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Patman Attacks Opponents of Full Employment Bill

Congressman Wright Patman, Democrat of Texas, this month blasted the "Fascists" who oppose the Full Employment Bill.

Patman, holding that every "Fascist" in America is against the bill, said: "The Committee for Constitutional Government represents a lot of them." He cited specifically such C.C.G. bigshots as Frank Gannett, "a big chain newspaper publisher," Gannett's "working partner," Samuel Pettengill; S. E. McClure, "who spent two years in Italy studying Fascism under Mussolini," and Edward Rumley, "who was convicted for dealing with enemy Germany in World War I."

The Committee for Constitutional Government has been putting the full strength of its organization and mailing list behind the campaign to defeat the Full Employment bill. Besides its own literature, it has been circulating a condensed version of a speech, "Full Employment and Freedom in America," delivered last April by Virgil Jordan, president of the National Industrial Conference Board.

Jordan, although not cited by Patman, for some years has been following a propaganda line similar to that of the Committee for

Constitutional Government. Like the C.C.G., he has been quoted frequently by the vermin press. As far back as 1937 William Dudley Pelley, now in jail for sedition, printed a speech by Jordan in his magazine, "Liberation."

Meanwhile, less pretentious campaigns against Full Employment are being carried on by Upton Close, who is becoming increasingly popular with the vermin press, and by "Southern Outlook," the anti-Negro, anti-Sem-

itic, anti-union paper published in Clanton, Alabama.

LUMBER PRICE ADJUSTMENT

OPA's recent upward adjustment in the ceiling price for Southern Pine lumber is the first step in a plan to secure general compliance with ceiling prices, Theodore S. Johnson, OPA district director, said today.



This is the season of good will, and, looking down the long list of names of those who have shown their good will towards us in 1945, we come to yours. We want to thank you for this good will on your part, and to send just the friendliest of wishes for your happiness and cheer at Christmastime.

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WILL THERE BE A STEEL STRIKE?

Not if the CIO abides by its pledged word, given only last spring.

Question: What would be the general effect on the country of a steel strike?

Answer: Over 40 percent of all the factory workers in the country earn their living by making steel into useful products for American life. A shut-down of the steel industry would be a disastrous blow to reconversion and would cause a serious loss in both wages and industrial production at a time when they were most needed.

Question: Is it true that the Steelworkers Union has pledged itself not to strike?

Answer: Yes. Every contract which the Union has signed this year with the various steel companies has a clause wherein the Union agrees not to strike during the life of the contract.

Question: Are those contracts still in effect?

Answer: Yes. They were signed in the spring of 1945 to run until October, 1946.

Question: Who signed for the Union?

Answer: Its international officials—Philip Murray, Van Bitter, Clinton Golden and others—and the local Union heads at the various plants.

Question: Is there no "escape clause" by which either side could end the agreements?

Answer: No. The Union demanded a fixed, long-term contract and got it.

Question: Why did they want a long-term contract?

Answer: In the Union's own words before the War Labor Board, "The Union's request for a termination date of October, 1946, is not made capriciously or pressed here for bargaining purposes. It represents the considered view of the Union that only such a term will adequately serve the needs of stability."

Question: Did the recent strike vote violate the contracts?

Answer: No. Only an actual strike would violate them.

Question: Haven't there been strikes already during the life of the contracts?

Answer: Yes. There were 998 strikes in steel plants during the past year alone. They were mostly local strikes which the Union characterizes as "wildcat," but they meant a big loss in production.

Question: Does the end of the war justify changing the contracts?

Answer: No. The bond was sealed on both sides and should be kept whether times be good or bad. The steel companies are continuing to live up to these agreements. If a strike is called, it will be in clear violation of the existing contracts.

A strike in the face of existing contracts would shatter any confidence in the validity of union agreements in the steel industry.

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