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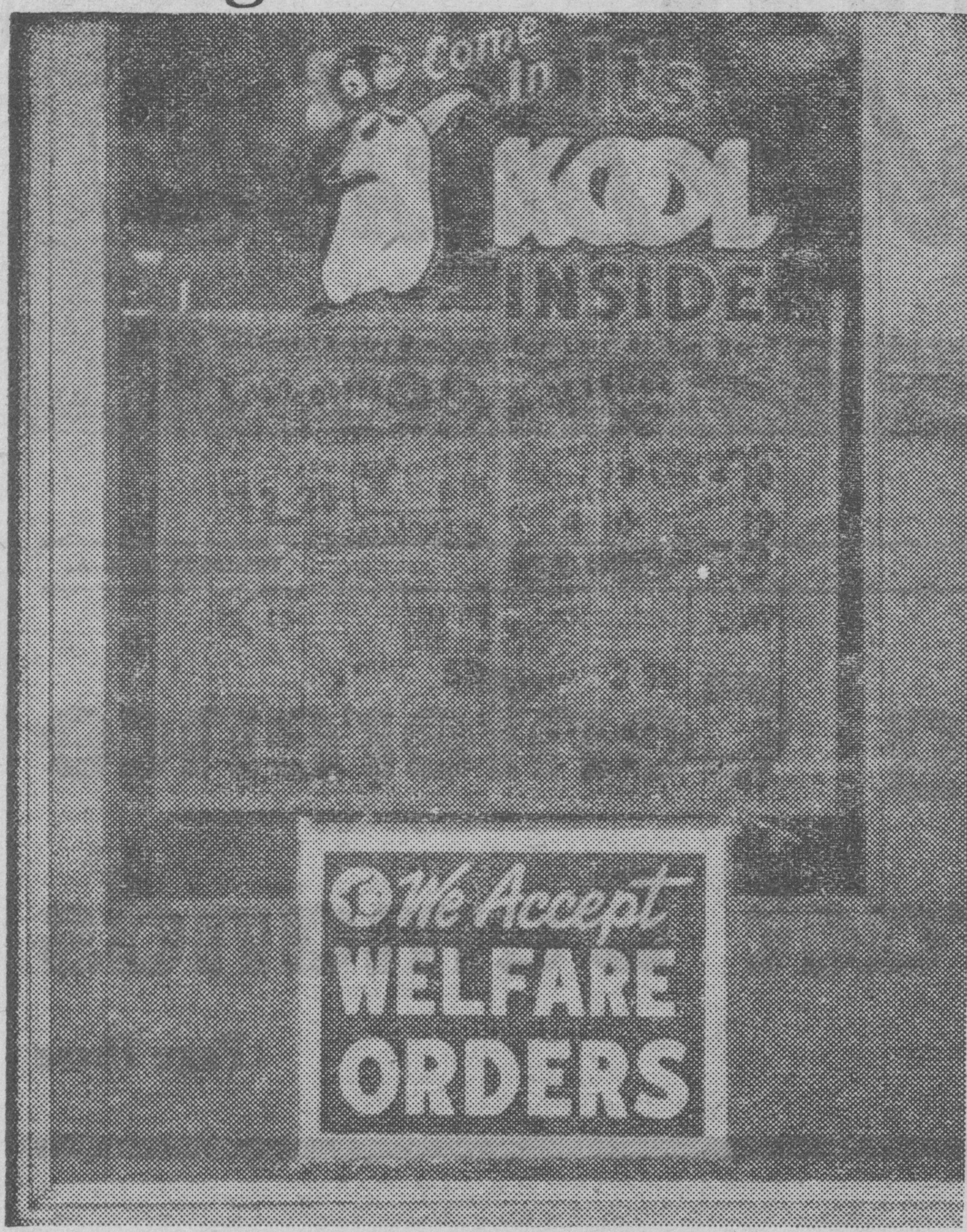
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## Sign of the Times



INSIDE this big Detroit super market, the management found it. was lonesome as well as "cool," so it put the above sign on its front door to attract the kind of new business available.

### Canadian Labor Plans No Raid Agreement

REGINA, Canada (PAC) — For Sound Reasons The Trades and Labor Congress Labor involving one million Canadian\_workers.

tion in Toronto, September 29. Commerce bigshots shouted.



I'I'm joining the Union! The boss ewants me to work by standard time, while the others observe daylight saving hours!"

### Resort Owner Likes Union Gains

of Canada in its 69th annual con—The owner of one of the larg- workers are unable to buy as crease in our total productive dominated by the Communist wention here has approved a no- est boardwalk hotels shocked much farm products as they power made possible by the full labor force. Party as is the Mine, Mill and with the Canadian Congress of the Chamber of the Commerce to the toes of their crease . . . not a decrease . . . in we are currently underproducing Party as is the Mine, M \$30-a-pair shoes when he pro-posed that the CIO and AFL be he said.

Crease . . . Hot a decrease . . . In the amount of approximately thirty billion dollars per year.

Silicosis Leafler commended for their contract "No amount of slick slogans "As a free people we can Scores Smash Hit, The agreement now awaits gains over the past 15 years. The proposal was "heresy," "betray-proposal was "heresy," "betray-affectively camouflage the tragic facts only at our own peril. The 40,000 Mailed Out

> ple, our income depends on the continue to decrease. number of people who are able |to afford vacations. Well, I just |came across a report by the U.S. Department of Labor which made a survey of 1064 union con-

"This report shows that 94 per cent of the workers covered by these contracts now get vacacontracts?"

and the Chamber of Commerce would not want to leave the quickly went on to other busi-field to their opponents while

### could Have Come in on His Shoes'

Theresa Zytkewick, widow of John Zytkewick, a Ford orker, won \$10,900 award in the Michigan Supreme Court. John Zytkewick was employed in the gear hardening department of the Ford Rouge plant. He had worked there 25 years. On October 11, 1950, he left home in good spirits. He worked the afternoon shift, and that night rode home with four fellow workers. When he arrived home, his wife had retired. The next morning he was found dead stretched across his bed partially undressed.

The mily was suspicious and ordered a post-mortem examinate. It revealed that Zytkewick had died of cyanide poisoning Testimony was produced at the trial to show that he could have come in contact with the poison, even though he worked in an adjoining department.

The doctor's testimony indicated that an amount of cyanide sufficient to cause death could be carried under the fingers of the hand or on the shoes of a person. The court took judicial notice that cyanide is not commonly contacted on the public streets or in the community. It is a deadly poison and its sale is specifically regulated by statute.

The Michigan Supreme Court held there was a presumption against suicide. It left as the remaining cause of death, accidental ingestion.

The Ford Motor Company appealed to the Supreme Court of Michigan in an unsuccessful effort to reverse the Workmen's Compensation Commission.

This case was handled by UAW-CIO attorneys, Rothe, Marston, Bohn & Mazey.

# Living Costs Climb Again To Near All-Time Record: Wages Rise Another Penny

Approximately one million UAW-CIO members re-Xceived a cent-an-hour increase in wages this month after the new Bureau of Labor Statistics index figure confirmed Mine, Mill what most housewives already knew—the cost-of-living Mine, stands near the all-time high.

and declining farm income, "The philosophy of higher prof-the BLS figure rose to 115.2, its on less volume may bring Gets Slapped last October.

WAGES AT NEW HIGH

costs," he said.

Reuther asserted the rise in living costs "means shrunken savings and a wage cut for millions of other American workers and those on pensions and other fixed incomes whose dollars won't buy quite as much as they would previously.

"At a time when we have serious layoffs in many basic indus- ployment in excess of 12 per tries, when farmers are not able cent.

just a shade under the all-short-term advantages to Big Reuther pointed out that the ogists with a few courageous ticut, wage adjustment does not mean economists who can deal with A leaflet distributed by Mine an increase in purchasing power. the economic facts as they are Mill to the Chicago Stewart "It merely enables workers to and not tailor them to fit Ad- workers was headed, "UAW-CIO keep up with mounting living ministration ideas of political ex- at the Stewart Die Cast Bridgepediency.

"A few of the elementary Coordinating Activities This economic facts that must be Year." reckoned with courageously and honestly are: employment in manufacturing industry has declined by 1,675,000 jobs during the past 12 months: 141 in excess of 6 per cent; 45 of these communities have unem-

to buy as much as they need of "In the light of our technolog-ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey industrial products and city ical developments and the in-

al," "treason," the Chamber of economic results of the Repub- answer to full employment and Since publication two months smiled indulgently. "Gentlemen," nue to increase while production, create wealth and purchasing 40,000 copies. he said, "you and I are in the employment, and purchasing power in the hands of the people Many of the requests are from goods created."

# Despite widespread layoffs REUTHER RAPS "SLICKERS" | Cuddles Up.

time peak of 115.4 reached Business at the expense of other The Mine, Mill and Smelter segments of the United States' Workers, having difficulties in economy, but in the long run it keeping the workers of the will cause further serious dis- Stewart Die Casting Company in The cent-an-hour increase locations in our economy, the the fold, recently told the Stewart brought UAW-CIO wages to an consequences of which Big Busi- workers that it is "closely coall-time high. The total for cost-ness in the end will not escape. ordinating" its bargaining activiof-living and annual improve- It is high time that the Admin- ties with the UAW-CIO, which is ment factor hourly increases istration send its slick propa. the collective bargaining represince May, 1948, now is 57 cents. ganda boys back to their ad sentative at the Stewart Die Cast-UAW-CIO President Walter P. agencies and replace these apol- ing plant at Bridgeport, Connec

port plant, and our Local 758

This is the latest of several attempts by Mine Mill to ride on the coattails of the UAW-CIO.

Mine Mill's misrepresentation back-fired when Vernon Murphy, American communities and la- president of UAW-CIO Local bor areas have unemployment 1143 at Bridgeport, issued a statement saying:

"UAW-CIO Local 1143 has no intention of coordinating its activities, collective bargaining or otherwise with any local union which continues affiliation with

lican Administration's aiding Big full production in peacetime is ago of the leaflet, "Facts about The pact will be similar to the The hotel owner waited quietly Business at the expense of the the achievement of a dynamic, Silicosis," the UAW-CIO Founagreement signed by the AFL until the storm had subsided for great majority of the American expanding balance between pro-dry Department has received and CIO in Washington in June. a moment. Then he rose and people. Prices and profits contiductive power and the ability to written requests for more than

> vacation business. Pure and sim- power in the hands of the people to enable them to consume the individuals for one or two copies; others come from state labor departments, international unions —both CIO and AFL — UAW-CIO local unions. The Committee for the Nation's Health, Inc., requested that copies be sent to leach of its members.

The informative leaflet has and several provinces of Canada.

The Committee for the Nation's Health, Inc., is a non-profit of more than two weeks. But General expectation here is that the Senate will not committee of physicians and laymen, organized in 1949 to co-

## A Rattled McCarthy Prattles Of Hearing 'Unheard of' Things

WASHINGTON—The select committee of 3 Republi- been sent to almost every industions with pay. What's more, 50 can and 3 Democratic senators appointed to take evidence trial state in the United States per cent of these union contracts and report on the censure charges against Senator Mctoday provide for paid vacations Carthy has closed its hearings.

just five years ago it was only be called back into session? 30 per cent, and in 1914 it was before election day to hear to say when he saw the newsmen ordinate and give leadership to less than 2 per cent. That's the and act on the committee's outside was, "It's the most unpicture. Would any of you gennonent Ten Republican and heard of thing I ever heard of." national health program. tlemen like to stand up right report. Ten Republican and heard of thing I ever heard of." national health program. now and criticize unions or union eight Democratic incumbents There wasn't a stir in the hall, paigns on their hands. They debating McCarthy in Washlington, and their colleagues probably will spare them that necessity.

> It is a fair guess, but no certainty, that the select committee will lean somewhat, but not too roughly, on the side of censure. It may avoid an outright recommendation yet lay the ground for a censure vote. McCarthy virtually admitted all the charges the | committee considered (it threw out quite a few), but insisted that all the specified acts were justified and provide no ground for censure.

Two high points stand out in the committee's hearings. One, McCarthy was cut down to size. He was a man under constraint in the hearing room, reserving his customary blow-offs for the TV cameras in the corridor outside. Two, he was rendered so nearly speechless by his first encounter with Senator Watkins, chairman, when he was gavelled into silence, that all he could find

Quote-Our House Is Partially In Order





# UAW-CIO Calls November Conference To Review 1955 Contract Demands



END OF SUMMER for these youngsters was one final group game at the FDR-CIO camp in Port Huron, Michigan. They are back in school now, happier and healthier for their stay at the Union-supported camp.

# Ike to Use Taxpayers' Money For Special Dixon-Yates Payoff

WASHINGTON - In an attempt to allay the opposi-put it through from coming to tion of practically everybody in the TVA area to the slick light. Cole has already said that deal, personally directed by the President, for cutting high- the municipal and cooperative cost private utility electric power in on the TVA system, area will not be allowed to apa decision has been made to have the taxpayers of the coun- pear. Requests from mayors in

try pick up the entire check? vate power.

ment is W. Sterling Cole (R., 1 N.Y.), chairman of the Joint WELL-KEPT SECRET

\$140 MILLION GOUGE Over the 25 years of the contract between AEC and the Dixonexcess cost of this power above what TVA could produce it for

lion, or \$5½ million a year. This gratuity out of the U. S. Treasury will grease the skids for the utility combine until the day 25 years hence when it will own the plant free and clear. Under an alternative proposal submitted by the Von Tresckow group, cost of the power would be close to TVA's own costs, and the plant would belong to TVA after 30

This proposal was turned down at the White House in favor of on the details. the Dixon-Yates deal.

years.

for excess cost of this pri-gineers, and announced that "A ignored. meeting of the minds has been

Committee on Atomic Energy. So far, no one outside the in-ner circles has learned what this At IUE Meeting means—approval by the new TVA chairman of the Eisenhower plan Skilled Trades Committee of the Yates private power combine, the with high-cost power, or simply IUE-CIO recommended to their the scheme to cover up the man-International Union a step up in if permitted to build its own plant euver by having AEC charge the activity to implement the skilled is estimated by TVA at \$140 mil- entire higher cost to the Trea- trades program in the various members of the TVA board of meeting of the National CIO minds.

their system. TVA and AEC tional Unions. staff members are now at work

New chairman of TVA, Briga- committee will hold hearings on the 1953 Convention delegates in dier General Herbert D. Vogel the contract late in September. Montreal. Particular stress was of the Army Engineers, huddled If so, every effort will be made placed on the need for more joint CIO International Union. He the Flint CIO Council give the here on September 3 with AEC by the Republican members to labor management apprentice sends out music, news and program much credit for the

the valley to be heard have been

## Authority for this state- achieved on all fundamental is- CIO Skilled Trades Program Endorsed

PITTSBURGH — The National

| Committee at UAW-CIO Solidar-After sending the budget but ity House. The Coordinating the contract under which this journeymen and apprenticeship hold. new power will be delivered to standards for all CIO Interna-

Area-wide apprenticeship pro- families listen, too. tical means of setting up an efful single-plant programs.

