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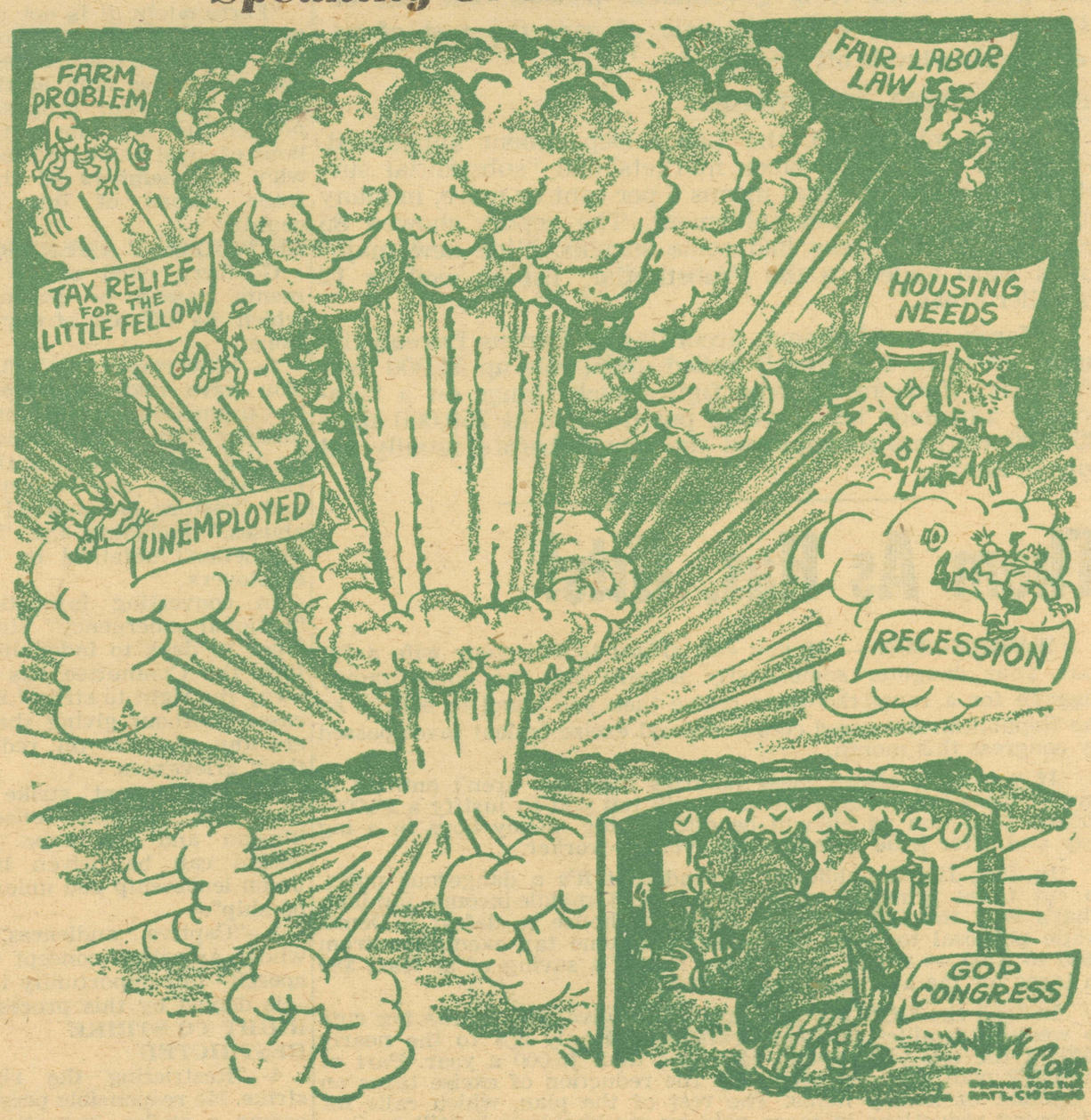

Unemployment Rises Again; Ike Babbles, "All is Well"

'Boom and Zoom' Prophets Still Quoting Pollyanna

Which month, if any, in 1954 is the "key" or "crucial" month when workers are to start streaming back to their jobs, was still as variable in Washington this month as McCarthy's "numbers" of Commies in the State Department.

Most curious of all was the way the Prophets of Boom and Zoom, led by President Eisenhower, were hailing another drop in employment during March as the dawn of a new day simply because the number of those who lost their jobs was smaller than in the preceding month. Conveniently forgotten were the predictions that employment would climb in the "magic month" of March—that spring and the robins would revisit the land and find the wheels of industry humming as never before.

Secretary of Labor Mitchell seemed to be having great difficulty in choosing between "Gloom and Doom" and "Boom and Zoom." His request for additional funds for the Labor Department to cope with his predicted rise in unemployment in July was still on the record even as he traveled around the country peddling the Administration line that "all is well."

NEW "MAGIC" MONTH

Eisenhower's new "magic month" was unveiled as September. While the autumn leaves, obedient to the law of gravity, come tumbling down in the fall, says Ike, the Nation's economy, obedient to the law of supply and demand, will surge skyward, still without the necessity of any impetus from government.

Eisenhower's faulty memory was still serving him well. His promise of vigorous government action in March to restore jobs was tossed on the same rubbish heap with his promises for "100 per cent of parity" for farmers, to make the Taft-Hartley law "fair" to labor, to cut taxes and balance the budget.

OUR INDUSTRIES STILL HIT

In the industries where the UAW-CIO is organized, the picture remained dark. No substantial recalls took place, while Hudson Motor Car Company shut down altogether for another week during the last of March. The unemployment situation among Chrysler workers remained particularly grim, while those veterans of joblessness, the farm implement workers, could see little to encourage them as they continued to walk the streets.

Some saw significance in Cadillac's announcement of additional overtime. "Now," they said, "it is easy to see who benefits from government policies. The sale of Cadillacs booms, while the sale of cars the rest of us drive either levels off or slumps."

"SUBSTANTIAL SURPLUSES"

As of mid-March, the Labor Department announced, 34 of the 149 major labor markets had "substantial surpluses" of workers—that means 6 per cent or more, in many cases much more, unemployment. The report showed 85 per cent of the areas had some surplus. Nine new major areas were added to the "substantial" list as well as 12 "smaller areas."

March unemployment, according to Census Bureau figures, not to be too greatly relied upon, was up 54,000 over February. Economists, who figure such things on a "seasonally adjusted" basis, would put the rise at 250,000 since 200,000 workers unemployed the month before usually get jobs in March.

Them As Has, Gits!

WASHINGTON — If you can afford to buy your wife a fur coat, your daughter some costly jewelry and the entire family luggage for a round-the-world cruise then you stand to benefit by the Republican-sponsored cuts in federal excise (sales) taxes passed by congress this month.

If you can't afford these luxuries then you aren't entitled to any of these tax savings the GOP will tell you to justify a $1,000,000,000 reduction which will benefit the big money boys in a big way and offer little relief to the average worker.

In fact, the Republicans contend that it's a dangerous policy to cut taxes primarily paid by low and middle-income families. That's why the GOP ganged up in the house to defeat a Democratic proposal to boost the personal income tax exemption from $600 to $700 — which would have meant a saving of at least $80 in taxes for the average family of four.

Instead the GOP tax program would give 95% of the tax cuts to wealthy families and corporations and only 5% to the nearly 75% of the tax payers who earn less than $5,000 a year. Part of the GOP plan was approved with the reduction of excise taxes on a number of luxury items. The rest of the plan, which calls for whopping reductions in taxes paid by stockholders, is still in Congress waiting for senate action.

