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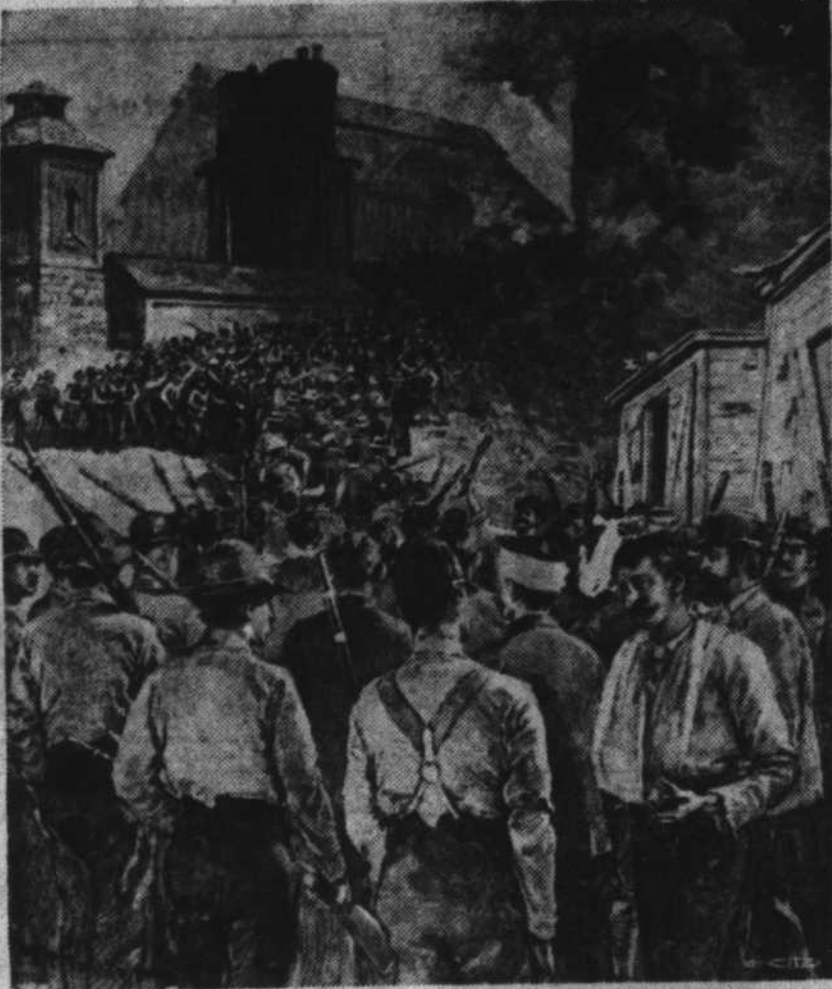
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**Democratic Support Made Possible Eisenhower Success**

By SEN. ESTES KEFAUVER (D., Tenn.)

This is the first Labor Day since 1932 when the Republicans have been in power both in the Executive and in the Legislative branches of the government of the United States.

I do not want to make this a partisan message. I was one of the first to say that we Democrats would co-operate with the new administration to the best of our ability—that we would not seek to engage in politics for the sake of politics; that we would support the administration when we felt it right, but would reserve the right to oppose, constructively, when we felt it was wrong.

I think that we have followed that policy. We certainly have supported the President — far more so than have members of his own party. This is particularly true in the field of foreign policy, where the records show that the President would not have been able to make a single one of his major moves without a majority—usually a big majority—of Democrat support.

In the domestic field we have not been seeing eye-to-eye with the President, and certainly not with his party.

It was largely because of domestic actions that I was led to make a speech on the closing day of the last session of Congress calling upon Congress to recess rather than to adjourn. I thought that the new administration needed us in Washington, rather than at home.

I made this speech because at the 11th hour a new message came from the administration — this one concerning an increase in the debt limit. As I said in the speech, I am not afraid of a \$290 billion debt limit, if I am sure that it is based on a going economy—on a growing national income.