### BRIGHT PROSPECT

KANSAS CITY — Represental sets the record straight. tives of the Competitive Shop De- | A 15-minute package of nationpartment, organizing the Kuhl-al and international news, the man Die Cast Company here union angle on Flint, union music have filed a petition with the Na- and a union editorial is inserted tional Labor Relations Board for in each Shiftbreak program, an employee representation elec-once at 3:10 for second shift tion. It is reported that over 80 workers and again at 3:40 for the that every once in a while per cent of the workers have day shift. Otherwise the program signed UAW-CIO authorization is strictly a disc jockey show cards.

# Mid-November Meeting Brings 900 To Detroit

The International UAW-CIO Collective Bargaining Conference, where delegates will discuss proposed contract improvements to be presented to corporations in 1955, will be held November 12 and 13 in Detroit.

The call to the conference was being prepared as this issue of the United Automobile Worker went to press and will be received by local unions within the next few weeks.

About 900 are expected to attend the conference.

Number one item on the agenda will be the guaranteed annual wage, already determined by the 1953 International Convention to be the major demand in the 1955 negotiations. Latest conclusions of the Union's study committee, which has been working on the matter of the guaranteed annual wage for more than two years, will be presented to the delegates.

Major UAW-CIO contracts, covering a majority of the International Union's total membership, come up for renegotiation in the late spring and summer of 1955. These negotiations will include, in addition to the guaranteed annual wage, pension and health insurance programs, cost-of-living escalator clauses, the annual wage improvement factor and other matters relating to hours of work, rates of wages and working conditions.

Discussions at the conference will form the basis of the formulation of 1955 demands by local unions and national industrial councils. Final conclusions will be considered at the 1955 convention next March, which precedes the beginning of major 1955 contract negatiations.

### Billions for Corporations; Nothing for the Postman

When U. S. President Dwight Eisenhower vetoed the Federal Pay Raise Bill last month, CIO President Walter Reuther called it a "travesty on economic justice."

Ike vetoed the bill, which would have given a 5 per cent raise to 1,750,000 underpaid government workers, because he did not get a multi-million dollar increase in postal rates.

Reuther pointed out, "This Republican Administration, which has given away billions of dollars' worth of the people's resources—tidelands, atomic energy and other benefits—to wealthy industry, now denies a modest and long overdue salary increase to millions of deserving Government employees.

"Unjust and unwise tax reductions given to corporations in the recent Republican-sponsored tax bill would have paid many times over the cost of this modest salary increase."

### sury. Another unanswered question is whether the other two The action followed an earlier Music Mingles with Union News directors join in this meeting of Skilled Trades Coordinating In Sensational Flint Radio Show

FLINT, Michigan—The latest thing in radio has Auto reau a sharp letter on AEC Committee, which is chaired by Workers tuning in regularly. The program, Shiftbreak, has tactics, these two TVA directional Vicet become a Monday-through-Friday habit with many of the tors finally received on August President Richard Gosser, is at31 for the first time a copy of tempting to formulate uniform bold.

> A disc jockey at Station used in place of the normal disc WBBC airs the show from The program has a big place coming off the job. Their aries.

If a local is taking a strike fective apprentice-training sys- vote, Shiftbreak gives the entem where plants employ too tire UAW membership in Flint a few employees to permit success. stake in the dispute with a discussion of the issues and their implications. If the local daily newspaper ignores or distorts labor or political news, Shiftbreak

with solid union information

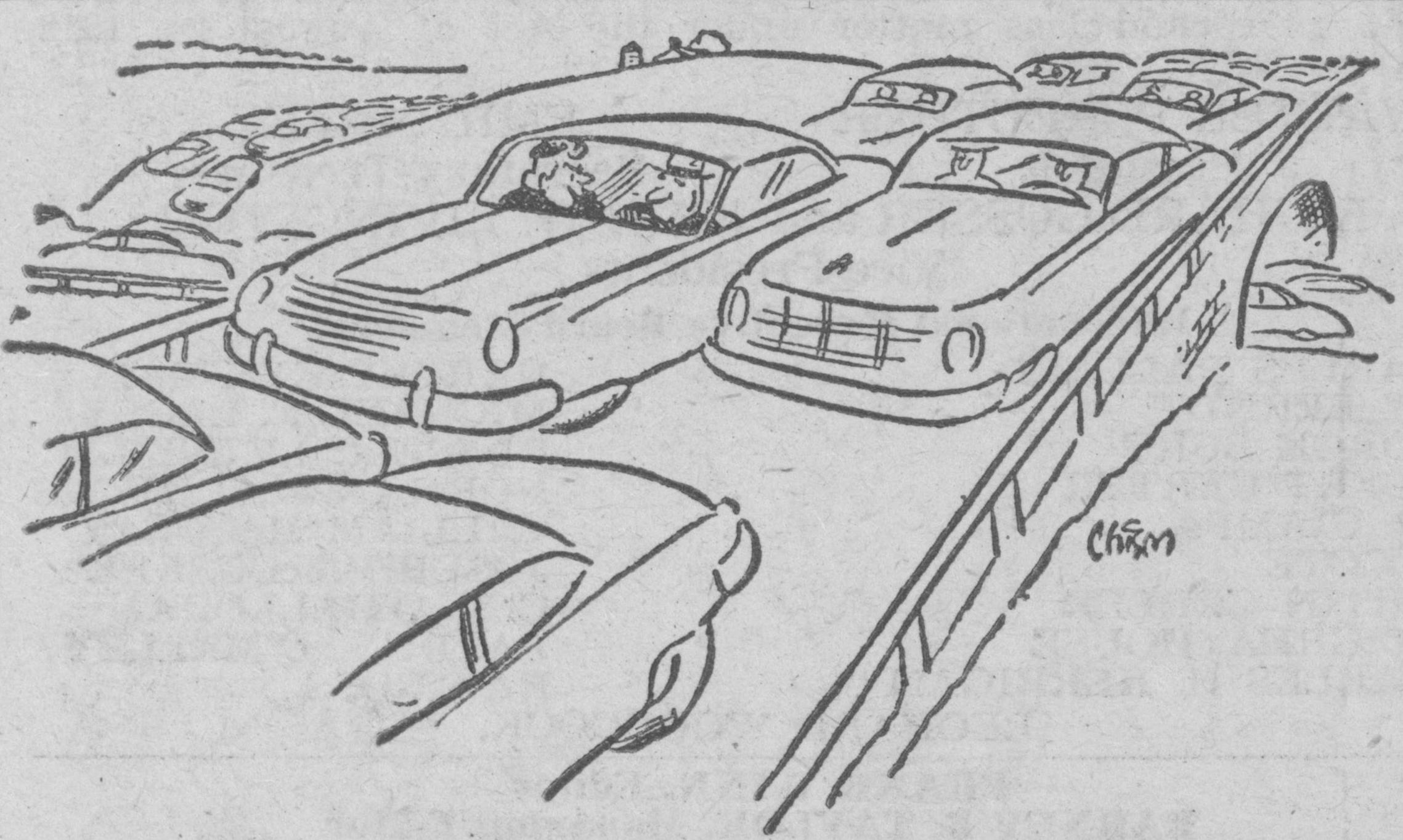
jockey patter between records.

The Pittsburgh meeting adopted all stille show from The program has a big place ed a program in keeping with 2:45 to 4 p.m. every working on the political action front in Sterling Cole still says his joint the policy decisions laid down by day, using material furnished Flint, too. Interviews with labor-General Manager, Major General keep all the unknown facts about ship programs in IUE-CIO plants shop chatter that catches candidates for county and legisla-Kenneth Nichols of the Army En- who started this deal and who as a means of protecting trade Auto Workers going on and tive posts in the August prim-

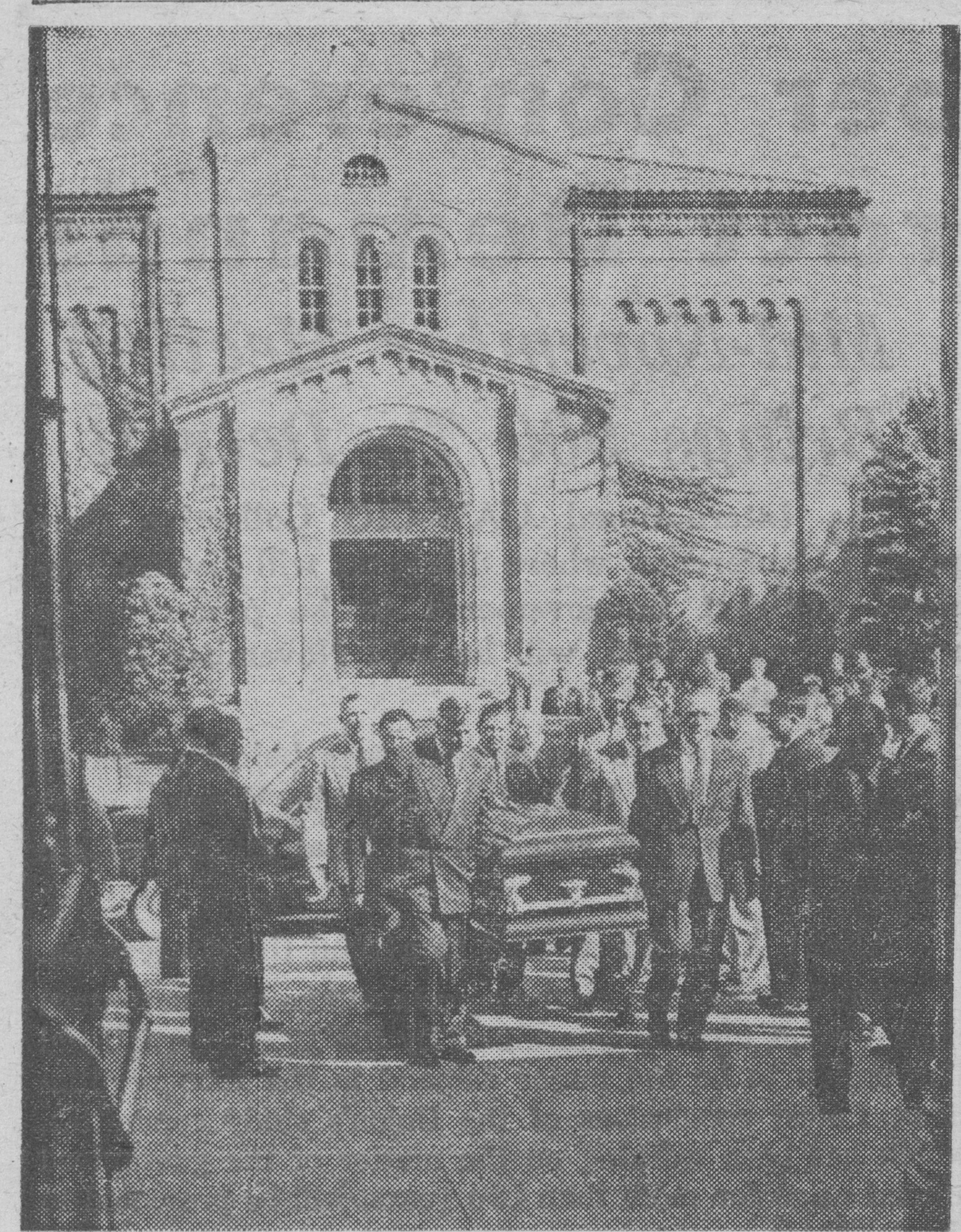
### Mantle Piece

NEW YORK-Forbes Magazine of Business reported ruefully that not much progress is being made in various employer campaigns to make workers love their bosses.

The magazine said it had discovered that "The proprietor of a New York City shop which turns out Jivaro Indiantype shrunken heads (price \$25) from photographs supplied by its customers reports a woman orders a shrunken head of her boss."



Would you mind telling me how much good 192 H. P. is doing us?"



MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF carry the casket into Precious Blood Church for the final rites of Michael Lacey. The entire UAW-CIO Executive Board served as honorary pallbearers.

# Mike Lacey Died Last Labor Day

Tens of thousands of working men and women marched together down Detroit's Woodward Avenue on Labor Day in a gigantic display of labor's growth and solidarity.

Michael Lacey, co-director of the largest region in the UAW-CIO, Region 1, had marched with them many times, and he marched with them again in spirit—but in spirit only. On Labor Day, Mike Lacey, who Atomic Energy had devoted his life to helping working men and women, died. He was 57.

The Irish have a reputation for fighting ability. Lacey, who was born in Ireland, really fought only one battle all his life — the good old fight for labor. He got his first taste of industrial strife in the famous Homestead Steel Strike in 1919.

He never stopped that basic struggle until his heart

### A TERRIFIC ORGANIZER

A tireless organizer, Lacey made national headlines three years ago when he directed the successful organizing drive against the then gangster - infested Detroit-Michigan Stove Company.

Lacey was four times president of Local 235, Chevrolet Gear and Axle, starting in 1942. He served two years as a UAW-CIO international representative before he was elected to the Executive Board at the 1947 convention.

ers at his funeral in Precious University of Detroit. Blood Church.

The four top officers of the UAW-CIO issued the follow-Start Denver Drive

respected and admired him. UNIVERSAL RESPECT

personal loss. No man could UAW-CIO.



the respect of thousands of ernment plants to serve as a and for whom he had worked pany rates down. that monument."