CIO Charges T-H Amendments Are Irresponsible, Unjustified

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—"An irresponsible and unjustified effort to undermine the effectiveness of unions." That's how Arthur J. Goldberg, CIO General Counsel, characterized amendments to the Taft-Hartley act approved or planned by the House Labor Committee.

"Virtually all the amendments which the committee has voted are anti-labor. Some of them are virulently anti-labor," he wrote Committee members April 5. "In toto, they would make the act worse, far worse, than at present.

"They go far beyond recommendations of the President, which in themselves did not meet the standards of fairness and justice promised during the 1952 campaign.

"Fortunately, it is not too late to reconsider. We are confident that with more mature reflection, you can arrive only at the conclusion that your proposals are neither just nor fair to the millions of loyal patriotic Americans who are members of the free trade unions of this great country."

CRITICIZES 7 AMENDMENTS

Goldberg cited seven amendments passed or proposed to which he offered strong objections:

1—"Government by injunction. You have restored government by injunction in its most obnoxious form." The amendments, he said, would wipe out the Norris-LaGuardia anti-injunction act and "restore old and vicious abuses," including the "quickie injunction" obtained by private employers.

In converting injunctions in "national emergency" situations from 80 days to indefinite duration, the Committee has "taken away the right to strike" in these cases "without giving the workers any recourse for redress of their grievances."

2—"Government strike votes. This proposal only reflects the illusion and the hope that a wedge can be driven between union leadership and union membership".

3—"Captive audiences. The whole American concept of free speech—fair opportunity to reply—is denied by this process."

RIGHT TO STRIKE RESTRICTED

4—"Restricting the right to strike. No responsible person welcomes a strike—but all responsible people agree that the preservation of the right to strike is essential to our free society." He charged the Committee's proposal would in some situations "practically eliminate the right to strike," while in others it would "multiply red tape, cost and delay."

5—"Dismantling of the Labor Board. For the board, you would substitute law suits in the federal courts. Obviously, workers cannot afford the expense or stand the delays of court litigation. On the other hand, wealthy employers can easily use such litigation to harass unions."

6—"Other anti-union restrictions. Your proposals in these matters represent an extreme interference with free collective bargaining."

7—"State anti-labor laws." According to press reports, Goldberg said, the committee is considering legislation that would permit state anti-labor laws to supersede the federal law. "You are, therefore, planning to place labor unions in double jeopardy, contrary to our whole Constitutional concept of supremacy of federal law in this field of labor relations in interstate commerce—an area of acknowledged federal competence and supremacy," he said.

Steel Jobs Down 15%

PITTSBURGH (ILNS) — Lagging production in the basic steel and fabricating industries has cost the jobs of about 15% of the membership of the United Steelworkers of America. The figure was arrived at from reports of more than 30 district directors who attended a meeting of the Union's executive board.

It was estimated that 189,000 had been made idle in this country and 7,700 in Canada. When the Board met in January the total unemployed was placed at 118,000. No accurate figures were available on the members working less than 40 hours a week, President David J. McDonald said.

The Board voted to serve notice on the basic steel industry that negotiations on contracts must start by the end of May for most of the Union's 1,200,000 members. The guaranteed annual wage is scheduled as an important demand.

Worth Writing About

MUSKEGON, Michigan—A senior from each of 5 high schools in Greater Muskegon will receive a scholarship worth $75 and all contestants will gather a lot of knowledge in preparing essays on "History of the CIO and Its Accomplishments." UAW-CIO Local 113 has an additional $125 for the essay judged best among the winners.

How Deep Do You Think It Goes?

Huge Education Conference Scores Stirring Success

More than 2,500 Delegates Contribute to Smash Hit

CHICAGO — Like the Union itself, the International Education Conferences continue to grow bigger and better. At the Sixth Conference, April 8-11, there were more delegates, more visitors, more press coverage, more direct participation by delegates than ever before, although there were those who attended the novel and inspiring 1952 Cleveland Conference who had insisted that event would never be equalled.

More than 2,500 delegates registered at the Conference headquarters—the towering Morrison Hotel in Chicago's downtown "Loop" section—a few blocks from the Chicago Civic Opera House where Conference sessions were held.

Because of its importance and its impact on the whole Union, a large part of this issue of *The United Automobile Worker* is devoted to reports and pictures of the Conference.

The Conference opened Thursday evening, April 8, with Pat Greathouse, Director of the host Region 4, welcoming the delegates and guests. International Executive Board Education Chairman Norman Matthews then introduced the keynote speaker, UAW and CIO President Walter P. Reuther. Education Director Brendan Sexton presided over the opening session. Divine guidance was asked for the Conference by the Methodist Bishop of Illinois, the Reverend Charles W. Brashares.

The events and work that followed the impressive opening are reported elsewhere in this issue.

There were nationwide broadcasts from the Conference April 8 and 9, a telecast April 10 in the morning, with a re-telecast the same evening. The Saturday morning program was re-broadcast over the facilities of radio station WLS. More than 50 newspapermen covered the Conference for their publications.

As in preceding Conferences, the delegates sent by their local unions were serious and diligent. Many brought members of their families.

Because of the unique Conference arrangement permitting individual direct participation by delegates, many of the distinguished speakers were quick to say they learned as much from the UAW members as the members learned from them. All were full of compliments for the Union and its Education Department.

As the mass exodus of delegates from Chicago began after hearing Senator Hubert Humphrey at the final session Sunday, the question on all lips was, *"When's the next one?"*

Reuther Keynotes 6th Education Conference

CHICAGO — In his keynote address here opening the Sixth International Education Conference, UAW-CIO President Walter P. Reuther hailed the 4-day Conference as a "real milestone in the development of workers' education."

Reuther adopted as his own theme that of the Conference itself — Man's Search for Peace, Justice and Abundance in a Free World — Our Responsibilities, Economic, Political and Moral.

International Executive Board Education Chairman Norman Matthews, who introduced Reuther, members of the Board's Education Committee, the Education Department staff and Education Director Brendan Sexton were praised by Reuther for a "splendid job" in organizing the Conference and its program.

Reuther said, "We are building a new kind of labor movement—a movement that draws its power, both economic and spiritual, from the membership that make up its ranks . . . Such a labor movement must work hard broadening the understanding by the rank and file of our many complex and pressing problems.

"This Conference is but another of the Union's continuing efforts to broaden the participation of our membership, to develop a better understanding, and out of that broader participation and better understanding, get a greater sense of dedication to the ideals, to the principles and to the basic democratic and human values that our Union has struggled to advance in the world."

Reuther emphasized the full-participation concept of the Conference, "We're going to learn from each other in this Conference."

Reuther spoke on the world situation and foreign policy, the H-bomb and its implications, and the indivisibility of freedom.

"They can hire all the high-powered, high-octane public relations men they can crowd into the Nation's Capitol," he said. "but they will fool no one, because you cannot sell freedom like you sell toothpaste. You cannot sell ideas about justice with soap operas. The world will judge America not by our slogans, but by what we do about basic problems."

ON UNEMPLOYMENT

Reuther also hit hard at policies contributing to or failing to halt growing unemployment. "The people in Washington have confused confidence with complacency . . . We have lost confidence in the people trying to lead this country down the wrong road.

"The millionaires' club in the cabinet are making the decisions—and they are the wrong decisions."