But I have my doubts, unless I know what the administration's

estimates are concerning national income, employment, tax revenue, and the other indices which are so important to a measurement of the economic well being of this country.

I don't know what this administration thinks about those things—but I do know that there have been substantial cuts in housing, in public power and public works, all of which are recessive factors, and that there is much that Congress can do to breathe life into the economy if there are signs of a declining economy.

Therefore, on this Labor Day, I would remind you that you need to be alert to the signs of these times during the coming year or so—and that you need, individually, as well as collectively, to make your voices heard.

**"I'M STILL CONVINCED TAFT-HARTLEY SHOULD BE REPEALED"**

By REP. JOHN J. ROONEY (D., N. Y.)

I am proud to join with the Nation's workers in celebrating Labor Day, 1953. As a Member of the United States House of Representatives I represent nearly 400,000 residents of Brooklyn, New York, in a district inhabited almost wholly by working men and women. It includes the busy Brooklyn waterfront and its related activities. No only do I wish to participate in paying tribute to the part our laboring men and women have played in the progress and prosperity of our nation but also to compliment the officials of their great American trade unions.

The record of the first session of the Republican 83rd Congress is a dismal one and must be particularly disappointing to labor in view of the emphatic assurance given by President Eisenhower during his campaign for election that he would seek amendments to the Taft-Hartley law which would be beneficial to labor.

No such program was ever submitted and we now hear that a final draft on recommendations for such amendments will not be ready until some time in the fall. As this program is undoubtedly one of many vital issues to come up when Congress convenes in January 1954, I feel that this is an appropriate opportunity to express my feelings in regard to it.

On the day that the Taft-Hartley bill became a law, over former President Truman's veto and my vote, I committed my self to the repeal of it. The measure was conceived in a spirit of antagonism towards labor and much of it was drafted by attorneys for the labor-hating National Association of Manufacturers. I am still firmly convinced that outright repeal is a prerequisite to cementing better understanding in labor management relations. I shall therefore continue my efforts to have this obnoxious labor law repealed.

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**LABOR HAS PROGRESSED SINCE FIRST HARD DAYS**

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Just rights have been recognized in this country.

At the same time, changes in national and world economic, social and political conditions have vastly enlarged the scope of our interests and responsibilities. Legislation like the Taft-Hartley Act in Washington and the union-busting so-called "right-to-work" bills in the states have obliged working men and women to go into politics.

Attempts by selfish interests to destroy Social Security, under the guise of extending its benefits; scuttling the housing program, originally set up to see that working men and women could rent or buy proper homes at prices within their range; the giveaway of our natural resources; suicidal decreases in our national defense program—all these and other issues have forced us into politics.

If working men and women are not to be helpless victims of selfish interests they must take an active part in politics today, on the local, the state, and the national level. They have no alternative.

Naturally we have many affirmative interests, too. We of the American Federation of Labor are proud that we pioneered in the movement for free, public, compulsory education for children, but we realize today that we need to see that equal educational advantages are available to children no matter in what state they live, and that teachers are paid a more just wage. We want to see that an end comes to discrimination which denies some persons equal opportunities.

We want Social Security extended to those who have been so far denied it, and we want to see it realistically adjusted to the increased cost of living. We want insurance so that no person need fear to call a doctor when he or some member of the family falls ill. We want to carry out the housing programs to which Congress once committed itself. We want to protect our natural resources from those who want to exploit them for their own private gain. We want to see taxes levied according to ability to pay. We want a strong and efficient defense system.

Our interests today go far across the oceans, too. Today we are united with workers in other nations all over the globe, seeking to preserve rights that workers have gained in some countries, and to gain such rights for workers who have been denied them.

**TASK IS STAGGERING**

We have aided the workers of France, Italy, and other nations in their battle against Communism and we have been a champion of those in Tunisia, Morocco and elsewhere who have been battling colonialism. We have extended our hand to those brave workers behind the Iron Curtain who have faced steel armor with their bare hands. We plan to do whatever is within our capacity to aid the workers in the satellite countries and in the backward and underdeveloped areas of the world.