"Michael Lacey, co-director cooperation with Region 5 have called the "creeping socialism" of RAY BERNDT of UAW-CIO Region 1, was launched an organization drive in TVA. It will loom large in the GEORGE BURT one of the gallant pioneers this city and surrounding towns. campaign. ROBERT CARTER

entire life was devoted to improving the lot of working sized shops that have developed vent a bad and dangerous bill PAT GREATHOUSE men. All who knew him well as part of the industrial expan- from being passed. But the effort CHARLES H. KERRIGAN sion of the area. The UAW-CIO was not wasted. Given a pronounwill take to the unorganized ced change for the better in the workers of these new plants the makeup of the 84th Congress, a members share our sense of stand to gain as members of the bad bill apart and putting a good

# NLRB Does What Congress Didn't; Makes T-H Tougher on Workers

The Taft-Hartley Act's whittling away of workers' right to organize and bargain collectively through unions of their own choosing became a chopping block operation with the appointment by President Eisenhower and confirmation by the Senate of pro-employer members of the National Labor Relations Board.

Taft - Hartley amendments? not brought to the floor for under the Taft-Hartley Act. action.

Meanwhile, however, President Eisenhower's appointees to the Hartley Act to the serious dis-Eisenhower's appointees to the NLRB have been busy doing administratively what Congress had not done legislatively — turning even more of the law's weight against wage-earners.

Hartley Act to the serious disadvantage of labor, Peterson concurred in five, dissented only twice. Abe Murdock, the other Truman appointee, dissented on five of these seven.

charges by transferring owner-ship;

Approving employers' lock-outs when one member of an five of these seven. against wage-earners.

Chairman Guy Farmer, for excies and precedents were open for re-examination and change. EVEN PRETENSE GONE

agreed with Farmer.

partiality in the NLRB when he SEVEN DIRTY DIGS nominated Albert C. Beeson, a In addition to this new cap-for economic benefits. West Coast personnel director, tive-audience rule, here are seven Stripping millions of workers to be NLRB member, until Dec-other recent NLRB shifts to new . of protection in exercise of ember 16, 1954.

ings it was brought out that (1) Beeson intended to serve while on leave from his employer, the Food Machinery and Chemical ? Approving employer question- Barring death or resignation, the opinion of Democratic members of the Senate Labor ments, and (3) that he was ployer philosophy and attitude. The Senate on February 17, firm the Beeson nomination.

Ivar H. Peterson, who had been the UAW - CIO Agricultural

# Explosive Issue

Senate debate, had gone to Worker went to press.

Furthermore, the final bill conall his life. Michael Lacey has tained the Ferguson Amendment which legalizes the President's The entire Executive Board University of Michigan, and sion to sign a contract with the served as honorary pall bear- Joseph, 25, a graduate of the Dixon-Yates utility combine to supply power to TVA at a cost of as a monthly. some \$5½ million a year more than TVA could produce the power for itself.

This is the now well-known ex-UAW-CIO issued the following statement on Lacey's death:

DENVER — Members of the which the President endorsed as an attack upon what he has CHARLES BALLARD

Vice-Presidents

Which the President endorsed as an attack upon what he has CHARLES BALLARD

HARVEY

of the labor movement. His Objectives of the drives are The 13-day fight of the liberal P. J. CIAMPA one together.

proposed by the president appointed by President Truman, hydrogen bomb. "The hydrobut criticized by unions were worked around in decision after gen bomb comes in three blocked when they were re- decision to agreement with Farm- sizes," said Dillon. "Large, committed in the Senate er, Rodgers and Beeson in clip- larger, and where is everywhile in the House they were ping the rights labor had left body?"

In seven key decisions which,

The big break started Decemample, announced all NLRB poli-ber 21, 1953, when NLRB reversed the Bonwit-Teller doctrine under which the NLRB had held group of employees engaged in that, if an employer pumped an-Philip Ray Rodgers, former ti-union propaganda into his emclerk of the Senate Labor and ployees' ears and eyes on com-Public Welfare Committee in the pany premises and time, the Republican 80th Congress and union should be given equal time he would litigate for years now a member of the Board, and facilities. The new Eisn- against certification if a union hower NLRB said that the em- won the election, that the work-

anti-labor positions:

"cooling off" period in some plication of the law in wide areas cases, thereby further weakening of employment in or affecting inthe right to strike;

about union membership;

Biggest Bang

WASHINGTON-The CIO's representative in the Federal Civilian Defense Administration. John Dillon, addressed a union meeting and discussed the enormous power of a

Inviting employers to duck by interpretation, amend the Taft- out from under unfair labor

struck;

Approving financial contributions by an employer to a opposing union organization of a

Approving pre-election statements by an employer that On January 7, 1954, Eisenhower ployer need not provide equal tive bargaining he wouldn't give place any employees who struck

the right to organize and bargain In long Congressional hear- Requiring more than 60 days collectively by ruling against apterstate commerce.

Corporation, (2) that he had in ing of individual workers a majority of NLRB will be Republican until December 16, 1957.

## Committee deseived and misled the Committee with false statethoroughly, though perhaps unconsciously, steeped in pro-em- UAW-Deere Pension Plan

Increased Social Security payments will have no bear-1954, voted, 45 to 42 to con- ing in the future on pensions paid UAW-CIO members by Deere & Co., Pat Greathouse, director of Region 4 and of

Implement Department, re- for all years up to 25:

More than 12 months' continu- total earnings times the numous negotiations on the pension ber of years service beyond 25 plan covering 15,000 members of years of service. UAW in eight plants located in A worker with 30 years service Illinois and Iowa, have resulted and average earnings of \$400 in separating the Deere-UAW monthly over a 10-year period Pension Plan from Social Security before retirement can receive a payments.

when the August Auto average wage which an employee a \$50.00 pension. has received each month over A worker with as high as 22

ported this month. 3. Plus 1½ per cent of his

Company-paid pension of \$92.50 — The Deere-UAW Pension Plan under this formula, Director Atomic Energy Bill, consider- which has been in effect for a Greathouse pointed out. With ably improved by amend-number of years has been an average monthly earnings of ments added in the 13-day integrated plan including Social \$300, such a worker would be Security payments. The new entitled to a \$60.00 pension, and plan, as amended, calls for a with average monthly earnings House - Senate conference formula which determines the of \$250, he would be entitled to

The bill which Congress en-his last 10 years prior to the years service and average earnacted and the President signed date of retirement. | ings of \$300 monthly would, was, in net effect, worse than be- 1 Half of 1 per cent of this under the old Plan, have received fore the Senate worked it over. average wage per month times only 50c a month from the While some good amendments the years of service with a Company after deduction of his were retained in the final bill, minimum of 10 years, and a new Social Security. The new their value was nullified by the maximum of 25 years for all plan will guarantee him \$33.00 wrecking job done by the con- income up to \$350 per month; monthly in addition to Social ferees on the basic Senate amend- 2. Plus an additional 1½ per | Security. Minimum pension at ment, that which authorized pro- cent for all monies over \$350 age 65 after 10 years of service have a finer monument than duction of atomic power in gov- per month which he has made | can in no case be less than \$15.

### men and women with whom yardstick to hold private com- UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKER

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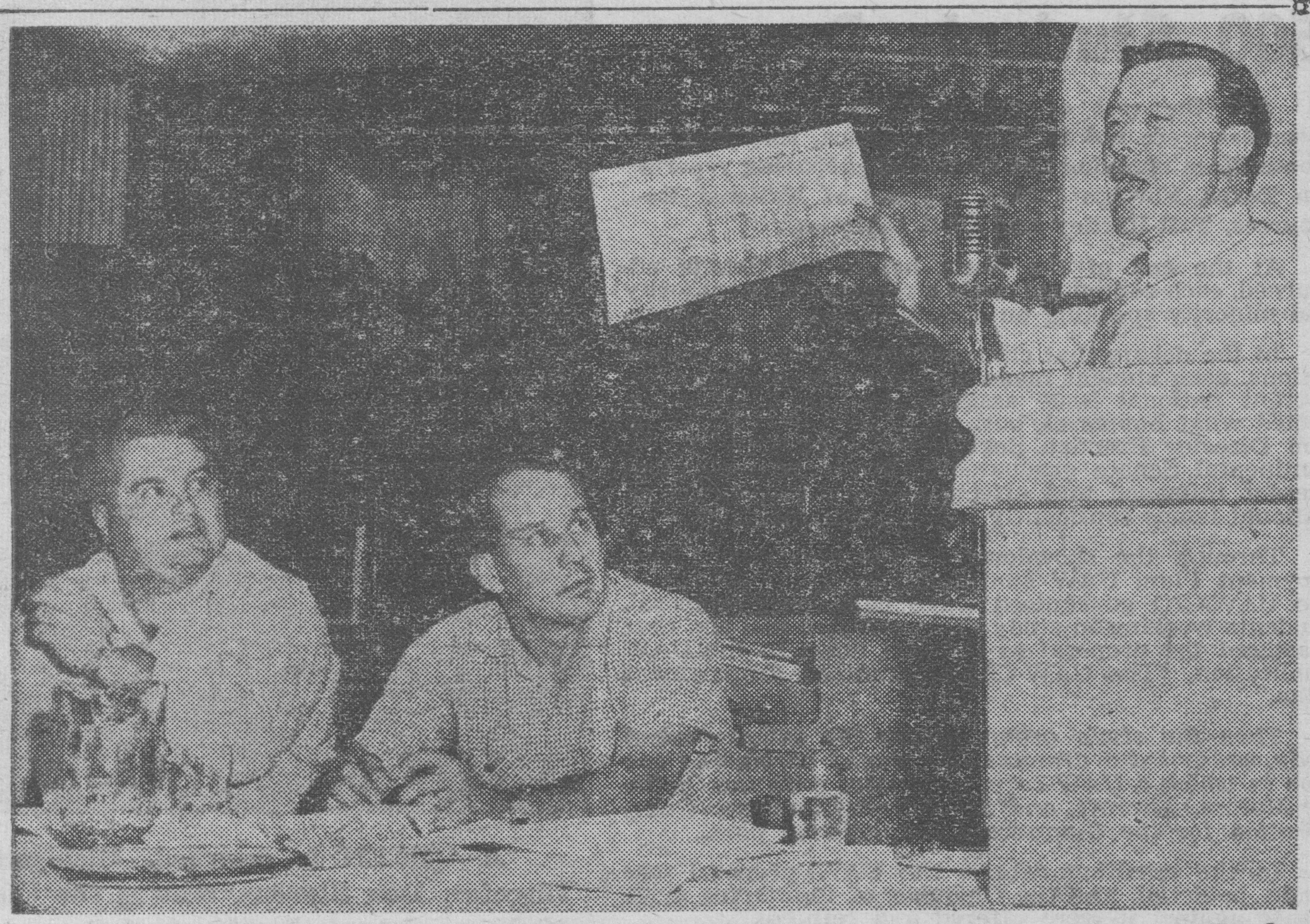
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# Big Layoffs Cancel Out Current Callbacks; Unemployment Still Nation's Biggest Problem





WHEN STOCKS and unemployment rise simultaneously something is out of whack with the way America approaches its economic problems, UAW President Walter P. Reuther tells delegates to the Chrysler Conference. Also pictured: Jesse Cundiff, left, president of Local 7, and Art Hughes, co-assistant director of the UAW Chrysler Department.

# Chrysler Conference Delegates Prepare for '55 Model Contract

Chrysler Corporation can't build a brighter future by turning back the clock on its labor relations, delegates pointed out at the UAW-CIO National Chrysler Conference held in Detroit recently.

The Conference, devoted primarly to an examination of ration still thinks it can sub-1955 contract demands, produced a blast at the Corporation's policies unanimously backed by the veteran delegates

who know Chrysler well and aby delegates from Automo-Mazey, director of the Chrysler tive Body Division (formerly Automotive Body Division, as-

Briggs) locals.

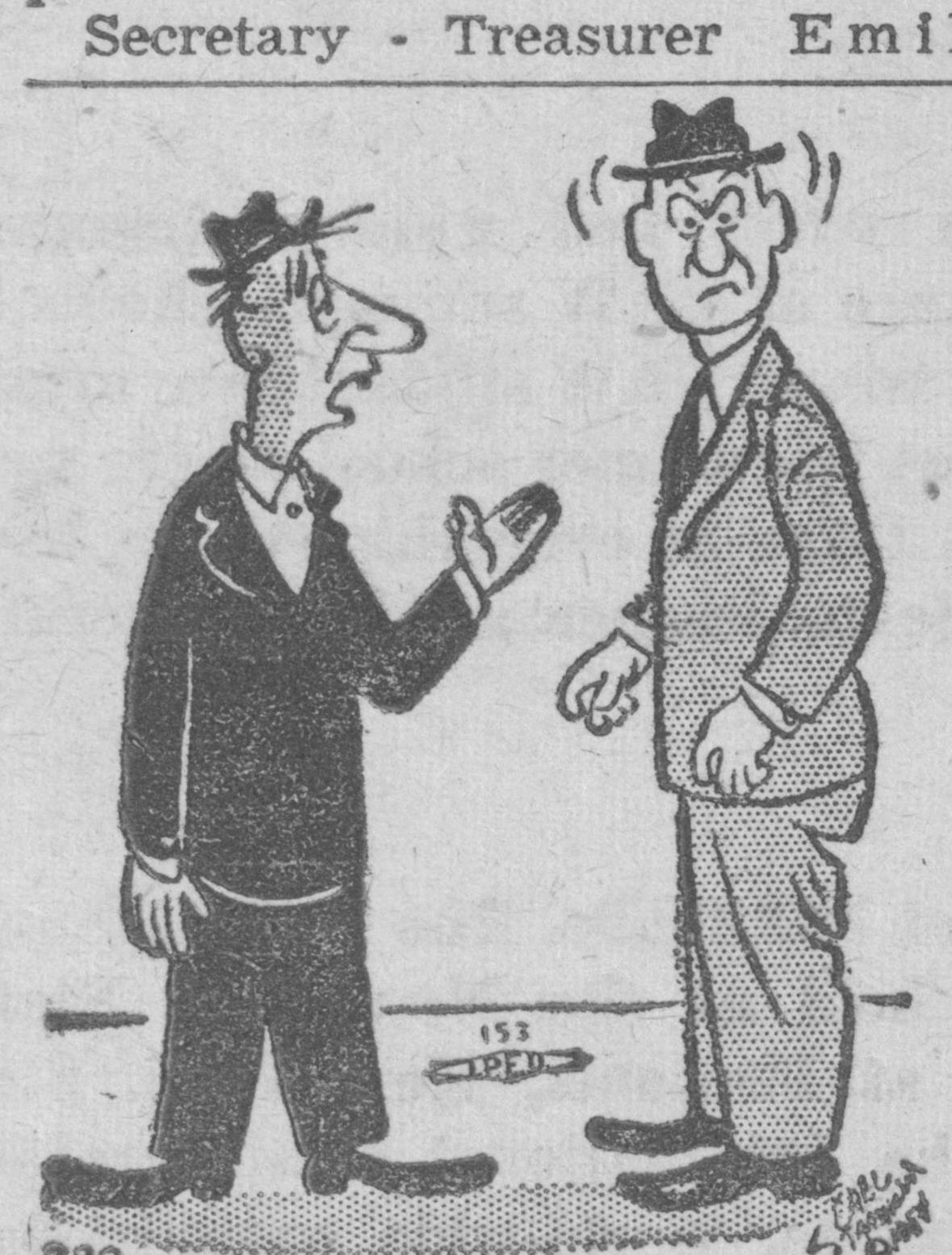
in recognizing its bad compe- SQUEEZE PLAY make the mistake of blaming fight speed-up and to fight to its plight on workers," a resolution pointed out. PLAN SPEED UP

their intentions in preparation for that speed-ups are not put into the 1955 models scheduled to be effect. gin production in October, that they intend to reduce costs on production lines, and to disregard willing to mobilize its full previous production agreements, strength in this fight." thereby preparing to embark upon a program of squeezing more out of the workers' hides for each hour the worker puts in the

The resolution stressed that the Corporation is attempting "to weaken the very structure and heart of the Union in each Chrysler plant," by cracking down on stewards, committeemen and workers.

and its locals, the resolution ing workers" in an automatic paganda.

pointed out.



