

Congress Agreed On The Taft-Hartley Anti-Labor Bill

Washington (LPA)—The Taft-Hartley union-wrecking bill was steamrollered thru a joint Senate-House conference last week and was readied for a decision by President Truman—a decision that may make or break him in the 1948 elections.

The fanfare of disagreements and concessions by the House conferees failed to disguise the fact that a previous deal had been worked out long before the sessions started in private conversations between Sen. Robert Taft (R. Ohio) and Rep. Fred Hartley (R., N. J.).

Taft and the GOP machine encouraged the impression that the House bill was far more stringent than the Senate version and that therefore concessions were to be made toward the allegedly "milder" Taft program. Actually as both pro-labor Congressmen and union leaders pointed out there was no great choice between the two.

Finally, it became clearly established in the final days of conference bickering that Taft, as party leader, wanted the House bill to appear more restrictive in order to give the Senate conferees greater bargaining power and also to shape public opinion behind the idea that it was a "toned-down" bill and therefore should not be vetoed.

This sham did not fool two of the conferees. The final bill was condemned by Sen. James Murray (D., Mont.) and Rep. John Lesinski (D., Mich.), who charged jointly that the conference "made a bad piece of legislation worse" and marked "a milestone on the road back."

The two liberals contended that "because it strengthens every tendency in American life toward industrial concentration and profiteering while it weakens the chief agency that protects the purchasing power of American consumers it is bad economics."

The final stumbling block was supposedly a clause to bar nearly 250,000 workers in food processing and packing plants from collective bargaining rights. This, too, was a fake issue, according to labor leaders. The final compromise, so simple it made reporters laugh, was to omit any description of such workers and let the issue ride until the next appropriation for the

Industry Owes Debt To Strikes

Indianapolis (LPA)—While labor must learn to use the power of strike judiciously, the right to strike must not be infringed," Vice-president Dave Beck, of the Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL, declared last week in an article written for the American Legion magazine.

"Industrialists with vision must realize that they owe a historical debt to the strike," Beck said. "Labor fought hard for equal rights in court and under the law. Long ago the sweatshop and the company-store peonage racket disappeared under the pressure of strikes, and when workers began to earn money and more leisure, fighting and striking almost every inch of the way in many industries, a golden age opened up for industry, because labor became industry's best customer."

"Today any men who call in one breath for increased production and in the next for curtailment of the right to strike, want to have their cake and eat it too," the Teamster leader asserted. "The right to strike on the part of labor is all that assures industry that labor will be able to afford the products of industry."

"No; the cure of industrial disturbance is not to be found in semi-slave laws intended to take away the hard-earned rights of working people and tie toilers to their jobs against their will. It is to be found only in understanding between men of good will in industry and labor, and in public support for honest men."

All-Day Program

(Continued From Page One) miss the free dancing to one of the finest orchestras in the country. That takes place from 2:30 until 4:30 in the afternoon, but if you do miss you can attend the evening session for a slight fee.

Very important too, you should save yourself a little time to visit the booth where the beautiful Buick is displayed to purchase or win the BIG ticket. The drawing will be held in the evening.

Free coffee will be served by the Boscol Coffee Co. The committee will furnish the richest cream in Youngstown and all you have to do is bring a container and sugar. There will absolutely be no coffee furnished to those with glass containers.

Buses will leave Broadway terminal in East Liverpool from 8 o'clock in the morning until 10. They will take you directly to the park and when you are ready for the return trip you will find a bus ready to start you home at the same place. Round trip tickets are \$1.75 for adults and 75 cents for children. It's the one big day for all potters. President James M. Duffy states he hopes all the potters will arrive early in order to have a full day of pleasure.

The committee is exceptionally enthusiastic about the prospects of this being the greatest picnic ever staged by the organization. Both the committee and the park management confidently expect a crowd of 25,000 potters and their friends. The park is spic and span. All rides have been expected and declared safe and ready for all-day traffic.

against scabs and strike-breakers, refusal to bargain with an employer, and charging unreasonable initiation fees and dues would be among the unfair practices.

Expansion of the NLRB from three to five members who would be subject to Senate approval as would also be the Board's counsel. Establishes a new Federal Mediation Service divorced from the Labor Dept. The new NLRB would have only judiciary powers.

Bans Wagner Act protection and collective bargaining rights to any union if it had one or more national officers who could "reasonably be regarded" as Communists. Requires affidavits on Communist affiliation and allows prosecution for misrepresentation.

Outlaws union expenditures in connection with any national election, primary or convention.

Requires 60-days notice in advance of contract expiration if a union wishes to change the terms of the agreement. Workers striking during this period would lose collective bargaining rights.

Permits employers to sue unions for alleged breach of contract.

