

In view of the widespread discussion of the National Labor Relations Act, which is constantly assailed by industrialists who clamor for its modification, it might be well to review the Act itself, the work of the National Labor Relations Board and some of the history connected with both.

It should be clearly understood, in the beginning, that the National Labor Relations Act, signed by the President on July 5, 1935, gave legal recognition to certain specified rights of laborers and prohibited employers from doing certain acts, considered unfair to labor.

For Employes Only

The Act affirmed the right of employes to full freedom in self-organizations, and in the designation of representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of collective bargaining. It forbids employers from dismissing employes because of union membership or engaging in union activities, from supporting company-unions financially, or aiding in their organization; from refusing to bargain with any labor organization chosen by the majority of employes through their free choice and from bargaining with any other group than the one chosen by the majority of employes as representatives of the workers.

In brief, the Act recognized the right of laborers to organize and bargain collectively and set up the National Labor Relations Board to protect laborers in the full exercise of their rights. This Board is charged with enforcement of the Act. It receives complaints, holds hearings and issues cease and desist orders. In the event that employers fail to comply with the orders, they are referred to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals for review and enforcement if upheld.

To Protect Labor

The NLRB is an independent agency. Its prime purpose being to see that laborers are protected in the exercise of the rights given by the Act itself. This Act, it should be clearly understood, was enacted solely for the protection of laborers. Consequently, the Board investigates issues, facts, practices and activities of employers or employes in labor controversies, sees that employes have the right to self-organization, to form, join or assist labor organizations, to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and to engage in concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aids or protection; and is charged with the duty of preventing any person from engaging in any unfair labor practice affecting commerce.

Courts Uphold Law

The Act was upheld by the United States Supreme Court on April 12, 1937, in five cases appealed from lower courts. In six additional cases, the Court failed to announce any opinion adverse to the Labor Board or holding invalid any single provision of the law. In its opinion, the Court upheld the Act as a valid exercise of the commerce power of Congress, said that it did not violate the due process clause of the Constitution, and declared that the procedural provision adequately safeguards against arbitrary action.

Subsequently, the Court held that the Board could not be enjoined from holding hearings on complaints against employers, that in particular situations, when it finds domination or interference on the part of an employer in the organization of his employes, the Board has the power to order the employer to withdraw recognition from the so-called company union; that the statute applies to an employer processing raw materials within one state and shipping part of his product out the state, and, finally, that workers on a strike remain employes and that the employer, if he discriminates against them, violates the Act.

Court Worries Board

Because the Board is a quasi-judicial agency, it has been involved in the recent discussion of the relationship between the Court and such government agencies. Edwin S. Smith, one of the three members of the Board, recently criticized the tendency of some Circuit Courts to give little or no effect to the findings of facts made by the board, although the Act expressly says, if such findings are supported by evidence, they shall be final.

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Gov. Hoey spoke in Greensboro Monday morning

—to the 296 graduates of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. "Build your lives in the greatness of God," advised the governor.

The graduates heard three speakers in brief and telling messages just prior to presentation of diplomas in the final event of the school's 46th commencement.

"The development of fine character is paramount to all other human endeavors," said Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the greater University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, as he prepared to deliver the diplomas.

"We face the world with clear heads and strong hearts," declared Miss Alma Hall, of New Bern, president of the Senior class, in a farewell message.

The program was held in Aycock auditorium and was attended by a capacity audience. Miss Gwendolyn MacMullin, of Ramseur, was announced as the graduate winner of the Henry Weil fellowship, providing a year of special study in another university. Miss Maxine Garner, of Liberty, rising senior, is winner of the Martha Winfield scholarship for excelling in English. Miss Sarah Austin, Monroe, rising junior, won the Gertrude Mendenhall scholarship for excellence in mathematics.

Dr. W. C. Jackson, administrative dean of the college, paraphrased the Roosevelt tribute to North Carolina, when he presented Governor Hoey as the "balanced Governor." The governor expressed his envy of the graduates starting on none-too-easy courses in life but said the way is not as gloomy as some picture it, citing steady progress in political, economic and social service.

He minimized the satisfactions that came from a life of ease and said the chief joy one finds is in accomplishment. He urged the graduates to lift the world to higher standards rather than stoop to the levels they find about them. Character and integrity were termed by him as essentials for real accomplishment.

Dillon Siddon is being held in jail here

—pending the outcome of injuries suffered by Roy Evans, who, was allegedly stabbed in the region of the left lung Saturday by Siddon. The condition of Evans is said to be very critical.