"Why should I pay union dues when I can work for nothing?

sured delegates that the UAW-"The Chrysler Corporation, CIO will not give up past gains.

maintain the better working conditions that we have won," he said. "We will work with you "They have boldly indicated the Corporation to make certain

"The International Union is

Region 1 Co-Director Norman gates that Chrysler Corporapetition with each other. The Corporation says quite openly that it intends to give awards for parts and other work to the division making them the

speed up.

Secretary - Treasurer Emil REUTHER RAPS BLINDNESS' free nation," he said, "are not UAW-CIO President Walter P. Reuther rapped Chrysler Cor- national solvency but rather poration for devoting all its ef- with the compelling problem of forts to regaining its percentage national survival. understand the need for expand- freedom are threatened by both price of freedom is high." ing the entire market. He char-total atomic wars and by localged that 60 to 80 per cent of the ized conventional wars, we must shut down for "model change of necessity be equipped and Ford Strike Ends; over' for 1955 was just stalling prepared to meet both these Worker Reinstated

> UAW Vice President John W. | the theory that we need to be Livingston pointed out that this fall, he said.

Apparently Chrysler Corpostitute advertising agency motive Division (formerly lit is in the auto industry. Briggs) plants.

The corporation distributed a series of slick anti-union

voted for the Union while 308 | what the paper found: voted against it. The score in the Technical Division: 39 for the Union to 13 against.

Republican administration leaders in Washing ton, with eyes cocked toward the date of November 3 on their calendars, this month renewed their chang of "All is Well."

The strange reason behind this month's rash of optimism: "Unemployment didn't get any worse, or at least it didn't keep on getting bad as fast as it has been."

Although unemployment? did remain about the same in insurance policies or dip-August, the nation's econo- ping into their savings acmic sky was still spattered all counts. Rising withdrawals over with ominous clouds of saved-up cash are caussomewhat bigger than a ing increasing concerm man's hand.

### UNEMPLOYMENT HIGH

Unemployment in August was still twice that of a year ago. The number of unem- One New York savings ployed was said to be "hard- bank official told the Journal. ening" at about 3,245,000, or We've had 5,000 depositors about 5 per cent of the labor close out their accounts so force, according to the far this year. That's twice as figures of the Departments of many as in all of 1953." A Labor and Commerce. Their life insurance executive said: report also pointed out that "Since the first of the year 1,500,000 nonfarm workers we've had to increase by 20 put in less than 35 hours a per cent the size of our staff week, and that another mil-handling policy loans and lion with regular part-time surrenders of policies." jobs wanted full-time employ- In the automobile picture,

The U.S. Savings and Loan League, which rarely, if ever, shares labor's viewpoint on anything predicted: ". . a sidewise to moderately downward drift in the general level of business activity during the remainder of the year." Thus the prophets of "gloom and doom" got another recruit.

Around the first of the workers. year U.S. Steel President Ben Fairless predicted that Moody Memorial steel production would soon Committee Includes rise to 90 per cent of capacity. It hasn't. Right now, Reuther, Stevenson hokum for decent labor rela- the steel industry is produc- Formation of a memorial come

### SAVINGS GOING FAST

The Wall Street Journal, Mennen Williams.

"An increasing number of Americans are cashing in savings bonds and life

among bankers and life insurance officials here in the nation's financial capital (New York)."

Chrysler workers this month were beginning to be recalled while Ford and GM workers were beginning to be hit by. "model change" layoffs. As reported last month, the Ford layoffs were expected to reach 25 per cent of the work force. At General Motors, layoffs averaging two weeks were hitting Chevrolet. Pontiac and Fisher Division

tions. That didn't work in the ling at less than 64 per cent, mittee in tribute to the late sens recent NLRB election held for and unemployment is an even ator Blair Moody was announced office workers at 11 Auto- bigger problem in steel than last month by John E. Murphy named chairman of the commit tee by Michigan Governor G

titive position, has begun to "Our Union is determined to leastlets containing the same running the risk of being pro- Labor representatives on the advertising agency gimmicks claimed guilty of "crooked committee include Walter Pa used to sell soap and bologna. | fence economic politics" by Reuther, UAW and CIO presis The UAW-CIO countered with President Eisenhower, on dent; August Scholle, Michigan a straight trade union mes. August 27 ran a story on CIO president; Finlay C. Allan, sage. what's happening to savings Beirne, CIO Communications The vote: 386 office workers and insurance policies. Here's Workers president; UAW regional directors Robert A. Carter Edward Cote, Norman Matthews, William McAulay, Joseph Mc Cusker, and Leonard Woodcock.

> George Meany, AFL president; Billie S. Farnum; Alex Fuller, Wayne CIO executive vice-president; Frank X. Martel, Detroit tary-treasurer: Mike Novaka | Workers president; Roy Reuther, |UAW-CIO PAC Coordinator: John Schreier, AFL regional director; and C. A. Stanislaw, Railroad Brotherhoods.

cratic presidential candidate im "We need to have the courage 1952, is also a member.

of the market and failing to "In a period where peace and dangerous and unrealistic. The obligations of the recent senatorial campaign, set up scholarships for needy and deserving students, and compile a complete record of the life and works of Blair Moody.

Chrysler, like most Corpora other conference this Fall to jell stated a discharged UAW-CIO ber Workers have signed new tions, was relying on an anti- demands for 1955. | member and agreed to adjust- wage agreements with four comlabor attitude in Washington | Chrysler Corporation may hope ments in production standards panies which follow the 6- to 9as a help in negotiations. You to undermine the gains made by and in some disciplinary actions, cent an hour pay boost pattern, can make the negotiations in the UAW-CIO. Workers, dele- That removed the principal is- URW President L. S. Buck-1955 a little easier by doing a gates asserted, are determined to sues in an 8-week-old strike of master has announced. The come good job on the political front force Chrysler to march forward 2,100 workers at the Lincoln panies are Baldwin Rubber, Seialong with other members of in-Mercury Plant here. Local 325 berling Rubber Co., Richardson Delegates from the UAW-Chry-dustry whose workers are cov-ratified the strike settlement as Co., and Mohawk Tire and Rub-

# Matthews, director of the Chrysler Department, warned dele- Battleships Don't Come tion's latest "gimmick" is a plan to place workers in complan to place workers in comBargain Basements | and Wayne county AFL president; Emil Mazey, UAW secretary-treasurer: Mike Novak.

WASHINGTON—Adequate defense cannot be bought Wayne CIO president; Jacob Poin a "bargain basement," CIO President Walter P. Reuther tofsky, Amalgamated Clothing warned the American Legion convention.

At the same time, he called for 12-

"We, as a free people in a

blame labor for that, he asserted. "TO FALSELY economize on ST. LOUS, Missouri—Late this Get Wage Bounce

sler Local Unions will hold an-ered by UAW-CIO contracts. The Auto Worker went to press. ber Co.

nen and workers.

Every effort to build 1955 cars | cheapest.

Matthews asserted that "We ing standards, freedom and social wars will give strategic areas of with 1935 labor standards will are not going to stand for that and economic justice to turn back the world to the Communists by be met head on by the UAW-CIO experience . . . of workers fight- the challenge of Communist pro- default and will encourage more Williams is honorary chairand more a repetition of what man. Adlai E. Stevenson, Demohappened in Indo-China.

> confronted with the problem of and the good sense to take the The committee will collect price tag off our defense efforts. funds to provide for the educa-Fitting our defense to a pre-tion of the late senator's minor determined budgetary decision is children, discharge the financial

month the Ford Motor Co. rein- AKRON (PAI)—The CIO Rub-



# 54 Summer Schools

27 Weeks Long. 6,600 Feet High.

3,000 Miles Wide — 3,500 Students Deep

During a recent visit to Solidarity House in Detroit, the Dutch Minister of Labor asked UAW Education Director, Brendan Sexton, what are the scope and range of the UAW Summer School program? "Are there any statistics,?" he inquired, "that indicate its extent?"

"Statistics," replied Sexton, "there are statistics.."
The 1954 Summer Schools included 27 one week sessions from the 13th of June to the 26th of September. They reached east and west across the country from Connecticut to California and in the north-south direction from Canada to North Carolina.

In altitude they got 6,600 feet up at the school held near the top of Mount Mitchell in North Carolina. More than 3,500 students attended 16 separate schools from 607 UAW local unions.

The most popular class was collective bargaining which was the chosen subject of more than a third of the students. In approximate tie for second place were three classes, union administration, time study and educational leadership.

Other classes taught were union counseling, journalism, publicity, labor history, recreation methods, organizational methods and activities for retired workers, public speaking, fair practices, labor law and teaching methods.

Unstatistically, what set the 1954 season apart from the preceding summer school seasons were two activities, the Mock Congress and the Guaranteed Employment Plan showdown. In the Mock Congress program, each student at the summer school became a United States Senator the moment he arrived.

The school, once it convened, became the U.S. Senate, and the first order of business was to hear a report on the State of the Nation from the President of the United States (usually the Director of the Region).

For the rest of the week, in the time the Senators were not in their workshops, they met as committees studying the facts and preparing reports on Taxes, Foreign Policy, the use of National Resources, Taft-Hartley and Civil Liberties.

At the end of the week, before the Senate adjourned, each committee made a report, with a majority and minority speaking on opposite sides of each issue.

In the debate that climaxed the Senatorial presentations, each student made a public speech on the important national issue assigned to him. No one expected what happened, but, according to UAW Education Director Brendan Sexton, the first UAW Transcontinental Senate graduated 3,500 speakers who can present informed and effective public statements on national issues confidently before large meetings.

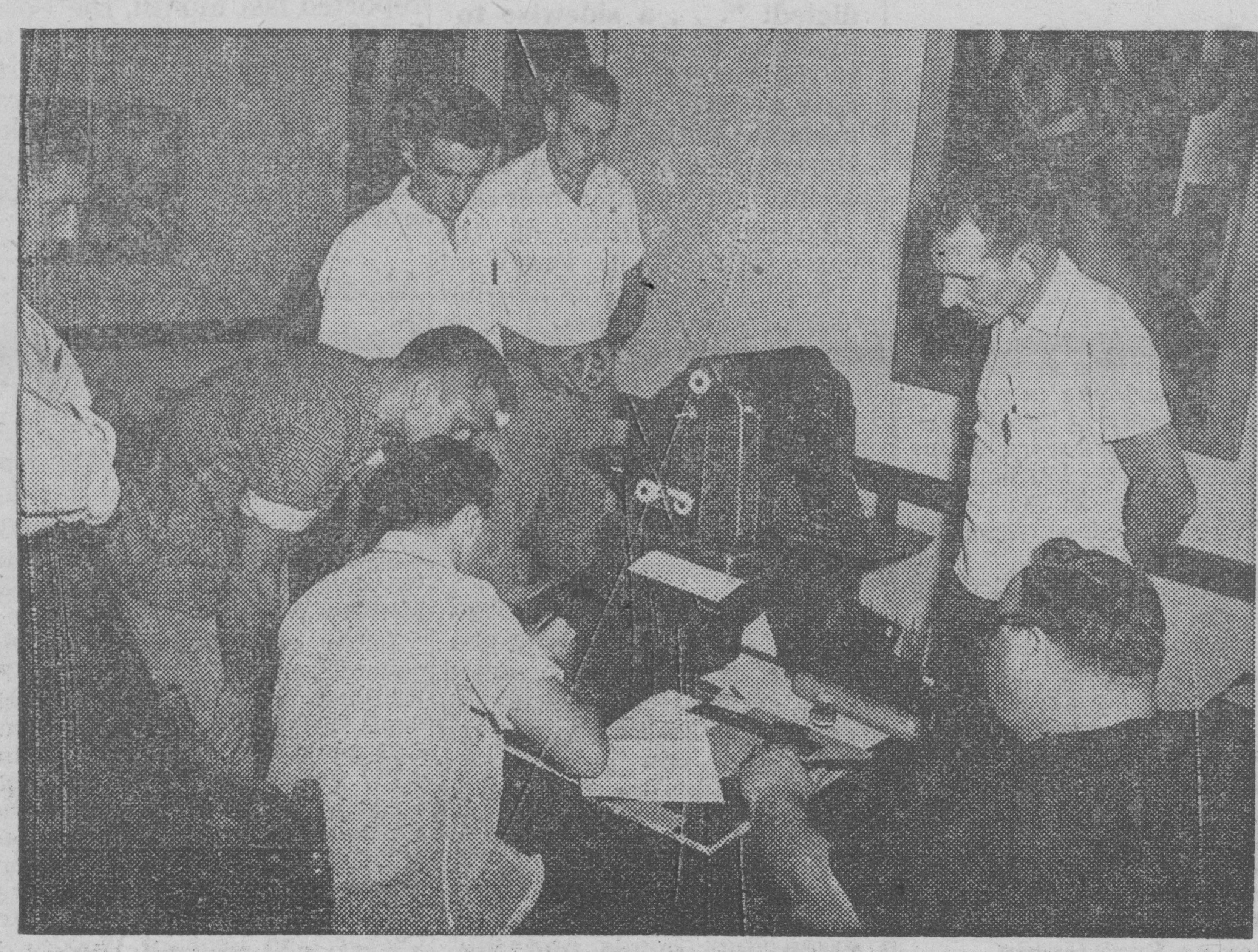
Through the showdown on the Guaranteed Employment Plan, UAW students learned the details of the UAW-CIO guaranteed wage bargaining proposal. Students working in study groups of five and six, first mastered the proposal as it is set down in the UAW publication, "The UAW-CIO Guaranteed Employment Plan."