NATIONAL ISSUES

Tax policies favoring corporations and wealthy individuals at the expense of workers and others were criticized bitterly by Reuther. He expressed hope, however, that income tax exemptions might still be increased despite the GOP-led setback in the House of Representatives.

Reuther also covered the current situation on the Taft-Hartley law and the National Labor Relations Board, which he said should be called a "management Board" because of its wrecking of long-established policies which encouraged free collective bargaining.

POINTS TO ELECTIONS

"I can assure you we have a lot of work to do in Washington," Reuther said, "The real tragedy is the fact that these selfish economic forces in America who find themselves in power politically have learned nothing from the lessons of history. **Don't they know that the American labor movement and its struggle to make democracy work in the economic sphere—this struggle to gear our productive capacity to the needs of people—is the only way we can save our free enterprise system?**

"There are five million unemployed workers in America. We can put those five million unemployed back to work if we take these reactionary politicians and make them unemployed come the election in November."

UAW PRESIDENT WALTER P. REUTHER demands government action now to prevent depression in the keynote speech at the 6th UAW-CIO Education Conference. He commented on the present job decline, "Somebody said it was a new kind of adjustment—a rolling adjustment. A 'rolling adjustment' is the old fashioned adjustment set to rhumba music. You roll with it, but, if you are hungry, it doesn't fill your empty belly."

PLANT LIFE . . . . . By "Doc" Wilson

He who hesitates . . . . . !!

Doc Wilson's 'Plant Life' Coming Up

"It ain't all grim," Doc Wilson says of life inside plants.

And he'll illustrated his point with a humor cartoon which will appear each month in *The Auto Worker*.

Doc, who is vice president of UAW Local 659 in Flint, Michigan, started his "Plant Life" series in 1948 for *The Chevrolet Searchlight*, his local's newspaper. It attracted an immediate following the *Flint Weekly Review* and other labor papers began carrying "Plant Life," but Doc's special cartoons for *The Auto Worker* will be his first in an international publication.

The chief character of "Plant Life" is Perry, graduate cum laude from the school of hard knocks in factory life. Perry has a philosophical pal as yet unnamed. Their happy sojourn in the plant will be recorded monthly starting this issue.

First Southern FEPC Pushed By CIO-AFL

BALTIMORE, Maryland—As a direct result of action taken by the recent Conference on Human Rights here, an FEPC ordinance has been introduced in the Baltimore City Council. This is the first time that FEPC legislation has ever been introduced in any city south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Recognized as one of the most controversial bills ever to be presented to the body, the FEPC bill—which has been referred to committee—marked the complete unity which has been achieved between CIO and AFL on this project.

In addition to labor, a committee of civic organizations, which was set up two years ago and has worked diligently for FEPC, includes representatives from the Catholic Interracial League, Baltimore Jewish Council, Urban League, Council of Churches (Protestant) and NAACP.

The "Veep" is Coming Back

ALBEN W. BARKLEY

The "Veep" has returned to the political wars.

Alben W. Barkley, former Vice-President and Senate Majority Leader, has announced he will seek the Kentucky Senate seat now held by Republican John Sherman Cooper.

The 76-year-old Barkley said he is entering the race not to "gratify a personal ambition," but because of "urgent and sincere" requests from the people of Kentucky. He will run for the Democratic nomination in the August 7 primary election.

Barkley has been beaten only once in a political career going back to 1905 when he was elected prosecuting attorney of his home county.

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BARKLEY realizes very deeply, friends say, the terrible issues facing the United States today and he is expected to campaign vigorously preaching Democratic doctrine. It was his belief that he could help lead his country in the wiser way that was the determining factor in his decision to run.

Perhaps another reason could be found in a quotation from his speech to the CIO Electrical workers convention last year: *"When a political party makes a promise,"* the veteran from the Bluegrass State said, *"it ought to keep its word. If it doesn't it's unworthy of the promise."*

It is believed that if Barkley does return to the Senate, fellow Democrats with whom his prestige is high will re-elect him party leader in the Senate, replacing Senator Johnson (D., Texas).

Nunn on Air Twice Daily

GUY NUNN

UAW-CIO news commentator Guy Nunn started twice daily newscasts on Monday, April 19th.

His new 15-minute program, "Eye Opener," will be carried five days a week over Radio Station CKLW, at 6:45 a.m. Besides the early morning show, Nunn will continue the "Labor Views the News" program at 7:15 p.m., also over CKLW, 800 on your dial.

UAW - CIO Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey said the new program will be beamed primarily at workers going to or coming from their jobs. It will reach tens of thousands within the broadcast area of the 50,000 watt station who were unable to hear Nunn's evening newscast.

Nunn plans to place greater stress on local union news in his new program. He will read the pick of the news and columns from local union publications; report on the views of local union members who write to him and run a series of public participation contests.

The combined morning and evening audience likely will give Nunn the biggest following of any commentator in the Detroit area. Sure indication of the number of people tuning in the evening show is the response to Nunn's exposure of McCarthy. More than 10,000 people have written in for the leaflets giving the facts on McCarthy which Nunn offered on his program.

That opened a lot of eyes to the McCarthy menace, and the new program will open the eyes of a lot of early-rising non-union members with a yen for the facts.

OUTRAGE

"When public men indulge themselves in abuse, when they deny others a fair trial, when they resort to innuendo and insinuation, to libel, scandal, and suspicion, then our democratic society is outraged, and democracy is baffled. It has no apparatus to deal with the boor, the liar, the lout, and the antidemocrat in general".

—Democratic Senator William Fullbright of Arkansas

Win Chrysler Vote

CHELSEA, Michigan — The UAW-CIO won a representation election among the Chrysler proving ground workers here last month by a more than 2 to 1 majority. The NLRB vote covered mechanics, drivers, equipments operators, maintenance mechanics, stockmen, stock-keepers, grounds maintenance and building servicemen.

The election campaign was handled by members of Region 1B Director William McAulay's staff.

The vote: UAW—105; no union —44.

Chrysler Department Director Norman Matthews said the Union was moving quickly to cover the proving grounds workers under a contract.

H-Bomb Nightmare

Some Scientists Goofed; Too Much Planet Missing

By RUBY McDONALD

(Editor's note: This column was carried by the Flint Weekly Review. The opinions—and the delightful humor touch—are the author's.)

Ashes to Ashes 'N Dust to Dust . . . If the Russians don't get us, the scientists must . . .

Fellow Homo Saps:

A couple of weeks ago, our boys playfully dumped a new bomb in the ocean to see what would happen.

They did.

That firecracker chewed a hole

in the ocean floor big enough to hold the Empire State building with several sightseers on top . . . gave a radioactive hot foot to fishermen 80 miles away . . . and set geiger counters clicking like an old maid's false teeth at a distance of 1,200 miles.

In addition to that, one of our islands was missing.

Somebody goofed.

WHEN IS ENOUGH?

It was supposed to go off, but not that far. Our masterminds went back to the labs to see if someone had been spiking their hydrogen material with fast starting Ethyl.

In the interests of self preservation, I'd like to ask a simple question. When is enough?

I mean, after all, how dead can you kill a guy?

If we keep on trying for bigger and better jackpots all we'll have to do is deliver one little package somewhere in Europe and we'll have more room than a leper at a health camp.

I'm all for a show of strength and I heartily endorse flexing our biceps under Malenkov's nose at least once a week. But I'll honestly admit that I'm more afraid of our own moxy than I am of all the samover sippers from here to Siberia.

I notice several of our congressmen are calling for more information to be channeled to the people on how these big booms work.

I ain't interested in that.

