

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

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LABOR LEGISLATION FORCED BY STRIKES
 WASHINGTON. — A fair-trade-practices bill for labor (Richberg) is supposed to lie around congress until the coming expected wave of union strikes generates an irresistible demand for its adoption—then it, or something like it, is passed. This, indeed, is the *sotto voce* program.

Such delay may sound like a backward way to handle an expected national crisis, because the bill proposes to avert the strikes by providing machinery for just settlements, not only in the public interest, but in the long-range interest of the unions. Yet you can see what is beginning to happen to the legislation in the probable absence of Alabama's Senator Lister Hill from the list of sponsors.



Donald Richberg

This was supposed to be a four-senator bill, introduced by two Democrats and two Republicans; in fact, the same ones who sponsored the declaration of senatorial peace principles, Ball, Burton, Hatch—and Hill. But on this bill, Hill says he was "just too busy" to fill out the bill leadership, so it became B2H1. Most people think the real reason is that the CIO was instrumental in Hill's recent re-election.

The "too busy" treatment is likely to be applied generally to the proposal, because nothing in its announced purposes can very well be openly opposed by the unions, or anyone.

Basically, the bill would require the arbitrary unions to moderate their "public-b-damned" policy. Disruptions of public service, such as in the Fifth Avenue bus slowdown in New York recently, where the drivers just decided to run an hour or so late, as well as strikes in public utilities, milk deliveries, etc., would be prevented by judicial compulsory arbitration.

This is in the sound interest of the unions, because all now are suffering from the conspicuous public-b-damned policy of a few unions.

The bill was not written by manufacturers or employers, but by an old union lawyer, Donald Richberg, who composed the most successful labor law ever enacted, the Railway Labor act. Under it the railway brotherhoods have prospered better than other labor unions, and without strikes.

The senatorial sponsors are not anti-labor people either, but somewhat left-leaning. The way they described their general purposes is this:

ONE BOARD PLAN
 They would break up the competitive handling of labor through various government agencies now, and put all conciliation and mediation activities in a new five-man board.

A second board of three would handle complaints of unfair practices by labor or employer, not just labor alone, as now.

The Wagner act would be further amended to make unions democratic and to limit the closed shop to places where the union controls at least 75 per cent of the workers and is open to all members, and thus is not in itself a closed shop handing employment down from generation to generation in its own ranks, or otherwise limiting workers' rights.

Further logical limitations would cut down the number of capricious strikes now expanding in the country.

Labor could stop all the national opposition arising against it in many states where laws or constitutional changes are being advocated or enacted, to protect public interest against the unions, if they would take the mild and reasonable purposes of this bill, or alter them to suit the situation. If they would say the word to senators like Hill, the bill would go through in a minute.

Unfortunately too many labor leaders now are shortsighted reactionaries who want to defend the status quo and prevent any reform of existing unsatisfactory conditions. So it is quite possible congress will not only wait until the strike-horse runs away but the whole labor barn burns down, before taking up this key to lock the door.

Excessive use of power always kills itself by its own excesses. History is bulging with undeviating examples. Latest one is Hitler, who contrived his own defeat by carrying his power to lengths which caused an overwhelming opposition to be aroused. Statesmen, labor leaders or other humans seem unable to realize that power lasts only as long as it is wisely used. Those who read this column weekly on the legal power built up by the Black faction of the Supreme court for unions to fix prices, realize the trend of this faction.

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Due to delayed arrival of new illustrations for the church page, it was omitted this week. The new illustrations are expected in time for the popular feature to be used next week.

Peoples Tabernacle

H. Gwyn Clayton, Minister

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School. Lesson topic: "Jacob Adjusts Personal Relationship."
 11:00 A. M.—Morning worship, sermon by the pastor.
 7:00 P. M.—Young People's meeting.
 8:00 P. M.—Evening worship, sermon by the pastor.
 8:00 P. M. Monday—Missionary meeting.
 8:00 P. M. Tuesday—Mid-week prayer meeting.

Raeford Methodist Church

W. L. Maness, Minister

10:00 A. M.—Sunday school.
 11:00 A. M.—Regular morning service.
 7:00 P. M.—Junior and Youth Fellowship meetings.
 8:00 P. M. Wednesday—choir rehearsal.
 For the marvelous gift of peace let us all continue to worship and thank Almighty God.

Raeford Baptist Church

J. D. Whisman, Minister

9:45 A. M.—Sunday school.
 7:15 P. M.—Baptist Training Union.
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