Then the study group, before the entire student body, presented a dramatically staged bargaining session in which a UAW team negotiated with the Gigantic Motors, Aircraft, and Agricultural Implement Corporation for the Guaranteed Employment plan.

In the resulting debate, the UAW proposal was made, in detail, and the Chamber of Commerce arguments against it were offered and refuted.

For 17 years, reports UAW Education Director Brendan Sexton, the UAW education program has helped give muscle and bone to the UAW program. This year, more than ever, the union education activity is again strengthening the union's drive for its human

A QUEEN is crowned. Michigan CIO Educate Director, Don Stevens, crowns the Queen at the U. Michigan School. Partisans of the UAW queen electric in a camp-wide competition by raising the money in her name for union education programs in derdeveloped countries to be sponsored by the Intertional Confederation of Free Trade Unions.



SCOOP in Ohio. Press and publicity class at the Southern Ohio Summer School learns how to edit a newspaper. The stencil-up assignments included getting the news, writing it, cutting it onto stencils, running it off and then handing the papers out.



ABOVE—Another jurisdiction. The Sheriff of the Michigan Summer School (which consisted of six one week sessions) examines a poster describing international labor programs. Each UAW Summer School conducted discussions on World Affairs and listened to debates between United Nations and Isolationist teams.

LEFT—Union wives and widows. Increasingly popular feature of UAW summer schools is a school for union wives. UAW students are urged to bring their wives to summer school where special courses await them in everything from how to be a union wife to leather and copper craft.

RIGHT—Quiet bull fiddle. The Buffalo Summer School was held at the New York State Teachers College at Fredonia, New York. Students discussed the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, world-wide organization of democratic anti-Communist unions.



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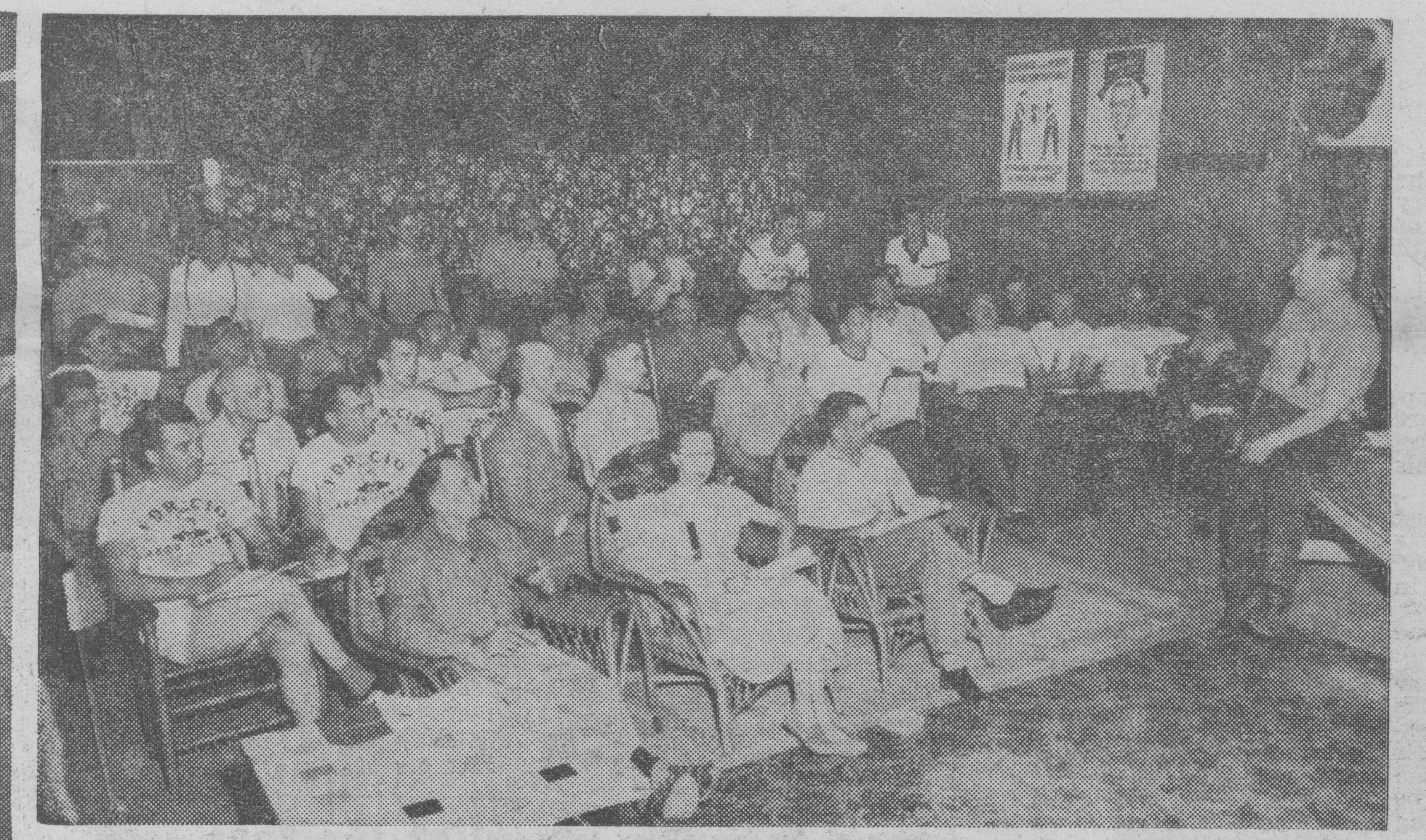
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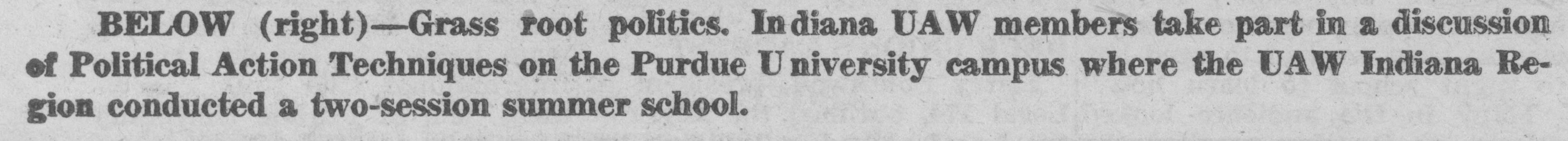
FIRE at night. Students at the UAW-CIO School at the Pottstown Community Camp (owned by UAW locals in Pottstown, Pennsylvania) sing union songs around a bonfire. Other recreational activities included Talent Show by the students, one week baseball league race and a volley ball tournament. Regional Director, Martin Gerber (center) captained the victorious Civil Liberties ball team. As in other UAW Summer Schools, recreation events were held each day.



GRADUATION EXERCISES. UAW President Walter Reuther studies his speech notes while Regional Director, Ray Ross, speaks to the students who attended the southern Ohio Summer School at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Also pictured: Eugene Souders, Region 2A Education representative, and Caroline Davis, director of the Women's Department.



CANADIAN invasion. Canadian UAW members conducted a peaceful invasion of the United States to hold their summer school at the FDR-CIO Labor Center at Port Huron, Michigan.





OTTAWA UNION CENTER — Illinois and Iowa UAW members conducted two one-week Summer Schools at the permanent UAW Union Center at Ottawa, Illinois. CIO educational activities proceed year-round at the Union Center, a hospital which was purchased by UAW locals in Illinois and Iowa and converted into a year-round center for schools, institutes and conferences.





# Public Pressure Brings Increases In Social Security

The postman rang more than once in Congress. When Republican leaders started acting friendly to the Chamber of Commerce plan to sabotage Social Security protest letters flowed in by the thousands from the folks back home.

This being an election year, Congress abruptly reversed its field. The law makers began making an earnest bid for fan mail instead of complaints. Instead of wrecking the old law, they improved it.

The changes fall far short of the goals set by the CIO and many liberal Democrats. But they are still a victory for people. The new payment schedule goes into effect this month. Primary benefits are increased from \$5 to \$13.50 monthly.

### TIMED FOR EFFECT ON VOTE

The vote-conscious members of Congress have the law arranged so the increases will first appear in October checks . . . just before the election. Retired UAW-CIO members will get the increases automatically if they are covered by pension plans which are not geared to Social Security. That includes most retired UAW members.

For workers already retired, their wives over 65, and those receiving survivors benefits, the increases will be paid automatically. No application is necessary. For most UAW-CIO retired members—those covered under pension plans not tied in with Social Security—the increases will be on top of present pensions and Social Security benefits.

UAW-CIO Secretary Treasurer Emil Mazey pointed out in a letter to retired workers this month that pension plans will have to be revised if the improved Social Security means a saving for the employer instead of more money for retired workers.

Nearly all of these contracts are open in 1955.

An analysis of the changes in Social Security, prepared by the UAW-CIO Social Security Department, shows how retired and retiring workers' primary benefit amounts (the check from the government — not the check from the UAW-CIO-Company pension fund) will be increased. Some samples:

old Benefit	New Benefit
\$59.40 or less	\$5.00 higher
64.40	71.10
68.90	77.10
73.10	82.70
77.10	88.50
82.00	94.50
84.00	97.10
85.00 (maximum)	98.50

increased in accordance with the new higher workers' primary benefit. For example, the old maximum for a retired couple of gamated) dedicated its new \$325,000 union home. \$127.50 will increase to \$147.80 and the maximum for a widow with two children under 18 will go from \$168.90 to \$197.10.

The amendments increase the possible new maximum primary seeing the fulfillment of a eight people show up at two meet-benefit for some higher income retired workers to \$108.50, but this new top amount will not be payable to workers retiring before dream "on a wedding anni- ings, and four of those were stool mid-1956.

"DROP-OUT" OF LOW EARNINGS YEARS — A new "drop- on such times, May Reuther sey-Hayes, and we've come a long out" feature of the law permits the dropping out of up to five years cried. of low or no earnings in the computation of average wages, making it possible to have a higher average and thus a higher benefit. This feature is mainly intended for persons retiring in future.

January, 1955, the old "work clause" limiting earnings of a CIO, told the gathering how their Social Security beneficiary to \$75.00 monthly has been liberalized married life was tied in with the to permit outside earnings up to a cumulative amount of \$1200 in Union. They were married in the a year before Social Security is affected. Also, starting next year, old Local 174 hall. all earnings restrictions are removed for workers at age 72 instead of the present age 75.

"FREEZE" OF STATUS IN CASE OF DISABILITY—The new law provides for a "freeze" of a worker's Social Security status during a period in which he is totally disabled. This provision, excluding the disability period in the determination of the worker's eligibility and benefit amount, may benefit workers now disabled for periods as far back as 1941. However, applications cannot be "Local 174 was started 18 years made before January 1, 1955, and detailed regulations covering ago when five local unions were procedures have not yet been issued:

TAX RATE\_The Social Security tax rate remains two per cent recalled. "Among them, they had on employer and two per cent on employee, but the tax base will all of 78 members. I borrowed increase from the present \$3,600 to \$4,200 starting January 1, 1955. \$300 so we could open our first "Into this building you will

A more comprehensive bulletin, discussing and explaining the headquarters. My good wife, bring the old spirit of Local 174," In Clo Tourney amendments, is being prepared.

### Pressed Metals Not So Pressed Workers Prove

pressed after all.

company threatened the workers with liquidating the plant unless; Local 689 agreed to give the contract a drastic overhauling. Their whining and caterwaulling brought a lot of newspaper headlines, but it failed to frighten Pressed Metal workers.

Besides the outrageous demands for wholesale wage reductions, the Company also insisted on contract changes which had no bearing on economic issues. Local 689 refused to listen to nonsense, but, when the Company backed up, agreed to listen to reason.

Region 1D Director Leonard Woodcock announced this month that Local 689 has agreed to some contract alterations. Piecework rates have been adjusted, some upward and some—where out of line with competitors—downward.

There were no wholesale wage cuts, and the contract was not scrapped



it was a heavy turnout of voters to night school to learn how." Harry Southwell, president of International CIO Golf Tournaof America, Inc., wasn't so hard District Attorney of Harris early days of the local. County here is investigating a BIRTH OF A UNION



THE FAMED Local 174 mural, painted by WPA artists, has been moved to the Local's new hall. It served as a backdrop as the first president of the Local, Walter P. Reuther, congratulates the present president, Harry Southwell. Pictured, 1. to r., are: Region 1A Co-Director Joseph McCusker, a former Local 174 president, Southwell, UAW President Reuther, Roland Garland, Local 174 financial secretary, and Region 1A Co-Director Edward Cote.

# UAW's Past Comes to Life Again As Local 174 Dedicates New Hall

The brothers and sisters who have been a part of the local unions. It now has 26,000 UAW-CIO since its beginnings relived the past for a night members in 92 shops. The benefit amounts of wives over 65 and survivors will be this month as Detroit's famed West Side Local 174 (Amal-

For May and Walter?

The tears came as her husband. "WORK CLAUSE" - Beginning now president of the UAW and

> Reuther organized the Local and was its first president. His bride-to-be was his first secretary—unpaid. His brother, Victor, was a member and organ-

amalgamated into one," Reuther May, was our typist then. We Reuther concluded, "and you will didn't have any money to pay go on to greater achievements." her. Her typing with one finger HOUSTON (PAI) - They said was so slow we had to send her ONCE UNION'S LARGEST

PORT HURON, Michigan—It's governor in Texas but nobody solemn as Reuther recalled the Local played in building the here this month with a gross Just possible that Pressed Metals knew just how heavy it was. The anxious, hectic, violence-ridden UAW. It once was the Union's score of 614.