MAD MOLECULES

I don't have the slightest interest in what happens when an ardent molecule meets a willing proton and begins raising mush-room shaped children.

All I wanna know is, when is it gonna stop?

Like any normal person, when someone digs a king size grave for me, I'm more concerned with how I got down there in the first place than I am in what kind of shovel they used.

It is not inconceivable that with all this pounding old mother earth is liable to get cracks in her axis. I have always wanted to take a trip through space, but I'd prefer doing it in a ship.

If our brain trust ever hits on the right combination for a chain reaction, old Terra won't be so Firma. Kids on Mars will point and say: "look ma, no planet!"

Besides which, I have yet to be convinced that all this Fourth of July stuff ain't messing up the weather. When you feed Mama earth such high powered vitamins, is it so odd for her to belch and hiccup all over the joint?

MISSING PERSONS

I say if we have to clean out Russia, let's do it with a weak 'lil old atomic bomb and be done with it. If a guy ain't scared of a shotgun, he sure won't run from a cannon.

That's why, fellow Homo Saps, I call on you to instruct our congressmen thusly:

Dear Egghead:

Enough is enough, aw'ready. Pass a law that any scientist who develops a boom-boom without being able to calculate the exact amount of damage it will do, will be forced to stoke an atomic pile without a suit. If this isn't done, my fren', I won't vote for you come next election.

I won't be here.

Sincerely yours,

New Look Hurts

WASHINGTON — UAW President Walter P. Reuther told delegates to the UAW Aircraft Conference here that the "new look" in GOP policies is slanted viciously against labor.

"President Eisenhower has said repeatedly that he would remove the heavy hand of government fron the bargaining table", Reuther asserted. "Instead they (the GOP) have substituted heavy tanks on management's side".

"We have been getting pious words from the Eisenhower Administration. But we're getting poisonous deeds".

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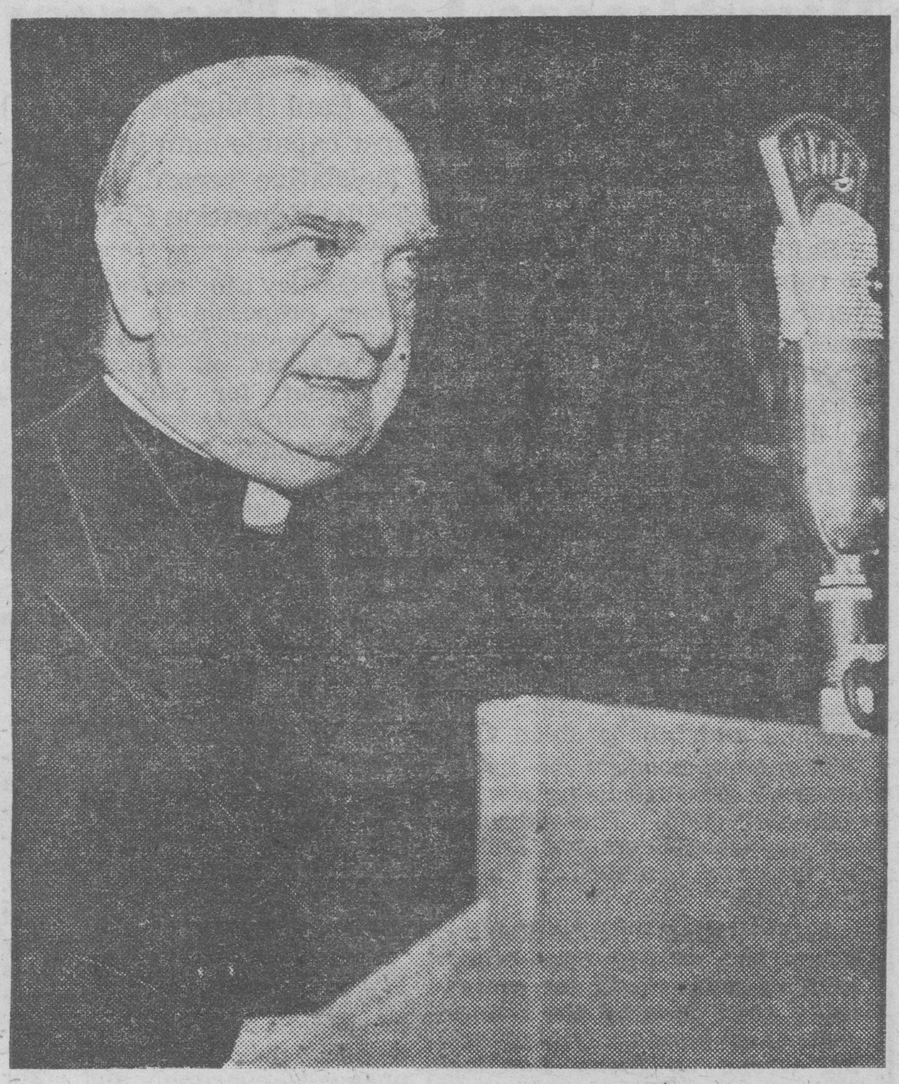
Bishop Sheil Blasts McCarthy

Calls Tactics 'Immoral'



The Most Reverend Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, levelled devastating charges against Senator Joseph McCarthy in a history-making speech at the UAW-CIO Education Conference.

While delegates clapped and whistled their approval and reporters rushed to telephone their city editors, Bishop Sheil accused the junior Senator from Wisconsin, also a Roman Catholic, of a "phony anti-Communism that mocks our way of life," and "immoral" tactics which are "undermining democracy."

At times the Bishop's voice rumbled through a respectfully silent Opera House as he carefully spelled out his charges. But on nine occasions, the UAW-CIO delegates burst into vigorous applause.

Never referring to McCarthy by name, Bishop Sheil said the "junior Senator from Wisconsin . . ." has taken in the country "with a kind of shell game. We have been treated like country rubes to be taken in by a city slicker from Appleton."

Bishop Sheil pointed out that he was speaking his own opinion and not the Church's "On political matters such as these, a Catholic's statement — even a bishop's — bears no more authority than whatever he can bring to it as a citizen and public figure."

He warned that while the Church takes no position on such a "matter of public controversy, the Church does take a position on lies, calumny, the absence of charity and calculated deceit. These things," he said, "are wrong."

"Anti-Communism is serious business," he said. "It is not a game to be played so publicity-mad politicos can build fame for themselves. If someone were to tell me that the masters of the Kremlin inspired this burlesque to distract us from our real danger and keep us from taking effective anti-Communist measures, I'd have half a mind to believe him."

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A Bishop Speaks Out

"The problem is no longer one of alerting people to the danger of Communism. We are all aware of that danger. The problem we are facing is what do we do about it. The unsolved problem, in other words, is what constitutes effective anti-Communism. More than that, what kind of anti-Communism is moral? What kind of anti-Communism is proper in a freedom-loving country like ours? The three go together, in my mind. If anti-Communism is immoral, it is not effective.

"You cannot effectively fight immorality with *more* immorality. If anti-Communism flouts the principles of democracy and freedom, it is not in the long run effective. You cannot effectively fight tyranny with tyranny. And if anti-Communism is not effective, it is so much sound and fury, signifying nothing."

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"It is not enough to say that someone is anti-Communist to win my support. It has been said that patriotism is the scoundrel's last refuge. In this day and age anti-Communism is sometimes the scoundrel's first defense. As I remember, one of the noisiest anti-Communists of recent history was a man named Adolf Hitler."