Siddon's home is near Glade Valley. Raymond Crouse is also being held in the Alleghany county jail here in connection with the wounding of Charlie Williams, who received cuts recently during an altercation, it is understood. Williams' condition, however, is said not to be very serious.

A preliminary hearing for Crouse was to be held Wednesday.

A proposed kidnap law is seen as unnecessary

—by U. S. Attorney General Homer Cummings, according to a statement made Tuesday by the cabinet member in Chester, Penna. Cummings said that interstate kidnaping has been broken up and that he was not in favor of a law that would forbid parents to pay ransom.

The two recent Florida and New York kidnapings were "local" crimes, the head of the Justice Department said in an interview before he received the honorary degree of doctor of laws at Pennsylvania Military college.

Of the suggested no-ransom law, the attorney-general said it "would be almost impossible to enforce and would do more harm than good. It would be of doubtful constitutionality."

In 65 Day Coma



Chicago . . . Mary Ellen Reed, two years old, pictured with her mother, has lain quietly in bed for 65 days, not seeing or hearing anything and oblivious to all around her. She fell victim to "sleeping sickness" following an attack of measles. She is able to take food from a spoon instead of through tubes which were necessary at first. Her recovery is assured.

The right of gov't. officials to give views

—on political contests in a state of which he is a native was strongly defended Tuesday by President Roosevelt

in Washington. The chief executive spoke in particular reference to the right of Works Progress Administrator Hopkins, who recently stated his preference for Representative Otha D. Wearin young new dealer, to Senator Guy M. Gillette, in Iowa's senatorial primary race. Striking out at newspaper and congressional criticism that Hopkins sought to "play politics with human misery" when he expressed a preference in the race, the president described the agitation as a "great deal of smoke."

He told the newspaper correspondents that dispatches criticizing WPA influence in politics were written for the purpose of pleasing newspaper owners. Furthermore, he said, Hopkins merely availed himself of a prerogative that belongs to every citizen. He added that had he been born, reared and gone to college in Iowa, he would have felt at liberty to talk about the primary.

Hopkins is a native of Iowa and attended Grinnell college with Wearin, who was defeated overwhelmingly by Gillette. Before the Chief Executive came to his defense Hopkins issued a statement declaring that the defeat of the candidate he had endorsed refuted criticism that he was playing politics with relief money and that WPA workers had not disregarded his reminders that they could vote as they pleased in any political contest without fear of losing their jobs.

"I am glad to witness this refutation of those who accused us of playing politics," he said.

"In addition, as one born and brought up in Iowa, I want to say that I sincerely hope that Senator Gillette will be returned to the United States Senate."

The president made no comment on the Iowa results, except to say that he expected to see Gillette as soon as he returns to the Capital. Earlier, however, Chairman James A. Farley of the Democratic national committee conferred with Mr. Roosevelt and afterward disclosed that he had telegraphed congratulations to Gillette and pledged the committee's assistance.

THE SPARTA BAPTIST W. M. U. WILL MEET

—tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, at three o'clock, at the church, for a special study of the Mission book "Fruits of the Years."

THE CEMETERY AT UNION CHURCH WILL BE CLEANED

—on Wednesday, June 15, and all persons who are interested in the care and upkeep of this cemetery are requested to be present on that day and assist in the work.

JOHN RICHARDSON DIED SUDDENLY TUESDAY

—according to information received here. The deceased was blacksmith at the prison camp near Sparta.

A county-wide banquet is being planned

—by members of Masonic lodges in Alleghany county for Wednesday night, June 15, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Sparta cafe. According to members of the local lodge, a large number of Masons are expected to attend this banquet.

Ira T. Johnston, Master of the Jefferson lodge, is scheduled to deliver an address at the gathering.

A committee from the Sparta lodge has been appointed to work in cooperation with a similar committee from the Piney Creek lodge in making arrangements for the event.

Any Mason in Alleghany county who may desire to attend this banquet is urged to communicate with the committee.

This Week FEATURES YOU WILL LIKE

Important developments in today's installment of "To Ride the River With," a hard-riding, fast-shooting story of cattle rustling and the Law.

Although Arthur Guinan saw front line service in France, he had to come home to run into real trouble. His thrilling experience is told by Floyd Gibbons in "Adventurer's Club."

A striking picture of one of the War department's new "Airacuda" fighting planes, revolutionary in design, is shown in our news photo section.

The crisis for Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane is the topic for Rev. Harold L. Lundquist's Sunday School lesson. The text is Mark 14:32-36.

The Greek poet Homer, wrote two of mankind's greatest epics. His story of Ulysses is condensed by Elizabeth C. James for our literary feature of the week.

A review of the National Labor Relations Act, which is constantly being assailed by industrialists, is contained in the regular feature, "Looking at Washington," in this issue.