Reuther the occasion was like Wheel, we had a grand total of versary," and, as women do pigeons. But we organized Kelfor a wage of 62 cents an hour."

> The Local had many historic battles including the bloody strikes at Federal Screw, American Brass, Wolverine Tube. the program. Men and women who had lived through those struggles nodded agreement as Reuther to fight that way—but because we were forced into them. What we wanted to do was sit down at the bargaining table Flint Golfers and settle the issues in a civilized way.

in the recent runoff election for Many in the audience looked Local 174, outlined the key role ment held at Purdue University largest with 46,000 members. For weeks spokesmen for the of the registered voters voted. | izing drive at Kelsey-Hayes now become large autonomous

Scores of "alumni" have moved on to key posts in labor and government, he pointed out. Some of these "alumni" also spoke including Region 1A Co-Director Edward Cote, a former West Side Local president, and Wayne County Circuit Judge George Edwards, a charter member.

Region 1A Co-Director Joseph McCusker and Michigan Governor G. Mennen Williams rounded out

The building, a one-story thoroughly modern edifice with ample parking facilities, shows the Lopointed out, "We fought those | cal's confidence in its future. battles—not because we wanted the audient many moist eyes in called its glorious past.

# Take 3 Titles

LAFAYETTE, Indiana—UAW-|CIO Local 599, Flint, took top Iteam honors in the 6th Annual

Runners-up for team honors Some of the units, like Ford, were Local 91 (Cleveland) with precinct in which 115 per cent "When we launched our organ- Cadillac and Kelsey-Hayes have 631, and Locals 174 and 600 (Detroit) tied for third at 632. Local 600 won the toss.

Local 599 also came through with a winner in the men's championship flight. Vic Jeffries won with a gross score of 147, closely followed by former champ Mike Garbacz (Local 5, South Bend) with a 148 gross.

Gross winner in the women's division was Bea Wilber of Local 651, Flint, who scored 189.

Although the 1954 total of 375 participants did not surpass the previous record for CIO golf tourneys, it did equal the record established in 1953.

### Die Casters Meeting

The National UAW-CIO Die Casting Council was to meet here September 25 and 26, as the Auto Worker went to press.



IT'S COUNTY FAIR TIME, and all over America farmers are learning more about workers at booths like this mobile unit in UAW-CIO Region 3. At this stop in Huntington, Indiana, local union delegates give the unit an inspection and enthusiastic endorsement.

# Goldplated Panhandlers Get Diamond Dividend; Aircraft Stocks Increase 83 per cent in Value

The aircraft industry, long known as a "gold-plated" panhandler" because of its marked ability to live so extraordinarily well off American taxpayers, has found the dividends from its own political action campaign are tremendous.

Vice-President John W. Livingston, Director of the UAW-CIO Aircraft Department, said that recently released government figures showed how "big business's victory at the polls in 1952 has really paid off for the aircraft industrialists, while the economic position of aircraft workers has improved but little."

"The net income of fifteen major aircraft companies has increased 60 per cent in the first half of 1954," Livingston said, "while sales increased only 3 per cent.

"The aircraft industry provides us with the clearest possible illustration of the complete futility of the 'trickledown' theory of the present Washington administration. The huge benefits thrust upon the industry by government have been short-stopped by its owners. There has been no significant increase in employment, nor in purchasing power of the workers," Livingston said.

Livingston called the increase in the value of sixteen leading aircraft common stocks "fantastic." They have averaged an 83 per cent gain from May, 1953, to mid-August of this year. If one share had been bought in each company on May 7, 1953, the purchaser would have received dividends paid during the fifteen months—and his stock would ohio CIO School now be worth \$271.88 more than he paid—or a profit of 70 per cent. (see table)

"With most UAW-CIO contracts with the aircraft industry expiring during a three month period beginning the middle of this month," Livingston said, "the two-front nature of our fight is clear. We cannot hope to make substantial progress on the collective bargaining front unless the political climate in Washington is changed. Both the UAW-CIO and IAM-AFL, which represent nearly all of the nation's aircraft workers, recognize this fact and are preparing themselves for all-out political action."

After November Livingston said, "it may be that there will be people in Congress who will listen to the workers. cluded CIO specialists from strikers and their friends have been strikers and their friends have been strikers. We are going to step up our activities in Washington. The Columbus, New York and Wash- come out to their sidewalks to home of everybody. There are unjust special treatment accorded the aircraft companies, ington, aided by college instruct hiss and boo a few shame-faced which dine each day at the taxpayers' table, will be exposed tors from Ohio University and scabs — the villains in the 6to the people of the nation."

Haas Honored

Grand Rapids.

By Scholarships

For Five Students

Five University of Detroit stu-

dents received scholarships from

the UAW-CIO in memory of the

late Bishop Francis J. Haas of

their high scholastic records,

their need for financial assist-

ance, and their interest in the

principles of human relations

UAW President Walter Reu-

ther said, in announcing the

scholarships: "Those of us who

had the privilege of knowing and

working with Bishop Haas will

long remember his kindness,

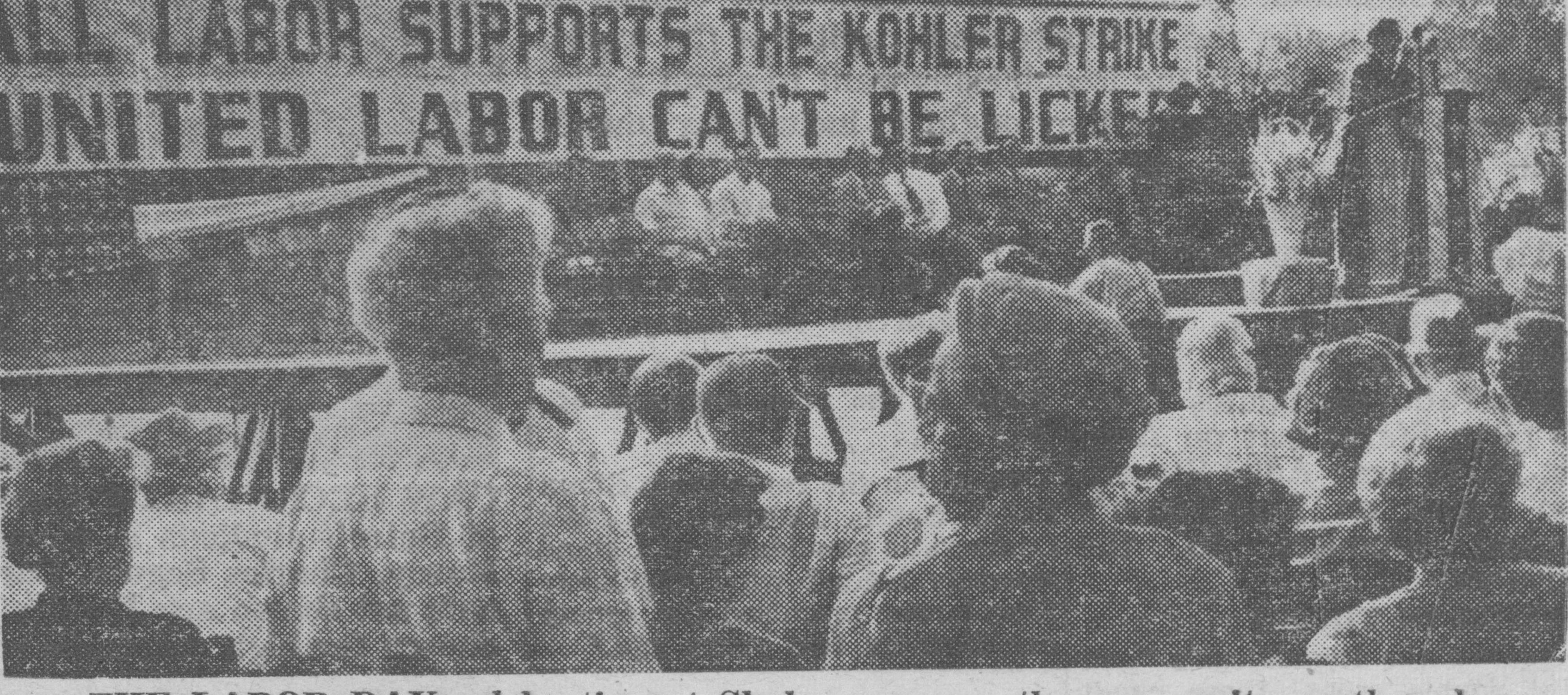
courage and unselfish devotion

to the cause of social justice and

held by the late Bishop.

human brotherhood."

The recipients were chosen for



THE LABOR DAY celebration at Sheboygan gave the community another chance to show its support of the Kohler strike. The main speakers were Brendan Sexton, the UAW-CIO's Education director, and Jack Friedrich, secretary of the Milwaukee Federated Trades Council-AFL. Friedrich organized the Kohler workers local that Kohler Co. broke up with tear gas and bullets in 1934.

# Graduates 196

UAW members were a part of the 196 CIO members who graduated August 27 from the weeklong 9th Annual Ohio CIO Counversity here. Each union student toric battle for union recognition. completed four courses which Stake in World Affairs."

the University of Chicago.

# Gommuny of anemovean ATHENS, Ohio — Some 25 TUINS ON KONET SCADS

SHEBOYGAN, Wisconsin-After 20 years it is now an honor to be called a "striker" in a town where armed cil Summer School at Ohio Uni thugs were hired to murder workers in 1934 during a his-

Veterans of the '34 strike' ranged from "How to Operate recall that strikers were once a Mimeograph" to "Labor's ostracized but today the tables are turned.

month-old strike of Local 833, UAW-CIO, against one of Ameri- press declares the strike to be ca's last untamed employers.

reached their peak last month when police drove a paddy wagon linto one area and indiscriminately picked up 11 "suspects" for "unlawful assembly."

### JURY ACTS QUICKLY

A dramatic jury trial followed. out to be Union sympathizers from other shops.

The Union's attorney, David Kabinovitz, in a moving, 45minute appeal to the jury said of the six defendants. "Their only crime is to be Kohler strikers."

no crime to be "strikers" and all company's ledgerbooks it's provsix were acquitted on the first ing to be an expensive adventure ballot.

sued to carry out a picketing ban the same notions. under Wisconsin's "right to scab" law, few scabs have deserted the majority of the company's veteran workers on strike. Two Locals

### CANCELED INSURANCE.

When the company cancelled out insurance coverage this month, the International Union After 15 Years worked out better insurance for the strikers than what prevails Workers at two Muskegon area contract with Kohler Co.

cars plastered with signs proclaiming the driver to be "A Sparta and Muskegon plants of Kohler Striker" and blue and Muskegon Piston Ring Company, white Local 833 buttons are con- who were part of the UAW-CIO spicious at church gatherings, PTA meetings, and at lodge 15 years ago. halls.

Scabs in Sheboygan are the loneliest creatures in town, seldom venturing out nights. Church picnics have been call-

Long, Long Holiday

2,000 members of UAW-CIO Local of our Union 15 years ago and 579, had a bigger Labor Day holi- are in effect returning home," day than they had bargained for Woodcock declared. -11 days in all. They were laid According to Woodcock, the off during a plant shutdown at Muskegon group will be known Foundry division plant in Tilton. as Local 8, UAW-CIO.

ed off because clergymen have feared the fate of the scabs.

The community's fight against Faculty for the CIO school in- Whole neighborhood blocks of the industrial domination of one few neutrals left after six months.

A chorus from the reactionary lost, but Company production Demonstrations against scabs figures and surveys of warehouses tell a different story. Kohler Co. — one of the largest manufacturer of plumbingware in the U.S. — now occupies the cellar in the brisk competitive race for leadership of this industry.

Strikers playing checkers at First a wavering district attorney the company gates chuckle as dismissed charges against five of huge trainloads of factory waste the 11 arrested when they turned come rolling out from a plant trying to operate with misfits, scabs, and favor-seekers.

### LESSON TO INDUSTRY

The Kohler Co's. fight against arbitration, seniority rights, pensions, insurance, and standard wages is pictured in business publications as a fight against The jury agreed that it was union domination, but in the in union-busting which is a les-Despite a court injunction is son to any industry tempted with

# Return Home

MUSKEGON, Michigan for the scabs under the dead locals recently voted to sever their UAW-AFL connections and It is a common sight to see to re-affiliate with the UAW-CIO. Involved are workers at the prior to the Homer Martin split

> Leonard Woodcock, UAW-CIO Region 1D director, welcomed the two AFL locals back into the CIO ranks, and commended the unsolicited action by their membership.

"We are pleased to note that DANVILLE, Illinois - Some these two local unions were part

General Motors Central as Local 480 and the Sparta unit

## Aircraft Stocks Are Flying

COMPANY.	May 7, '53 close			Percent Increase
Beech	. 135/8	201/8	61/2	47%
Bell	. 223/4	417/8	191/8	85%
Boeing	20 4 Y S (	613/4	197/8	46%
Cessna		137/8	61/8	78%
Curtiss-Wright		131/4	51/8	62%
Douglas		841/2	20 3/4	32%
Fairchild	4 B. H.	163/4	81/4	
General Dynamics				
(includes Convair)	. 381/4	711/2	331/4	87%
Grumman		351/2	131/4	59%
Lockheed	221/2	40	171/2	82%
Martin		293/8	151/2	112%
McDonnell		301/4	101/4	51%
NAA	201 B B S N : (1) 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	403/4	23 3/8	135%
Northrop		443/4	301/2	214%
Republic		40	163/4	
UAC		621/2		72%
TOTALS	374 7/8	6123/4	2717/8	83%



WHO STOLE THE DING DONG? Who stole the Bill? President Eisenhower and the lawmakers who helped ramrod the tax revision bill through Congress look like they think they really got away with something as Ike prepares to sign the document which will give billions in savings to corporations and the very rich, and peanuts to the middle and low income families. Included in the group on hand at the White House for signing of the measure are, left to right, Senators Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.), Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass), Representative Charles Halleck (R-Ind) and under Secretary of the Treasury Marion Flosom.