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"It seems to me that now, while we are free, is the time to cry out against the phony anti-Communism that mocks our way of life, flouts our traditions and democratic procedures and our sense of fair play, feeds on the meat of suspicion and grows great on the dissension among Americans which it cynically creates and keeps alive by a mad pursuit of headlines.

"How much of this are we going to tolerate before we remember that we are proud Americans, with values of our own?"

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"What kind of a spectacle are we becoming anyway? What has happened to our sense of balance, our sanity—our sense of humor, you might say? If we Americans could stand off in space and look at this foolishness—the mad, merry search for the spotlight that has been going on for the past two or three years in the name of anti-Communism, I think our native sense of humor, our ability to laugh at ourselves, to recognize that we had been taken in would save us, if nothing else.

"I can't imagine what would please the Kremlin more than to turn America into a frantic, hysteria-ridden place, full of suspicion of an American for an American. If the Kremlin masters wanted to weaken us,—and they do— I suppose that they would be delighted to see Americans lose confidence in the stability of their army, suspect clergymen and teachers. I imagine they would delight in seeing us lose faith in our Constitutional privileges, in seeing us ape their court-room precedures and hound innocent little government clerks who are blown up to be important spies and saboteurs as long as it is for a front-page story."

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"When they (Congressional Committees) are cynically used to trap headlines rather than spies, they mock themselves—and they mock us, too."

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"Aside from the actual undermining of democracy that such procedures entail and the harm done to the individuals involved—and tell me, is there anyone who will deny that General Marshall, to name only one, was truly injured? Or is it to be accounted as nothing that an honorable soldier is berated as a traitor to his duty and his country? Aside from such evils as this, there is the fundamental problem that these shenanigans distract us from our real problems, including the problem of Communism."

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"Are we any safer because the line between a liberal or a non-conformist and a Communist or subversive is hopelessly blurred? I doubt it. Are we any safer because non-conformity has been practically identified with treason? I think not. Do we have anything less to fear because people have been bullied by the chairman of an investigating committee and his counsel? I doubt it. Is America a safer place for ourselves and our children of America because the morale of our State Department has been blitzkrieged? Or because our fine officer corps has been insulted? Again, I would say no. Are we any more to be feared by the Communists because of all the hundreds of headlines the senator from Wisconsin has piled up? I don't believe so.

"America today is faced with a world challenge—military, political, social, religious, the protection of its own institutions from subversion within and aggression from without. It's about time we start taking that challenge seriously and drop the cops-and robbers game and wire-tapping game that has been going on."

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"In my book if a man is truly anti-Communist, he is concerned with meeting the challenge of Communism on every level. He is interested first of all, in seeing to it that conditions here and abroad are such that don't provide a fertile breeding ground for Communism. He is interested in such matters as seeing to it that people work, that they get enough to eat, have decent homes, are able to raise their children in dignity, with opportunities for health and education and many other things for national and international living."

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"Communism is a military problem. I judge an anti-Communist according to his record of supporting military measures taken to hold back the Communist forces. I judge him according to how much harm he did to army morale—how many generals he has insulted.

"As you can see, I take a pretty dim view of some noisy anti-Communists—one in particular, the junior Senator from Wisconsin. I do not take a dim view of them because they are anti-Communists, but because they are such pitifully ineffective anti-Communists. I hate to see anti-Communism identified with this kind of playing-for-the-grandstand."

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"The Church does take a position on lies, calumny, the absence of charity and calculated deceit. These things are wrong—even if they are mistakenly thought of as means to a good end. They are morally evil and to call them good or to act as if they were permissible under certain circumstances is itself a monstrous perversion of morality."

One Word for Response 'Swamped'

"Why, yes, the Bishop was pleased with the response to his talk," his secretary, Mrs. Irene Wiltgren reported.

"Swamped!" might have been a better word.

The Bishop had a tape of his talk made for rebroadcast on his own little Chicago station, WFJL-FM. Every major network had a duplicate made from that tape. It was carried in most major cities.

"I just couldn't begin to tell you how many television programs The Bishop appeared on the first few days after his talk," Mrs. Wiltgren said. It seemed like almost everybody wanted him. Oh yes," she told *The Auto Worker*, "he was on many coast-to-coast telecasts."

As this edition went to press, the mail was still pouring in.

The latest count:

2,597 letters of which 2,014 were for The Bishop.

1,593 telephone calls of which 1,411 were for The Bishop.

250 telegrams of which 161 were for The Bishop.

"But we're still digging out from under the deluge. The count isn't complete. Every time the postman arrives it's wonderful; but it's a lot of work."

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Bishop Sheil was the first outspoken critic of McCarthy to get as large a headline as the junior Senator draws with his phony charges.

The Chicago papers went wild. The *Daily News* used a two-deck streamer head over its Page One story and carried the complete text of The Bishop's talk.

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The rumor spread through the press section that Bishop Sheil might provide some "hot" copy. Maybe that was because it was known he'd have an advance text, but his office refused to release it until he reached the auditorium.

Later, Mrs. Wiltgren admitted that Bishop Sheil had not completed his masterful statement until late in the afternoon preceding his morning talk.

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Remarked one UAW-CIO member in the audience, "Brother, am I glad The Bishop saved this one for us."

BISHOP SHEIL and UAW President Walter P. Reuther chat backstage just before The Bishop's epic address. Commented Reuther after the speech, "We've got to take the words of courage and inspiration we've heard this morning and translate them into specific and practical action."

Top Newsmen Discuss '54 Issues with Senator Douglas

CHICAGO — Delegates to the Education Conference heard a lively—and sometimes heated discussion—of 1954 campaign issues when five of the nation's top political newswriters quizzed Senator Paul H. Douglas on issues ranging from the threat of war, through full employment, taxes, wiretapping, McCarthyism and others, to the effectiveness of writing letters to Congressmen.

The newsmen who quizzed Senator Douglas following his speech to the Conference were:

Edwin A. Lahey, Washington Correspondent for the *Chicago Daily News* and associated Knight newspapers;

James Wechsler, Editor of *The New York Post;*

Robert S. Allen, syndicated Washington columnist;

Herbert Block (Herblock), editorial cartoonist for *The Washington Post;*

Anthony Leviero, White House correspondent of *The New York Times.*

At the afternoon session, the newsmen returned with Senator Douglas to participate in answering the questions formulated by delegates in their buzz sessions.

Thirty minutes of the reporters' interrogation of the Senator was televised locally in Chicago and rebroadcast later on a national network.

Vice-President John W. Livingston chaired both sessions.

Douglas said he thought the primary domestic issue in 1954 is the restoration of prosperity and substantially full employment, and the chief foreign policy issue is the checking of Communist aggression by collective action to the fullest degree.

TAX ISSUE

One of the first steps toward full employment is to **"reduce taxes on the lower income groups so that the money which will thus go back to them will be spent for more food, more clothing, more furniture, more household appliances,"** Douglas said. When consumption is increased in this way, "instead of the vicious spiral downwards which we have now, we will have a delicious spiral moving upwards." Specifically, Douglas advocated increasing personal exemptions to $800 and opposed the administration proposal to give relief to stockholders on their income from dividends.

The Senator also proposed, if conditions become appreciably worse, an extensive public works program, and he advocated immediately the enactment by Congress of legislation that would prescribe higher unemployment compensation standards than those now existing in the various states.

GOP FOLLOWS TRUMAN

With respect to foreign policy, Douglas said that fundamentally the Republicans, although they do not want to admit it, are following the Truman-Acheson policy of resisting "Communist aggression wherever it occurs by as much united action as possible in order to prevent the Commies from taking over the world.