The task before us today is staggering. It is still one of organizing the unorganized, of seeing that working men and women receive just wages and work reasonable hours. But it is one also that requires you who are members of the American Federation of Labor to take a more active part in your community life, to be more informed and busier about political affairs on every level. Your union should still be the center of your economic life, but in these days each of us must step to father and farther horizons.

**REFLECT THIS LABOR DAY CN HUMAN SIDE A.F.L.**

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Security. We want adequate defense, fair taxation. We want all these things, not only for ourselves, but for all the people of the country, because we believe they will make this a better, safer, more secure, more prosperous, and a more just nation.

You and I know that the way to get these things is to be more active in our community, our state and our nation. We know we need to be citizens in fact as well as name, concerned about the school board, the city council, the state officers, the members of Congress. We need to know issues and men. And act on them.

All this begins with each one of us personally—with me and you, with our neighbors—for we are the American Federation of Labor.

**Take your problems to Church this week**  
*—millions leave them there!*

**PRINTERS HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION IN DETROIT**

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was a \$1 million limit on such transfers.

President Woodruff Randolph reminded delegates that present officers had been elected four times on a platform of maintaining adequate defense for union members; that each convention for six years had overwhelmingly approved defense policies of the I. T. U.; and that a proposal to destroy Unityp and stop publication of newspapers was defeated 304 to 1 two years ago.

**URGES LABOR'S DAILY SUPPORT**

The minority report was shouted down in the roar of the lopsided voice vote, and the defense committee's recommendation for continuing and strengthening Unityp was adopted with with scattering opposition.

The committee report urged further support of Labor's Daily, sponsored by I. T. U. to present pertinent news truthfully and give the labor viewpoint on current events.

**FINK RE-ELECTED TO HEAD N.C. LABOR FEDERATION**

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vias, Jones, Plyler, Kornegay and Jordan.

**BUILDING TRADES ELECT**  
P. M. Taylor and Henry C. Sawyer, both of Durham, were re-elected as officers by the North Carolina Building and Construction Trades Council in a meeting of the body last Sunday, prior to the convening of the convention of the North Carolina Federation of Labor in Wilmington.

Taylor, business agent of Durham Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 585, was elected to his third consecutive term as Council-President, while Sawyer, business agent of Local 553 of the Electrical Workers, was returned to the office of secretary-treasurer.

Other officers elected by the Council last Sunday include A. B. Dixon of the Charlotte local of the Operating Engineers, vice-president, and R. D. Apple, Sr., of the Greensboro painters union, trustee for three years.

The next meeting of the North Carolina Building Trades Council will be held in Winston-Salem on October 11th.

**SHARPE HEADS PAINTERS**  
Merle Sharpe, business agent of Durham Painters Local 678, was elected vice-president of the North Carolina Council of Paint-

ers. There was no election of officers at the 95th convention since traditionally the ITU elects its officers in a referendum held in May. It is a foregone conclusion that President Randolph will stand for reelection.

**CARPENTERS WITHDRAW FROM THE A. F. OF L.**

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emeritus of the Carpenters Union, since the council meeting of the AFL in Chicago and that they had discussed among other things representation of the union on the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, are completely untrue.

President Meany did confer on August 24 with the president of the Carpenters Union, Maurice A. Hutcheson, in Washington regarding the problems which had to do with the Carpenters withdrawal on August 12. As a result of the discussion between Meany and Hutcheson, a meeting will be held within the next two weeks between a committee of the AFL Executive Council and a committee representing the Carpenters.

The only subjects discussed by Meany and Hutcheson in their meeting August 24 were the problems referred to above. No discussion at all was had regarding representation on the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor.

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The Painters Council held its annual meeting in the coast city, prior to the annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Labor.

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