### Farm Bill's History

# Ike Gives Farmers Big Promise; Dems Back Promise; Ike Backs Out

WASHINGTON — "I am a candidate for Congress from Rock Island, Illinois, the farm equipment capital of the world. It's also the unemployment capital of the world. It seems to me that if the Republicans want to adopt a sliding scale of price supports they ought to include an amendment to increase unemploy-

ment compensation."

The speaker was Jack Kerwin, taking the floor at the than that to helping the farm-Democratic rally in Sioux er obtain his full parity, 100 Falls, South Dakota, where per cent parity, with the guar-Democratic candidates from antee in the price supports of 15 farm States met on Aug- 90." ust 28, to hear Adlai Stevenson speak on Eisenhower's Falls, South Dakota, is, "We broken promises to the Democratic candidates will stand farmers.

SWITCH IN THEME

Against the Republican's "political double cross" these candidates from farm states drew up a bill of grievances "somewhat like," said the New York Times, "that used by the Colonial revolutionaries against King George III in 1776."

Harking back to Agriculture Secretary Benson's statement that farmers should be protected from "undue disaster," the bill of grievances declared:

"They promised fair price supports at 90 per cent of parity, but they have given us a new philosophy of price supports as 'disaster insurance' instead of 'prosperity insurance' for the entire Nation."

Another grievance: "They promised to find a way to support perishables, but they now claim there is no way; and they have lowered dairy supports."

### UP AGAIN, DOWN AGAIN

This refers to the Administration's winning fight to get "Brannan Plan" payments stricken out of the 1954 agricultural bill as a means of supporting the farmer's price of milk while permitting consumers to pay less. Eisenhower denounced the Brannan plan in 1952, then fought for it and got it adopted for wool

The bill of grievances also conservation program, and then as soon as elected broke up the Soil Conservation Service. It tried to cut soil conboth years Congress voted more conservation money than the Administration asked for.

tion in farm programs — "they ployees."

REMEMBER WHEN?

hower Program."

Against this claim of victory REUTHER BLISTERS BILL by President Eisenhower, the at Brookings, South Dakota, on letters to the Chairman of House gin of 167 votes in 1954.

October 4. 1952:

### The Builder Unveiled not speak for organized labor when he played this game. At Solidarity House

"The Builder," an 11-foot symbolic statue of a worker, was unveiled in ceremonies at Solidarity House this month. It now stands on a pedestal by the entrance.

Sculptured in clay by architectartist Oscar Stonorow of Philadelphia, "The Builder." was greater tomorrows."

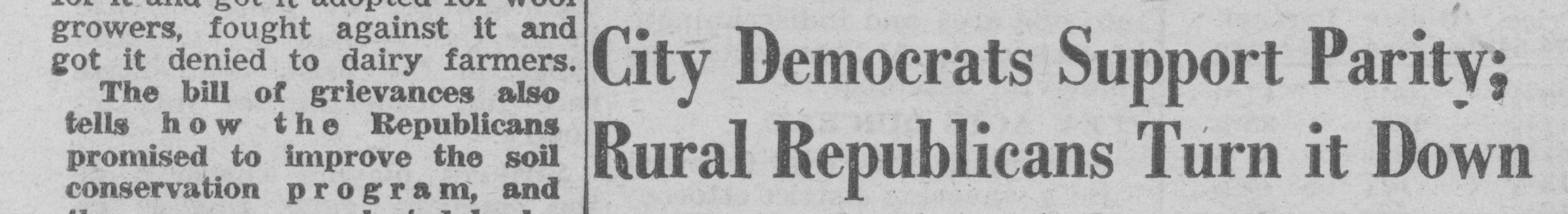
the 90 per cent parity support, and it is pledged even more

To which the reply from Sioux squarely behind what Candidate Eisenhower promised the American farmers two years ago."



UAW SECRETARY-TREASURER EMIL MAZEY presents scholarships to University of Detroit students in memory of the late Bishop Francis Haas. Reading from left are Mazey, Charles Seguin, Carolyn Perry and Valeo Nicholson. Other scholarship recipients not shown are Juanita Williamson, Florence Glinicki and Edward Wilson. All were chosen for high scholastic records and interest in human relations.





Signing the new agricultural bill, President Eisenhower claimed it would move more farm products into consumpservation appropriations to the tion and that "over the years, for the consumer, it will mean bone, with the result that in adequate steady supplies of agricultural products at reason-

able prices." It will more likely mean The bill of grievances scores the opposite. But this play to In 1952, the House voted 222 to When House and Senate voted same play in testifying before votes. to substitute sliding scale price Congressional committees, DEMS BACK PARTY whole price support program.

and Senate Agriculture Commit-"The Republican Party is tees denouncing Benson's attempt this year were stronger FOR pledged to the sustaining of to incite city consumers against farmers and saying Benson did

> The vote in the House rejecting firm farm price supports and adopting Eisenhower's reduced price supports was widely reported as reflecting just the kind of city revolt that Benson, with Eisenhower's bless-

bronze-cast at Pistoia, Italy. It paring the House vote against city revolt. was commissioned by the UAW-firm price supports this year with City Republicans increased CIO "to give symbolic expression the House vote in favor of firm their margin AGAINST firm price of our faith that when people supports in 1952, the National supports by 55 votes, while city Join hands and work together in Farmers Union demonstrated that Democrats increased their margin brotherhood, they can achieve the revolt against the farmers FOR firm price supports by 13 did not come from the cities, but votes.

from Republicans—both city and country.

rural electrification, on farm the consumer vote has stood 138 FOR firm price supports. In credit, and on farmers participa- high in the Eisenhower policy 1954, it voted 237 to 179 have replaced farmer-elected with respect to the farm pro- AGAINST firm price supports. committeemen with federal em-gram. Secretary of Agricul- The 84 vote margin FOR was ture Benson twice made the changed to a 58 vote margain AGAINST, a total switch of 142 AND THE PARTY OF T

ministration proclaimed another area members with a revolt shows: Democrats voted FOR great victory for "The Eisen- of city consumers against the firm price supports by a margin of 99 votes in 1952, and by a margin of 109 votes in 1954.

Republicans voted AGAINST \$2 million goal. Democrats at Sioux Falls quote On both occasions, President firm price supports by a margin Candidate Eisenhower speaking Walter Reuther sent blistering of 15 votes in 1952 and by a mar-

This shows that Democrats firm price supports by 10 votes than in 1954, while Republicans were stronger AGAINST them by 152 votes. This accounts for the 142 vote switch.

Farmers Union then broke the vote down by city and rural Congressional districts.

This showed that city Congressmen increased their margin AGAINST firm price supports from 43 votes in 1953 to 85 votes ing, has been trying to cook up. | in 1954. This gain of 42 in the These reports are false! Com- anti-farm vote is the so-called



SINGAPORE — William H. Oliver, right, co-director of the UAW-CIO Fair Practices Department, and Malcolm MacDonald, commissioner general of Southeast Asia, discuss the problems of workers in the Far East.



SUB-REGIONAL DIRECTOR M. R. LEE (right), UAW-CIO Region 5, has been named co-chairman of the busisupports for 90 per cent of parity practically threatening farm

The Farmers Union analysis limited Funds campaign Left to right: co-chairman Roy United Funds campaign. Left to right: co-chairman Roy Jenkins, a Boy Scout leader, and James R. Youngs, secretary-treasurer of AFL Denver Trades and Labor Assembly, and Lee. It's their job to raise most of the Chest's



"I'll be glad when it's over. They're starting to look dangerous."

### Maybe Cousin Herb Thinks Prosperity's Subversive By RUBY McDONALD

telling a bunch of well fed cans of water. Iowans that if they'd listened to UNCOMMON VARIETY him, they wouldn't have had all Mr. Hoover's kind of govern-

Leaders and Socialists. Anyone, much of an effort to stop it. as far as Herb's concerned, who passes his plate for a second helping, falls in this latter category.

PICKETS REAL MENACE' Unlike his bunk mates, (and we use the term advisedly) Mister Hoover doesn't fear the Commie with an atom bomb in his mitt half as much as he does one of his own country cousins with a picket sign clutched in

his hot little fist.

These wretches, cousin Herb said, are the ones who have "pushed our country deep into enterprises which compete with the rights of free men." The "free men" Herb is referring to are the manufacturers. financial shylocks and assorted brain trusters whose rights include life, liberty and the pursuit of unpaid mortgages.

citizen from hunger, is that it ous Herbert.

either.

After twenty-some years of forever. Democratic management, there's He is so right.

Maine, August 29.

the last three elections.

The Democratic vote for Sen-

ator, even against the popular

Margaret Chase Smith, in-

creased from 28.7 per cent in

1948 and 34.8 in 1952 to a stun-

ning 41.5 per cent in 1954.

Congressional districts.

It was.

20 years.

low vote.

Edna and Political Winds Blow

As Maine Tells Off Republicans

Cousin Herbie Hoover celebrat- | up a tasty meal out of a pured his 80th birthday recently, by loined turnip and two tomato

this fool prosperity to contend ment produced gobs of incentive, alrighty, but it also developed Cousin Herb is one of those an overwhelming fascination for stern individuals who believe in high windows and low bridges in plenty of exercise for the hoi people whose stomachs and backpolloi. Like chasing phantom bones were stuck closer than chickens around corners and brothers. There are some who bending frequently to pick up contend that Herbert didn't cause cigarette butts. | the depression, but as Uncle | The chubby 'lil rascal still con- Eightball said when Aunt Phrontends there are only two kinds sie knocked him down with the of people in America-Industrial tractor . . . there sure wasn't

> Cousin Herbie went on to lambaste the Democrat policy of shoving a boat under the common man in time of economic flood. This lad wants no truck with these insignificant characters. "What we need today," he said nostalgically, "is more uncommon men."

It is our personal opinion that Herb should be as happy as a dead pig in the sunshine, for the fellas at the wheel now, are about as uncommon as you can

from Iran to Illinois, weakened They call it economic stability and its slogan is "wha' hoppen?"

has "stultified freedoms, incen- Herb closed his speech on a tive, courage and the creative note of regret. Mister Eisenhowimpulses of the people." | er, he said sadly, will not always We won't argue with that, be President nor will the GOP

doir out of a piano crate or whip after we bleed enough.



IT WAS HOT on Labor Day and after the kids had a dozen rides on the free Merry-Go-Round, Train and Space-Chaser on the grounds of the UAW-CIO Region 4 Union Center, Ottawa, Illinois, they made a bee-line for the old swimmin' hole. Above is a cross-section of the pool, with kids splashing. Lifeguard Willoughby Abner, education and PAC representative, is on duty.

# In a few months time, they've antagonized people everywhere Unemployment Comp Referee our defenses, deluded labor, slapped the farmer and dreamed up a new name for recession. Denies Payment to Strike Idled

More than 11,500 Michigan workers of the Ford Motor P-The net result of this dastardly action, according to the senior This should be uncommon Company have been disqualified for unemployment compensation, according to the senior enough to satisfy even the fracti-sation benefits in decisions described by the Union as "the Konrad Ilg, most outrageous ever taken since the law was first enacted."

A decision handed down by Referee Samuel Sternberg

Metalworkers

was called "completely contrary to law and precedent" in a Secretary, Dies statement issued jointly by Ken Bannon, director of the remain tall hog at the trough UAW-CIO National Ford De-Wpartment, and Clayton John-sion, was so anxious to strike a son, director of the Union's blow against the workers and very few of us who would be Even us "common people" be- Compensation Department. their Union that he also handed creative enough to design a bou- gin to realize we've been stabbed They said the Union would down an utterly fantastic addipromptly appeal the decision, tional ruling on a matter which

and that a letter containing was not even before him. After the Union's protest was being 16 years of unquestioned pracsent today to the Michigan Employment Security Com-

AGAINST UNION REPS. "Maine's election will be the first statewide test of the

> sation to Michigan workers who DIXIECRAT DECISION were idled in May of 1953 during "For the first time in the hisa local strike over local issues at Ford's Canton, Ohio, forge tory of the Michigan law, it has plant. The Canton dispute was over establishment of wage rates represent its members in any The UAW-CIO Recreation De- for new local classifications and

> > Court decisions which had held states were entitled to comson said.

hower administration" in Maine or UAW-CIO Recreation Depart- the most reactionary and pro- by the Commission Appeal

tice, Sternberg now proclaims that union representatives who are not attorneys may not represent claimants before Referees

been held that the Union may not case before Referees.

"For the first time in the hisbeen held that a strike in another state serves to disqualify the State of Michigan.

"We have before us a stupid and degrading spectacle of an arbitrary and wilful individual, known for his hostility to unions, trying to introduce Dixiecrat practices into the State of Michigan," Bannon and Johnson continued.

"The Union is confident," Bannon and Johnson concluded, "that we have an unshakable basis and record on which this incredible "Sternberg, long know to us as decision will be reversed, if not



"The free labor movement of the world has lost a staunch and claimants for benefits laid off courageous leader." So said the through no fault of their own in three top officers of the CIO in a cablegram to the International |Metalworkers Federation in Berne, Switzerland, expressing sorrow over the death of Konrad Ilg, 77-year-old Swiss labor leader who was secretary of the International Metalworkers Federa-

> Complete text of the CIO cablegram follows:

"His friends and associates in North America have just received news of the untimely death of a great leader of free labor. Konrad Ilg. In the name of the six million members of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, we want to express the deepest regret over Brother Ilg's passing and our condolences to his family.

"The free labor movement of the world has lost a staunch and courageous leader. In his memory let us rededicate ourselves to the building of world democracy by carrying on the task of building free and democratic trade unions wherever men and women toil for their daily bread."

Three CIO unions are affiliated with the Metalworkers Federation: United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America; United Steelworkers of America, and the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America. Lone AFL affiliate of the IMF is the International Association of Machinists.