"I believe that the decision was fundamentally correct in the case of Truman," he said "I believe it is fundamentally correct now, and to the degree the administration follows it, I will support it".

NEWSMEN HIT JOE

A question from the delegates on how to stop McCarthy and who was behind him brought sharp replies from the newsmen themselves.

"Every vicious, sordid, maniacal rectionary element in the country is behind McCarthy", Bob Allen said. "He is financed by the guys who are getting the big payoff on these tax relief bills. They are using your money to knock you off politically and economically."

Said Ed Lahey: "McCarthy is riding a wave of hysteria that we've had for a long time. He as an individual doesn't carry weight. Aside from this hysteria, he would be just another guy on the bus."

Jimmy Wechsler: "Joe McCarthy has been kept alive long beyond any reasonable life expectation, first by those in the Republican Party who wanted to use him and still think they can use him as a kind of hooligan front man for their own operations; and, second, by the failure of the Democratic Party to put up a genuine and united resistance. **Too many leading Democrats have been saying smugly that this is a Republican problem.** There are too many men who have been trying to save him for their own reasons and others who are refusing to fight because they are scared. **The really big thing that is happening in America in the last couple of months is that the tide has turned. The people are speaking out and I think that's the beginning of the end."**

FIFTH AMENDMENT

The newsmen also warned against changing or repealing the Fifth Amendment because it has been invoked by some seemingly guilty witnesses.

"The last thing we want to do is tamper with the Fifth Amendment, which is one of our basic liberties," said Lahey. "Some of the people who do invoke it are afraid of entrapment. **The point that everybody forgets is that there is a sort of mass hysteria about this Fifth Amendment because it's invoked by people we don't like — Communists and gangsters. But it's indivisible. It won't work."**

ON INVESTIGATIONS

"A lot of people are wondering when the Congress is going to show a sense of responsibility," said Anthony Leveiro. "Where does it start if it doesn't start in Congress, especially in the Senate, the so-called greatest deliberative body in the world? The matter of Congressional investigations is a matter of Congressional discipline. If there is no self-discipline there, I don't know where it can come from. Public opinion helps, but public opinion is slow in correcting these things."

Douglas said he had proposed a code that would protect witnesses against making public unevaluated testimony and permit them to be present at public hearings where testimony was to be heard against them, permit them to be represented by counsel, to have a limited right of cross-examination, to call witnesses and to testify in their own behalf.

"In short, the essence is that the man should have the right to make a reply at approximately the same time that the charge is made," Douglas said. "Otherwise a lie can go around the world, before truth has time to put on its boots."

To Answer or Not to Answer

CHICAGO — James Wechler, editor of the *New York Post*, who appeared before McCarthy's Committee and successfully challenged false accusations by the Wisconsin Senator, volunteered to answer a question from the delegates as to whether or not the Fifth Amendment should be repealed. He said:

"I had a brief experience with the Senate Committee in which I didn't use the Fifth Amendment. In fact, I talked extensively at the expense of the taxpayers. **I believe the way you fight in this country is not with silence but with speech.**

"At the same time I think we ought to face the fact that there are circumstances and situations in which it is conceivable that a man use the Fifth Amendment **for the legitimate purposes conceived by the men who wrote that amendment. The blanket view that anyone who ever uses the Amendment is thereby pleading guilty is inconsistent with all traditions.**

"I want to say one other thing. One of the greatest instances of the silent witness is a man named Joe McCarthy. He was under investigation by a duly constituted Subcommittee of the United States Senate on very serious charges, charges going into his integrity as a United States Senator.

"On six different occasions the Subcommittee asked him to appear before that body and answer questions. On each of those six occasions he refused to do so, saying it was a loaded Committee trying to smear him. Now I know of no citizen who is permitted to say he won't go before a Congressional Committee because he doesn't like the fellows on it."

Senator Douglas Charges Republicans Lack Program

CHICAGO, Illinois—Senator Paul Douglas (D., Ill.), considered by many to be the most capable man in the Senate, tore into the Republican legislative record, point-by-point, in his address at the UAW-CIO Education Conference.

Said Douglas, "I am glad to report to you that the cornerstone still rests underneath the National Capitol.

CONDITIONS 'NOT GOOD'

"The Army still functions, and in the words of the immortal John Paul Jones 'has just begun to fight.'

"The Great Crusade is clanking along under gas supplied by Batton, Barton, Durstine & Osborn advertising agency, and other slick editorial and ad writers hastening to Washington to shore up the illusion that was created by television, radio, news columns and billboards in 1952.

"Economic conditions — in defiance of the advertising slogans —are not good. The dairymen now say that Secretary Benson proposes to 'grease the skids with butter'."

While noting that the Republicans had no program—other than to claim credit for everything good done by the Democrats, and blame anything going wrong on them—Douglas commented, "We mention that there is unemployment and a business recession; they accuse us of trying to cause a depression. I'm told Cabinet wives silence their naughty children by saying, 'If you don't quiet down, that old gloom and doom Douglas man will get you if you don't watch out'."

The Illinois Senator pointed to the GOP record of give-aways and sell-outs, including the offshore oil steal, the Hinshaw Act weakening FPC gas rate regulation; modification of Rule U-50 weakening competitive bidding on bonds; loss of some $2.5 billion in corporate income and profits taxes; virtual destruction of federal housing; weakening of public power program; amending Taft-Hartley to make it even worse; proposals to give away Niagara power, Northwest power and Alaskan oil deposits, plus tax relief for Mr. Big and crumbs for Average Citizen.

DEMOCRATIC PLAN

By comparison, Senator Douglas stated that the Democrats "believe in raising the personal income tax exemption from $600 to $800. **NOW.** This will add $4.5 billion to purchasing power, $160 a year for the average family, or 8 cents an hour in take home pay."

"We do not believe in greasing the skids with butter," declared Douglas. "We believe in disposing of our farm surpluses through trade for strategic minerals and materials, through a foreign relief program conducted by CARE and like organizations, and finally through supplementary diets for the unemployed, old age pensioners, disabled veterans, those in public and private orphanages, charitable and other institutions."

Among other points on the Democratic program, Douglas cited fair labor laws, public regulation of utilities, development of public power, retention of national resources, full collection of corporate taxes, strong national defense, sound welfare programs including expanded social security, aid to education, housing assistance, and full enjoyment of civil rights for all.

Douglas noted that the Republicans had run out on the President in foreign affairs, and pledged, "I want to say that we Democrats feel that politics stops at the water edge, and we will loyally support the President in foreign affairs when we believe him to be right."

SENATOR PAUL DOUGLAS (D., Ill.) gives his views on world affairs. In the background, a TV camera is in place for the press conference which followed Douglas' speech.

Lines Clearly Drawn in Illinois Senate Contest

As a result of the April 13 Republican primary in Illinois, the lines are clearly drawn in the November election for U. S. Senator, reports Pat Greathouse, Director of Region 4.

The Republican candidate is Joseph Meek, a lobbyist of the Retail Association in Illinois for 25 years. A man who follows the *Chicago Tribune* isolationist line, Meek will attempt to defeat Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois, the senior statesman who has added great stature to the role of public servant in America.

It will be a clear-cut struggle between the forces of reaction, represented by Meek, and liberal government personified by Senator Paul Douglas.

During the primary campaign, Meek gave a preview of the type of campaign he will wage against Senator Douglas. Name-calling and smear tactics will be at the head of his list. Meek's primary election was noted for the blaze of billboards on highways throughout the state, and his utter lack of a program or a campaign based on issues.