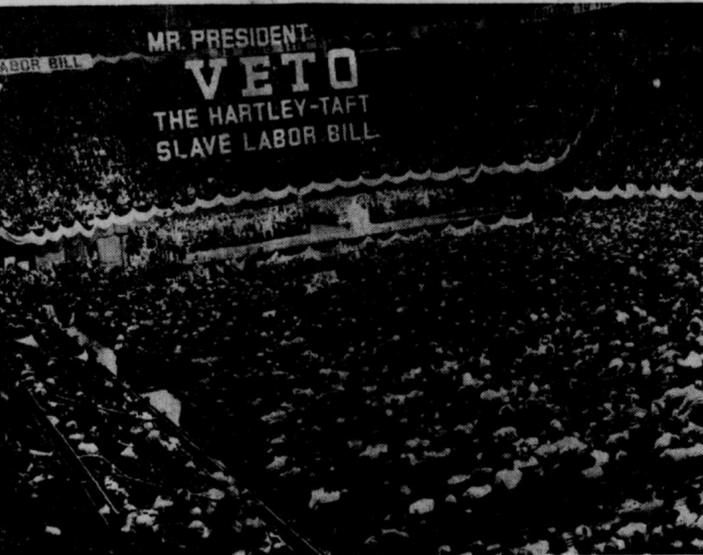
Outlaws strikes against the government.

Permits dues checkoff only by individual written consent.

Bans collective bargaining by foremen. Employers could bargain with plant guards but only if they were members of an independent union.

Requires financial reports including salaries and allowances of three chief union officers, description of the way officers are elected and strikes called, and the manner in which funds have been spent.

Employers are granted greater "freedom of speech" short of coercion. Labor leaders have contended that this will hand anti-labor bosses an expanded field for intimidation and anti-union propaganda.



RALLY FOR FREE LABOR—Here's how New York's Madison Square Garden looked the day 20,000 AFL men and women jammed it to the rafters to voice their protest against the Taft-Hartley slave labor bill. AFL Pres. William Green called for a "flood of letters and postcards, written by you in your own handwriting" to oppose the measure. Have you written yours yet?—(Federated Pictures).

AFL President, Other Leaders Praise Forward on Paper's 50th Anniversary

New York City (ILNS)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, was one of many leaders in civic, labor and political life who paid tribute to the Jewish Daily Forward at its 50th anniversary celebration as a newspaper whose policies have led the fight to better the lot of America's wage earning masses.

The Forward's anniversary was celebrated at a great meeting in Madison Square Garden arranged by 100 labor unions, the Workmen's Circle, a large fraternal order, and other organizations.

Editor Guest of Honor Speakers and messages praised the contributions made to social and civic progress by the Forward, oldest labor daily in the United States, and its veteran editor, Abraham Cahan, who was the guest of honor. Cahan, 87 years old, has been the paper's editor since its founding.

In addition to President Green, the speakers included Mayor O'Dwyer, David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union; Alexander Kahn, manager of the Forward who succeeded the late E. Charney Vlodeck; Ephraim H. Jesurun, president of the Workmen's Circle, and Adolph Held, president of the Forward Association, who presided.

Congratulatory messages were received from President Truman, Leon Blum, Socialist leader and twice premier of France; former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury, Edward M. Warburg, and others.

Green described the celebration as "an historic moment not only in the annals of American journalism, but also in the annals of the American labor movement." He said the Forward had faithfully performed its tasks because its editors so well understood that a free labor movement was the most incomparable guarantor of democracy.

Cahan described the Forward as the property of a movement committed to help Jewish workers and humanity in the best possible sense.

Leader in Fighting Reds Kahn stressed that during the last 30 years the newspaper had been consistently fighting the Communists and that it fought them when it was alone, with small means, against "the unlimited resources poured into this country through secret channels."

Held asserted that Americanization work carried on by the Forward was effective and that it was the immigrant groups who managed to build up the best machinery for strike prevention.

While a Senate Subcommittee headed by Forrest Donnell (R., Mo.) opens hearings June 11 on the bill to end discrimination in employment introduced by Senators Irving Lides (R., N. Y.), on the House side no action has been taken by Labor Committee Chairman Fred A. Hartley (R., N. J.) to hold hearings on the measure.

Except in New York City, Mrs. Caroline K. Simon of the N. Y. State Commission Against Discrimination reported last week, employment of Negroes has fallen off much more rapidly in all jobs Brotherhod of Sleeping Car Porters above that of common labor since the war's end.

In a rally conducted by the ters-AFL last week, President A. Philip Randolph said that "it is certain that the Republicans, with their overwhelming majority in the House, will have no excuse to give their constituents if they return home for the recess without having brought the new FEPC bill to the floor of the House and passed it by a majority made larger by the vote of many Democrats who favor the bill."

"To those who suffer the injury of discrimination in employment," the union leader went on, "inflicted anew each and every working day, the explanation that other legislation is more important may be salve but it gives no comfort."

300,000 CHILD WAR VICTIMS FED BY SWEDISH AID FUND Stockholm (ILNS)—In 14 different countries more than 300,000 children receive one hot meal a day under the auspices of the Swedish Aid to Europe Fund. How this organization functions, and what other help is given to war-ravaged countries, recently was shown at an exhibition here, aimed at stimulating further the interest in Sweden's international relief work.

We don't expect our teeth to last forever, so beginning next summer we intend to eat dozens of ears of fresh Golden Bantam at every sitting.