### Eisenhower administration," said Vice President Richard Nixon, speaking in Portland, A-Dance Classes After thinking over what has happened since Eisenhower took Start Sept. 25

office, Republican Maine elected the first Democratic governor in partment in cooperation with the plant health and safety condi-Detroit CIO Recreation Council tions, both covered in a purely tory of the Michigan law, it has After thinking over the results is sponsoring a series of Chil- local agreement. of Government-by-Big-Business, dren's Tap Dancing Classes for Republican Maine gave Republilages from 6 to 14. Separate cans the smallest majorities in classes are planned for Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced

49, 1271 Oakman Blvd., beginning idled as the result of a 1949 Saturday, September 25; Local strike in Michigan. To support 174, 6495 W. Warren near Liver- his disgraceful and vindictive nois, starting Tuesday, Septem- ruling, he had to go all the way The Republican majorities ber 28; and Local 410, 7834 Mt. shrank astonishingly in all three Elliott, beginning Wednesday, state to find against the work-September 29. Efforts have since been made to

explain away the results of "the For further information, call first statewide test of the Eisen-your Local Recreation Chairman by blaming a low vote on Hurri-ment, LOrain 8-4000, Ext. 271. company Referee in the Commis-Board, then by the Courts." cane Edna. Only there wasn't any

mission. The dispute arose over pay- of the Commission. ment of unemployment compen-

"Mr. Sternberg blandly sets aside several state Supreme that Ford workers in their Classes will be held at Local pensation when they had been to Georgia, which was the only ers in 1949," Bannon and John-

### GM Put in its Thumb — Pulled Out a Plum

tors over with a feather.

Were they surprised! They said, "You mean . . . this is for agine where it all comes from.

overcome, "I KNEW there was a stinking \$11.15 coming. little \$3,417,000 or so coming in the way ASKED for. But \$206,000,000 . . ."

Well that's the story. to the Joint Congressional Committee on again to make room for it.

You could have knocked General Mo- Taxation, saying that it is approving tax refunds to GM totaling \$206,000,000, and General Motors says it simply can't im-

It's just like the tax refund YOU got "Yup," said the Internal Revenue De- last year, remember? Big surprise. You partment, dangling the two hundred and put in your return, and asked for \$7.25 six million dollars. "All for YOU, dearie." refund, and they went to work and re-"Well, gee," said General Motors, all figured your returns and said you had

We just want to say we're delighted of a tax refund. At least, that's what we at GM's pleasant surprise, and hope that the limit on the national debt, which is up around some such figure as 281,000,-The Internal Revenue people (who 000,000 (that's Two Eighty One Bilcan't disclose the details) sent in a report lions, chum) won't have to be pushed up

### year election (during Hurricane) Edna) a fancy 244,355 expressed their opinion of the Eisenhower Administration in its "first statewide test."

In 1948 there was no hurricane,

and 223,256 voted for senator. In

1952 there wasn't any hurricane,

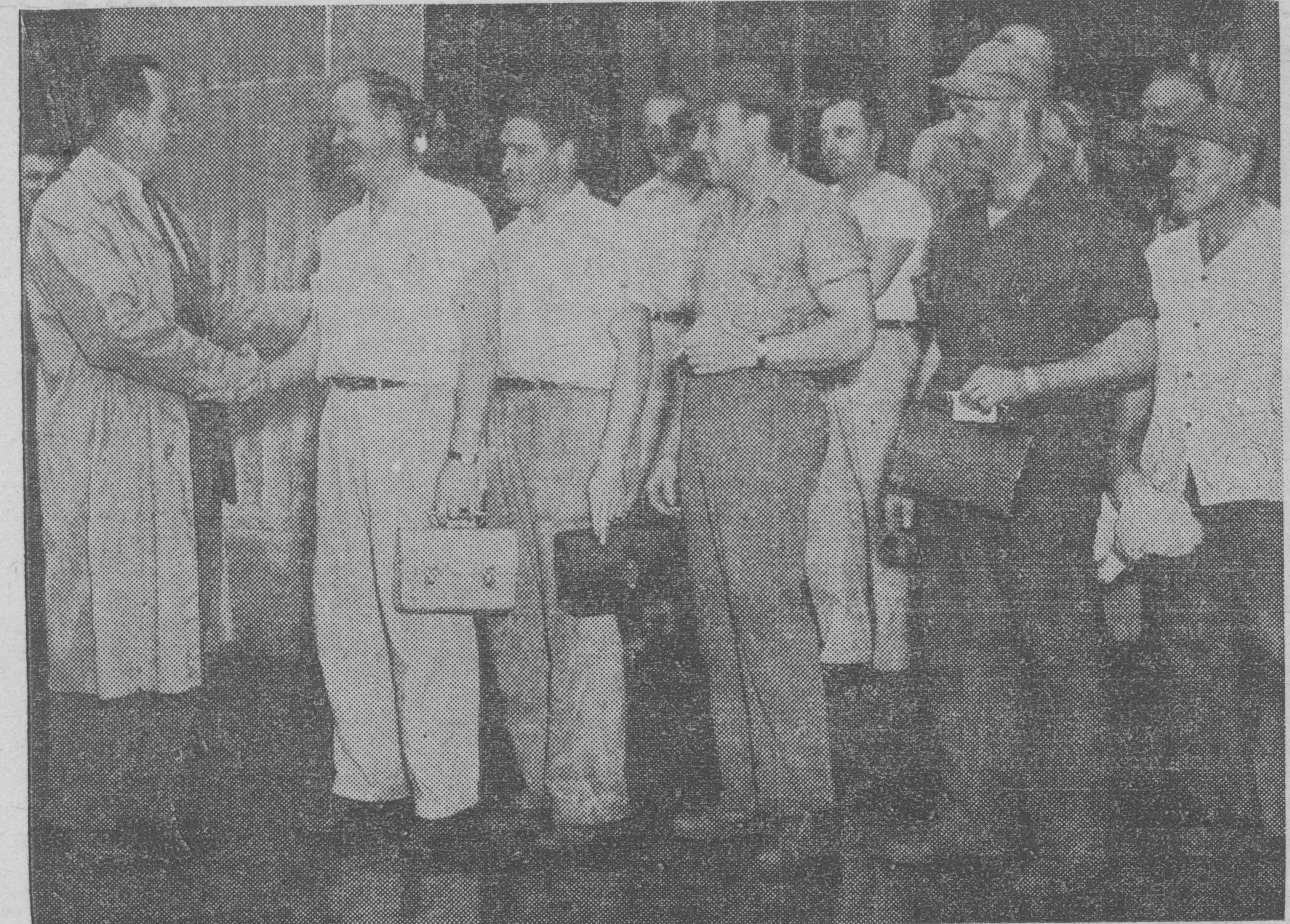
and 237,164 voted for senator.

Both of these were presidential

election years, too. But in this off-

WASHINGTON - CIO President Walter Reuther has announced the appointment of Leo Goodman, housing expert, as Secretary of the CIO Committee on Power, Atomic Energy and Resources Development.

Goodman Gets Post



PLANT GATE RALLIES break out at factories in Minnesota when Senator Hubert Humphrey makes the rounds. Here Ralph Smith, UAW-CIO Local 879 committee, shakes the Senator's hand at a rally by the Twin Cities Ford assembly plant.

### Auto-Lite Council Takes Up Inequities

meeting of the National Auto-tiators at the inequity meetings Lite Council held here, made scheduled for October 27-29. plans for the annual inequity Officers elected were: Presi- Labor Department, should assure least 10 per cent. meeting with the Auto-Lite Com- dent, Virgil Barnhart, Auto-Lite us an even cleaner labor move- (3) Expand purchasing power into two sections: one to consist pany, ratified the pensioner in-Unit, Local 12, Toledo; Vice-ment.

director of the Auto-Lite Depart- gan.

CLEVELAND — The annual ment, will head the Union nego-

### Clean Victory

court decision, reported by the

lardous working conditions. | the Employment Act of 1946 munity.

## Needed to Halt Recession: 539 Billions for Consumers

WASHINGTON-A progressive "must" program to promote full employment and end the current economic slump has been advanced by the Conference on Economic Progress in a new 44-page pamphlet entitled "Toward Full Employment and Full Production," subtitled "How to End Our National Economic Deficits."

Leon H. Keyserling, chair-Qman of the President Tru- eight years ago. Its three great man's Council of Economic purposes were full employment, full production and full purchas-Advisers, directed the staff ing power. work for this study with an It further noted that since the advisory technical committee middle of last year, we have not including Nat Weinberg, Re- duction, nor purchasing power. search Director of the UAW- Instead, unemployment is now CIO, and Stanley H. Rutten-berg, Director of the CIO equal to full-time unemployment of about five million. Production is now more than seven percent Department of Educational below full production. Purchas-Research.

CIO President Walter P. Reuther is a member of the Conference along with President Al Region 9A Women's Hayes of the AFL Machinists' Region 9A Women's Union, Murray Lincoln of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Confab on Oct. 15 and President James G. Patton of the Farmers' Union.

early next year we must:

(2) Expand production by at Kerrigan announced recently.

surance agreement covering the President, William Cross, Local The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court the Conference on Economic Propage and 754, Owosso, Michigan; Secreelected officers for the ensuing tary-Treasurer, Grace Johnson, of Appeals has ruled that factory gress, which was formed for the and future employment problems year. It was the 51st session of Local 465, Springfield, Ohio; workers must be paid for time express purpose of working for of women; and the second dethe Council since its inception in Trustees, John Dennis, Local 456, spent taking showers and chang-programs and policies to restore voted to panel discussions of Sarnia, Ontario, and Ralph Erk-ling their clothes if this is a and maintain a full economy, women's contributions and re-Vice-President Richard Gosser, fritz, Local 526, Bay City, Michi- necessary protection against haz- pointed out that Congress passed sponsibilities in shop and com-

had full employment, nor full proing power is now at least \$27 billion below full purchasing power.

NEW YORK—The first UAW-The Conference finds that by CIO Women's Conference for Region 9A, co-sponsored by the (1) Create the equivalent of UAW-CIO Women's Bureau and 4½ million full time jobs, to re-the Region, will be held on Friduce unemployment to about 1½ day and Saturday, October 15-16, million and absorb one million at the Governor Clinton Hotel, WASHINGTON (PAI)—A new new workers.

Region 9A Director Charles H.

> The Conference will be divided by at least \$39 billion. of prominent labor and political

# Our Future Is What We Make It

The following are excerpts from UAW and CIO President Walter P. Reuther's Labor Day message:

"On this Labor Day, 1954, we face a future pregnant with the possibilities of war and disaster and at the same time filled with the greatest promise of human betterment . . . If we have the good sense to learn to live at peace and to gear our scientific and technical progress to the needs, the hopes and aspirations of the human family.

"We live in a period of twilight. We have neither war nor peace in the world; we have neither prosperity nor depression at home. Neither war nor peace, neither depression or prosperity are inevitable. We need to act in the knowledge that we can drift to war and depression, but to win the peace and to build permanent prosperity, we must work, plan, and build together.

"In the world struggle between freedom and tyranny, America remains as freedom's last best hope. As the strongest of the free nations of the world, we must assume a major share of responsibility for providing military, economic and political leadership; but of equal, if not of greater importance, we must provide comparable moral leadership to the free world in its struggle against Communist tyranny.

practical performance that we are a nation possessed not only of great material and economic wealth, but a nation with the needed sense of moral and social responsibility and the practical human values. We must gear our unprecedented technical progress to the achievement of greater human progress, human betterment, and human dignity.

"Only as America's great economic and to lead the free world.

litical genius in helping to point the way to dustry take needed steps to achieve and maintain divide us and to find a new unity through the mobilize abundance in the positive fight against a peacetime economy based upon full employ- strength of our common faith. poverty, hunger and human insecurity. Only ment and full production. such a positive fight can successfully release the economic force and spiritual strength of the free people and be the ultimate answer to the challenge of Communist tyranny.

"During the past year, American labor, through the American Federation of Labor and



"If we are to be worthy of leading the free the Congress of Industrial Organizations, has community. world, we must of necessity stand before the taken a historic step toward laying the basis for world, not only as a symbol of material wealth the ultimate achievement of a united labor moveand industrial and military power, but also as a ment. The no-raiding agreement approved by great moral symbol. We must demonstrate by more than 100 international unions demonstrates a growing maturity on the part of labor leadership and clearly demonstrates the broad acceptance of the basic fact that the whole labor movement transcends in importance any segment of know-how to translate material wealth into the labor movement. The no-raiding agreement is an important beginning on which labor solidarity and unity must be fashioned in the days ahead.

"In the period ahead American Labor will redouble its efforts in cooperation with men and free market place of ideas, for this is the fountain women of good will in other walks of our society of our strength. We cannot lead the free world if material wealth and productive power have a in a joint effort to narrow the gap between Ame- we continue a nation divided within itself in conscious and continuous moral purpose can we rican democracy's noble promises and its lack which smear, slander, and suspicion become the as a nation earn the right and equip ourselves of practical performance in many areas of our accepted standards of political conduct. national life. On this Labor Day we resolve to "On this day American labor calls upon the "America must apply its economic and po- renew our efforts to have government and in- American people to rise above the fears that

> "There is no lack of work to be done in America. Full employment and full production can be achieved and maintained if we have the good sense to gear our productive economy to the tremendous unfilled needs of the American people and to make our contribution to the total struggle against world hunger.

"On this Labor Day we again call upon responsible people in government to take steps to bring together the leaders of industry, agriculture, labor and consumer groups to jointly and cooperatively work together in the achievement of a dynamic, expanding full employment-full production economy.

"Every American is not automatically entitled to security, but he is entitled to an opportunity to earn his economic security with a job at decent wages that will provide him and his family an ever higher standard of living commensurate with our developing technology.

"It is economically stupid and morally wrong to attempt to measure today's economic activities by yesterday's performances, 1954 must be measured not only by 1952 or 1953 but by the greater possibilities of today and the even greater possibilities of tomorrow.

"The American economy can remain free only as it remains dynamic and expanding. American labor has faith in our free enterprise system, but we shall continue to insist that our economy be kept free and enterprising and that ownership conveys responsibilities not only to the stockholders but to the workers and to the entire

"In addition to raising our economic sights so that we can mobilize and share economic abundance, we must, if we are to provide moral leadership, also raise the level of political morality. We need to get back to the principles and values on which the founding fathers built our republic and which have been the source of strength of our free society. We need to reject the apostles of fear, hatred, and hysteria who would shackle the free human spirit with the deadly cloak of conformity.

"We must defend with fearless devotion the

"American labor calls upon the leaders of our government to shape our policies and our programs in the image of our faith, not our fears, in the image of our hopes, not our hatreds. In such a program of rededication to the basic principles and ideals the people of America can count upon the undivided support of the American labor movement."