In November, 1954, the voters will be called on to choose between the "Joe Meek" brand of anti-labor politics and Senator Paul H. Douglas who represents all of the people of Illinois.

Guaranteed Employment Plan Outlined at UAW-CIO Conference

CHICAGO — Delegates to the UAW-CIO Educational Conference heard and saw outlined the Union's proposal, as it has been developed to date by a union study committee, for a guaranteed employment plan.

A panel composed of members of the study committee discussed the proposal in a morning session and came back in the afternoon to answer questions formulated by delegates in their buzz sessions immediately after lunch.

Members of the panel were Nat Weinberg, director of the UAW-CIO Research and Engineering Department and chairman of the study group; Jack Conway, administrative assistant to President Reuther; James Brindle, acting director of the UAW-CIO Social Security Department, and Leonard Lesser, Legal Consultant to the Social Security Department. Leonard Woodcock, International Executive Board member, Region 1-D, chaired the session.

DEMAND COMING

Delegates also received a pamphlet prepared by the study committee outlining the proposal in detail. The Education Department is reproducing the pamphlet for wider distribution.

The committee emphasized that its proposal is still tentative.

Later in the year there will be convened a UAW-CIO National Economic and Collective Bargaining Conference where the whole range of the Union's economic demands will be thoroughly discussed. Following the conference, the guaranteed annual wage program and other economic objectives will be reduced to concrete collective bargaining demands through the regular constitutional machinery of the union.

The plan presented by the committee to the Educational Conference is two-fold. It proposes to guarantee:

1—Forty straight-time hours of work or pay at their regular wage rates for every week, unless notified in advance that they are to be laid off for the entire week, for all workers.

2—When such advance notice is given, seniority workers will receive guarantee payments for each full week of layoff in amounts sufficient to enable them to maintain the same living standards as when fully employed.

TO COVER EVERYONE

All workers would be covered by the 40-hour guarantee. This means that even probationary employes, if they were not given advance notice of layoff or if they were laid off after starting a week, would be paid 40-hours pay in any one week. Seniority workers, even when they have been given advance notice, would be paid for the weeks they are laid off up to 52 consecutive weeks.

The duration of guarantee payments for full week layoffs for an individual worker will be a ratio of the total number of weeks from the date he acquired seniority to the effective date of the plan, plus the number of weeks for which he received compensation (except guarantee payments for full-week layoffs) after the plan becomes effective.

Duration for a worker who acquires seniority after the plan becomes effective will be based on the number of weeks for which he receives such compensation after he acquires seniority.

Any unemployment compensation benefit received by a laid-off worker will be offset against the payments by the employer so that the employer's liability is reduced by an amount equal to the State unemployment compensation benefit.

HIGHER STANDARDS

Unless otherwise directed by the employer, a worker laid off for a full week will be required to register with the state employment service and to accept suitable employment. Standards of "suitability", however, will be specified by the agreement without regard to standards provided in state unemployment compensation laws. This is to prevent workers from being forced to accept jobs at substandard wages or working conditions.

If a laid-off worker does take a job with another employer at a wage less than his regular earnings in his regular job, the guaranteeing employer will make up the difference. If a laid-off worker takes a suitable job with another employer and is laid off there, he is still eligible then to receive guarantee payments if the guaranteeing employer has no work for him.

Like the UAW-CIO pension plans, the guaranteed employment plan will be based on a system of sound financing. Part of the costs will be on a pay-as-you-go basis, but the employer will be required to make contributions into a reserve fund that will be held in trust and will be maintained at a specified percentage of his base payroll. The adequacy of the reserve will be reviewed annually by the Joint Board of Administration.

JOINT ADMINISTRATION

The guarantee will be administered by a Joint Board of Administration composed of an equal number of employer and union representatives plus an impartial chairman. Joint plant and regional committees, composed of employer and union representatives only will be established in multi-plant corporations and under pooled plans to the extent necessary.

In addition to its other functions, the Joint Board of Administration will interpret the guarantee agreement and will decide all questions involving eligibility for guarantee payments, including the amount and duration of the payments due any worker, whether work offered him is suitable work, etc.

The Board will make its own independent determinations in accordance with the provisions of the guarantee agreement and will not be bound by any determination or finding made under state unemployment compensation laws.

QUESTIONS on the Guaranteed Annual Wage were answered by this panel of experts at the Education Conference. Left to right are: Jack Conway, administrative assistant to Walter P. Reuther; James Brindle, Acting Director of the Social Security Department; Leonard Lesser, legal consultant to the same Department; Education Director Brendan Sexton, Region 1D Director Leonard Wood cock and Research Director Nat Weinberg.

Ferguson Irks Soapy

LANSING, Michigan — Taking sharp exception to the action of Senator Homer Ferguson (R., Mich.), Governor G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams tore into the Michigan solon for blindly following GOP policy without regard to its effects on the people of Michigan.

Williams' blast came after Senator Ferguson refused to comply with a request from the Governor for support in cutting back automobile excise taxes from the current 10 to 7 per cent.

Said Williams, "The reduction of auto excise taxes . . . would mean a reduction of nearly $50 in the price of a $2,000 car . . . Anything which would encourage people to buy automobiles would be of great value in getting Michigan's jobless citizens back to work . . . Yet our representative in the Senate (Ferguson) says he will vote to retain present taxes on automobiles for another year, while cutting taxes on jewelry and other expensive luxuries."

Ferguson is up for reelection in the 1954 elections.

Our Goal: Guaranteed Work

The goal must be kept clearly in mind. The UAW's purpose is really to develop a **Guaranteed Employment** plan. We use the phrase "guaranteed wage" because it is widely used and understood. But it is not a completely accurate description of what our union will propose in collective bargaining.

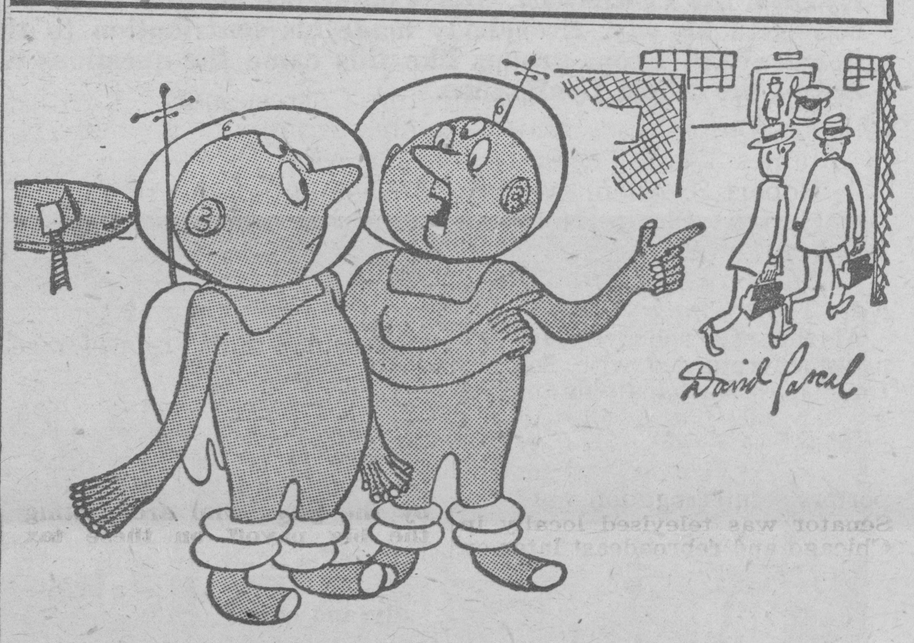
Our main objective is steady full time employment, week by week, the year around.