Shipyard Technical Men Organize in AFL Union

Atlanta (ILNS)—Technical engineers and draftsmen for the Ingalls Shipbuilding Co., Pascagoula, Mississippi have voted two to one for the International Federation of Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen's Unions, AFL.

Efforts to organize the technical engineers and draftsmen in the huge Pascagoula shipyard have run over a period of several years. During the war period when the shipyard employed about 16,000 workers the draftsmen and engineers made several attempts to organize, each time being defeated by the company's attitude toward union organization among this group.

The recent success was due to a large extent to the efforts of James F. Barrett of the general organizing staff attached to the Southern AFL office in Atlanta, together with Organizer Charles Waid who assisted in the general campaign.

The success of this group of employees make the beginning of an all-out organizing drive on behalf of the American Federation of Labor in the Pascagoula area. Reports of material progress are reaching the Southern office in building up of membership of local unions already in existence at the Ingalls shipbuilding plant.

TRUMAN, TAFT CLASH ON WHO UPPED PRICES

Washington (LPA)—President Truman and Republican Presidential hopeful Robert Taft came into head-on collision last week over who is responsible for present high prices.

More or less impartial observers agreed that more heat than light was generated; little new except fine phrases was added to the actual picture of soaring prices and reduced purchasing power, with the prospect of a recession in the near future.

Taft started the fight with a comment after a meeting of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report, which dealt with an inquiry into prices, that "Apparently the President and the Administration are abandoning their talk of keeping prices down in favor of heavy spending abroad that will keep them up."

Replied Truman, in an unusual prepared statement which he read at his press conference last week, "The fact that necessary foreign aid programs add to our economic problems at home makes it all the more important that we handle these domestic problems with vigor and common sense."

Without price control, Truman went on, and with a tremendous peacetime demand for goods, "it is up to those whose profits are high at the current inflated prices to reduce these prices voluntarily."

The President told reporters that "if the government were to abandon its vitally necessary loan and expenditures programs, if wages were reduced, and if unemployment set in, and then there would be less demand and prices would drop."

"Sen. Taft would call this an adjustment. I would call it a tragic depression or recession. . . . The

problem facing the American people is to maintain full employment, full production, and high demand, and still to keep prices at reasonable levels."

Last Friday, Taft fired back, and listed five points on which he claimed Truman was contributing to the high price level. Several involved concessions to organized labor — including Truman's veto of the Case slave labor bill—which Taft claimed resulted in raised wages for workers. He also with a straight face claimed Truman's veto of the first OPA bill last summer had led to the end of controls.

The first really serious investigation of the high price danger to prosperity is expected to take place at hearings now scheduled to open June 23 before the Joint Committee on the Economic Report. Several minority members of the committee are insisting that labor and liberal spokesmen be heard. Meanwhile, the Joint Committee continues to send out questionnaires to assorted lists of economists, businessmen, and a sprinkling of labor and farm leaders, on the business prospects for the second half of 1947.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT
Whereas Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst our friend and fellow worker, Sister Evalena Chinders, respected and admired for her fellowship and character, and
Whereas, We, the members of Local Union 99, Clarksburg, W. Va., recognize the loss of this sister and shall cherish and respect the memory of her pleasant manner and as evidence of sympathy and esteem, it is hereby further,
Resolved, That we extend our profound sympathy to her family, a copy of this resolution be published in our official journal, The Potters Herald, a copy spread upon the minutes of the Local and a copy sent to the bereaved family. Also that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.
JOSEPH SONTAG,
PATSY SCOTT,
DAVID BEVAN,
Committee of Local Union No. 99.

OBITUARIES
MRS. LYLIVIA PEARSON
Mrs. Sylvia Lucille Pearson, 1163 Harker Ave., died Thursday, June 5th at 11:20 a. m. in City Hospital, following a three-month illness. She was 26.
Mrs. Pearson was a daughter of Sid D. Geren, and the late Martha Holbart Geren, and was born here Nov. 3, 1920. She was employed as a potter before her illness. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.
She leaves a son, Carl S. Pearson, and her father, both of East Liverpool.
Services were held Saturday at 3 p. m. in the Kelly Funeral Home by Rev. E. W. Martin pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.
R. CLELL KENNEDY
R. Clell Kennedy, 83, retired potter, died Friday, June 2, at 2 a. m. in the home of his niece, Mrs. Homer E. Boyd, 1701 Smithfield St., following a long illness.
Mr. Kennedy, a warehouseman, was employed last at the Taylor, Smith & Taylor Co. He was a member of the Fourth Degree Cardinal Mercier Assembly, Knights of Columbus, St. Aloysius Catholic Church and Local Union No. 86 National Brotherhood of Operative Potters.
He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Dell K. Wilson of East Liverpool, and Mrs. Mary A. Hite of Pittsburg.
Funeral services were held Monday at 10 a. m. in St. Aloysius Church. Burial was in St. Aloysius Cemetery.
8-HOUR DAY FOR HORSES SOUGHT
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Springfield, Ill. (ILNS)—A bill calling for a new kind of 8-hour day has been introduced in the Illinois House of Representatives. The measure would prohibit the renting of "horses, ponies, and mules" for riding purposes for more than 6 consecutive or 8 scattered hours in one day.

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