Carlisle Higgins' name sent to the Senate

—a few days ago by President Roosevelt for another four-year term as United States District attorney for the middle North Carolina district.

Since Mr. Higgins' nomination is for reappointment, it was expected that it would be quickly confirmed by the Senate.

Senator Reynolds carried Alleghany county over Hancock by 546 votes

—in the Democratic primary held Saturday. Reynolds received a total of 1,298 votes in the county, and Hancock received 752. In the race

for utilities commissioner, Winborne was given 820 votes in the county, as compared with 551 for his opponent, Grady. In the races for the nomination for the House of Representatives and the Clerk of the Superior Court, neither candidate received a majority, and a run-off primary will be held to select the nominees for these offices. In the race for the House, the vote in Saturday's primary was as follows: Brown, 747; Edwards, 682, and Taylor, 679. The last named candidate is the present incumbent.

Threshers in N. C. counties may obtain permits

—now from the Register of Deeds in their respective county seats, it was announced recently. These licenses, if obtained on time, will be issued without cost.

There is a fine of \$25 for threshing grain without having first obtained a permit, it has been pointed out. The licenses may be obtained only from the Register of Deeds offices.

Licensing permits county officials, through reports that threshers are required to make, to estimate the grain crops the farmers of the counties produce each season. The reports are forwarded to the state department of agriculture at Raleigh, where further estimates of State production are compiled.

Leaving Discussion



Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Minister, shown leaving the British Foreign Office where he had been discussing the Czechoslovak Minorities question with Sir Alexander Cadogan. The Czech Minister's call came on the heels of Konrad Henlein's flying visit to London.

Eminent speakers will be heard in Chapel Hill

—on the program of the Carolina Institute of International Relations to be held there June 13-22. Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, and Bishop Paul B. Kern, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who was recently assigned to the Nashville (Tenn.) area are among those scheduled for addresses.

The institute, a continuation of the Duke University Institute of International Relations is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and the University of North Carolina. It is being financed through voluntary contributions.

Other speakers will include Roger Henry Soltow, of the Friends International Center, Geneva, Switzerland; Irwin Canham, Washington, representative of the Christian Science Monitor, and Mrs. Nadia Danilsky, of Chapel Hill, formerly a social worker in Russia for the American Society of Friends.

Also Brackett Lewis, executive secretary of the Masaryk Institute, Pittsburgh, who was for ten years national Y. M. C. A. secretary in Czechoslovakia; Grover Clark, professor at the University of Denver; William I. Stone, vice president of the Foreign Policy Association, Washington and Professor Hornell Hart of the Hartford Theological Seminary; Dr. Herbert Von Beckerath, professor of economics at Duke and the University of North Carolina; Dr. Rupert B. Vance, of the University of North Carolina; Institute for Research in Social Science and Dean Whatley W. Pierson, of the university graduate school.

Senator Robert R. Reynolds Was Renominated Sat. By An Overwhelming Majority

—in the North Carolina Democratic primary. According to late returns which showed a high record for votes cast in a Senate primary as they were received in Raleigh Monday, Senator Reynolds' lead over Representative Frank W. Hancock was gradually pushed beyond the 100,000-mark. Returns from

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Imagination may cause real bodily pain

—and produce symptoms of physical illness so realistic as to confuse the medical diagnostician, Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe, of New York city, told the American Psychiatric association Tuesday in San Francisco.

Dr. Wolfe cited the case of a girl who underwent an appendectomy after complaining of abdominal pain. The operating surgeon found only a normal appendix. A psychiatric examination disclosed she had been suffering from a number of phobias—fear of being alone, fear of walking in the dark, and fear of the subway. The abdominal pain was ascribed to these.

A big supply bill was put before the House

—Tuesday, calling for an appropriation of \$274,000,000, including funds to begin the big navy program. The bill bore the appropriations committee's approval.

Last of the session's major supply bills, the measure carried a total of \$41,775,167 for the navy, of which \$35,802,000 was earmarked for starting construction of 19 vessels and broad program of navy yard improvements.

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Alleghany will enter a district health set-up

—beginning July 1, according to a report given out recently by the Board of County Commissioners. The

proposition, whereby the county will obtain approximately \$5,000 worth of health service for about one-fifth of its actual cost, was put before the Commissioners recently by the State Board of Health, which requested that a decision be reached not later than Monday of this week (June 6), by the Commissioners, as to whether or not they would appropriate the required amount—\$1,200.

The state health department proposed that Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties join together in a district health department. Alleghany's part of the expense of this department will be less than half of that of Ashe, it has been pointed out.