Maybank (D., S. C.) which would place labor in a strait-jacket in case of Presidential seizure of an industry.

The familiar Senate coalition of Dixiecrats and reactionary Republicans defeated Paul Douglas' (D., Ill.) attempt to continue the Wage Stabilization Board's authority to handle non-wage matters in labor-management disputes. This authority is supported by organized labor.

The vote was 56 to 26, with 18 Democrats and 38 Republicans voting against the measure. Twenty-five Democrats and one Republican supported it.

Douglas' proposal was an amendment to one by Irving Ives (R., N. Y.), which the Senate approved and which continued the tripartite make-up of the WSB's jurisdiction to wages.

Disputes Varied

Douglas pointed out that labor disputes generally are not confined solely to wages. They also involve, he said, questions of seniority, union shop, and a variety of other non-economic problems.

Ives' proposal, Douglas told his colleagues, "would mean that the President could send wage issues to the Wage Stabilization Board if both parties consented, but the board could not deal with non-wage or nonremuneration aspects of the dispute, which would have to be settled in some other way."

"What we want," Douglas continued, "is some machinery with which to obtain uninterrupted production in a period of national emergency, with justice to both sides and with the co-operation of both sides."

WSB Works O.K.

Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) pointed out that the WSB has worked in 34 cases, and said its record "is better than that of most Senators."

The Senate also voted to lift price controls on perishable fruits and vegetables. The immediate effect was an order by the Office of Price Stabilization lifting all

### DEEP CONVICTION

Testifying on H.R. 5426 which would set up a system of armed forces reserves, George B. Riley, member of the AFL national legislative committee, said:

"We have the deep conviction that unless the type of safety valve which we suggest is included in the legislation for putting reservists in their proper slots, all phases of mobilization considered, that not only will the omission have to be corrected later, but we who are not overly blessed with manpower, skilled or otherwise, to fight a blitz war, will be daring the fates."

"This easily could be the difference between victory and defeat or at best delayed victory."

### LOOK FOR THE LABEL

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### WAIT AND SEE GAME

In the Democratic camp, most of the activity came from W. Averell Harriman, who toured back and forth across the country and made several radio and television appearances in quest of delegates. Sen. Estes Kefauver still held the lead in the number of committed delegates but was far short of a majority. Democratic political leaders are obviously playing a wait-and-see game, pending the outcome of the GOP convention.

### CONTRACT NULLIFIED

The Supreme Court acted in a case which involved Negro railroad employes. By a 6-to-3 decision, the court nullified a 1946 contract between the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Frisco Railroad on the ground that it threatened Negro train porters "with loss of their jobs because they are not white and for no other reason." Justice Black read the majority ruling with which Chief Justice Vinson and Justices Minton and Reed dissented.

Newport, Ky.—One of the new Newport Housing Commission projects will be called The Peter G. Noll Homes. This will be in memory of the late executive board member and 4th regional director of the United Automobile Workers, AFL.

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Gov. John S. Fine, of Pennsylvania, who may hold the balance of power in the Republican National Convention, is playing a coy game. After having dinner with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in New York and being subjected to Ike's "charm" for three solid hours, the governor told reporters he does not have any preference for the GOP nomination "at this time." Pennsylvania's political boss said an attempt would be made to have the key 70-vote delegation from his state united when the roll is called on the nomination. Meanwhile, the delegates will be given opportunities to meet both with Eisenhower and his chief rival Sen. Robert Alfonso Taft, of Ohio.

### GI BILL PASSED

The House passed a new GI "Bill of Rights" for members of the armed forces who have served during the Korean emergency. It allows them free schooling, loan guarantees for homes, social security credits and mustering-out pay for veterans in military duty after June 27, 1950.

### CONGRESS SPURRED

A combination of a scorching heat wave in Washington with the imminence of the national political conventions had the effect of spurring Congress to a swifter pace in the drive toward adjournment by early next month. If agreement can be worked out on new controls legislation, the military appropriations bills and a few other controversial measures, the lawmakers will be away winging for Chicago and their reelection campaigns.

### ISSUES VS. DELEGATES

Meanwhile, with the convention only a few weeks away, both the Taft and Eisenhower camps were maneuvering for an all-out fight over contested delegations in 6 Southern states. Taft offered to compromise in order to avoid a floor fight but Eisenhower rejected the suggestion. His forces charge the Taft managers "stole" the Texas delegation. Taft's compromise was couched in the phrase "we'll give in where our case is weak, if they'll give in where their case is weak." When Eisenhower refused to have any part of such a deal, Taft responded "they'd rather have the issue than the delegates."

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### FIREMEN MAP POLITICAL PLAN

Chicago.—Failure to take advantage at this time of the opportunity for registering and voting "may mean the end of our economic freedom," President Anthony Matz of the Brotherhood of Fireman and Oilers told 200 international and local representatives at a rally.

The meeting went on record for vigorous political action by labor to block new antiunion legislation. Matz said the forces of reaction are "running rampant."

"They are particularly dangerous," he declared, "because they will stop at nothing to defeat those who have sought to improve the lot of the common man. That is why they are directing much of their attack at labor unions, which have been instrumental not only in improving conditions of labor but in electing to office men who are friendly to labor."

"That is why we must keep our union strong and continue to elect the right man to Congress and to other important offices."