How Employment is "Guaranteed"

A guarantee of employment is not essentially different from other types of guarantees. When you buy a new refrigerator, you get with it a guarantee against mechanical defects. This does not mean that the refrigerator will always operate smoothly and never break down. The guarantee means that if the refrigerator fails to work properly, the refrigerator company will do something about it.

In the same way, when an employer guarantees employment, he gives no absolute assurance that the workers covered by the guarantee will have full time work every week in the year. **The guarantee contract is a promise by the employer that he will provide employment or, failing to provide it, he will protect the workers against the injury to their living standards that would otherwise result from his failure to keep them employed.**

This principle objective of the program — the guarantee of steady full-time employment—is fundamental to the whole structure of the plan.



"These earthlings are quite primitive. They don't even have a universal guaranteed annual wage."

Just Can't Keep Folks From School

CHICAGO, Ill. — Proving what hardy souls they were when it came to absorbing education in concentrated doses, more than 400 UAW delegates attended "Eleventh Hour Bull Sessions" late Friday night at the Education Conference.

The Bull Sessions were organized as a result of delegates expressing interest in specific Union problems not dealt with during the regular Conference sessions.

Seventeen different topics were discussed in as many different rooms at the Morrison, La Salle and the Opera House. Among these were "How to develop a program for retired workers", "What Union members can do to improve public education", "How to help laid-off members and their families", "How to improve Local Union newspapers and Union-community relations", "UAW Skilled Trades Policy", and "Improving health security agreements".

Discussions on the guaranteed employment plan drew more than 100 delegates who talked over details with International Executive Board members and International Representatives until the wee sma' hours of Saturday morning.

Thirty-six Local Union newspaper editors participated with other delegates in a well-rounded discussion of problems confronting Local Union publications, press relations, use of radio, television and publications in the education and public relations program of the Union.

Broun Awards Go to Exposers Of Far Righters

HOUSTON, Texas (ILNS)—A reporter of this city, Ralph S. O'Leary, has won the Heywood Broun Award — and the $5,000 that goes with it — for the best journalistic work during 1953 in the crusading spirit of the Newspaper Guild's founder.

A series of articles in the *Houston Post* exposing activities of the city's chapter of the "Minute Women of the U.S.A., Inc." brought the citation. The group — as its super-patriotic tag would imply — has extreme right-wing leanings. It exercised considerable influence on schools and other civic institutions.

Runnerup to O'Leary was Ben H. Bagdikian, of the *Providence, R. I., Journal Bulletin,* with a series on Facts Forum, radio and television presentation, largely supported by H. L. Hunt of Texas, described as "probably the richest man in America".

Going Up?

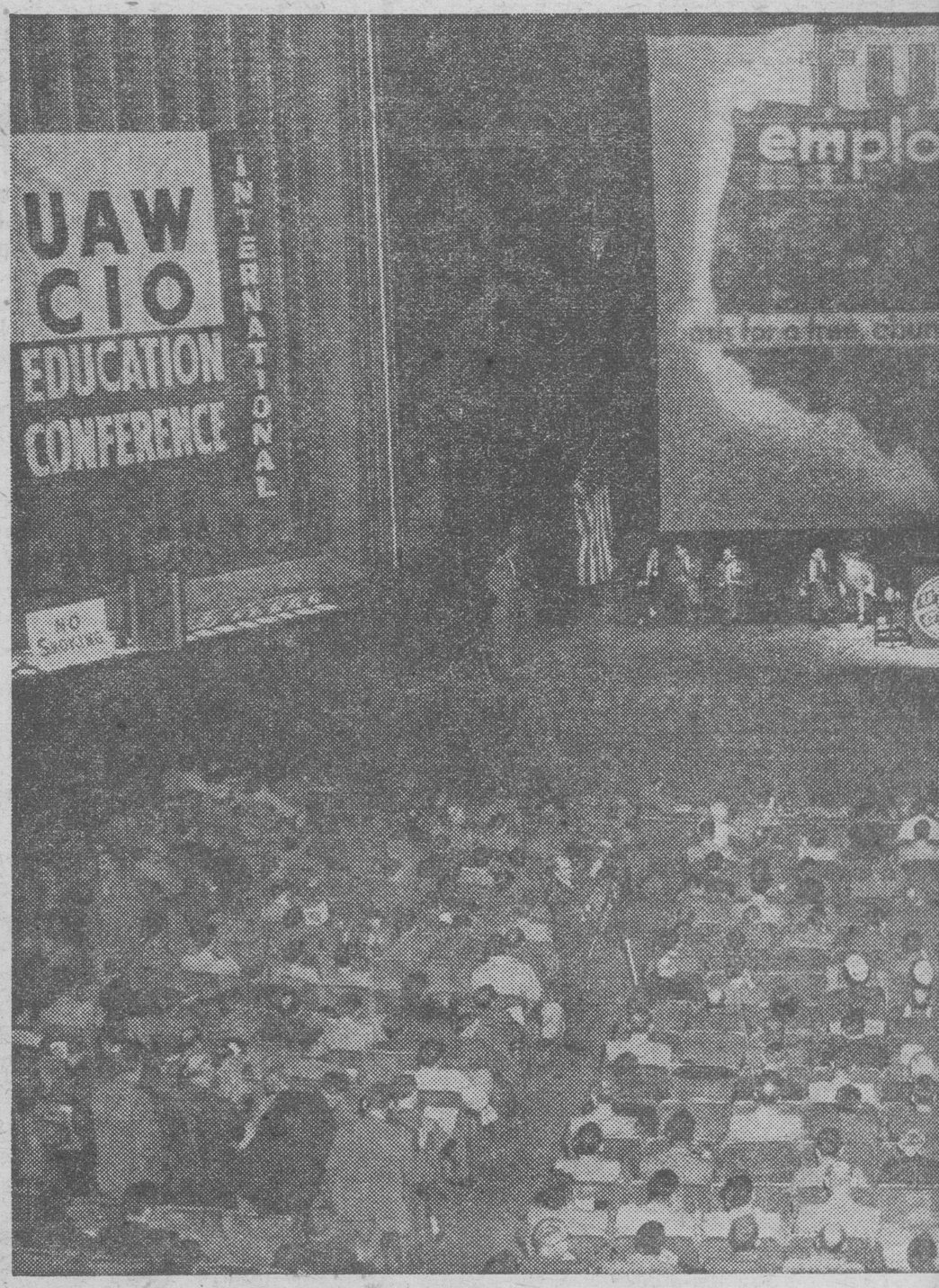
CHICAGO — To handle the hundreds of UAW-CIO delegates registered there, the Morrison Hotel installed express elevator service.

A Local 49 delegate, fresh from the registration routine in which UAW members quickly received their buzz session assignments, started to enter one elevator when the pert little operator said,

"To 12 only."

The delegate, thinking she had said, "212 only", backed out muttering something about "that Mazey Local taking over a whole durn elevator service".

EVERY AFTERNOON, the Conference divided itself down to units like these. Everybody had his say. Everybody made his contribution to the building of a great educational event. From groups like this came the questions which ultimately were brought before the whole Conference.



THIRTY MINUTES of the tremendously interesting exchanges between five of the nation's best-known newspapermen and Illinois Senator Paul H. Douglas were televised. "Man Bites Dog" was the angle in the afternoon as the newsmen and the Senator were questioned by delegates.

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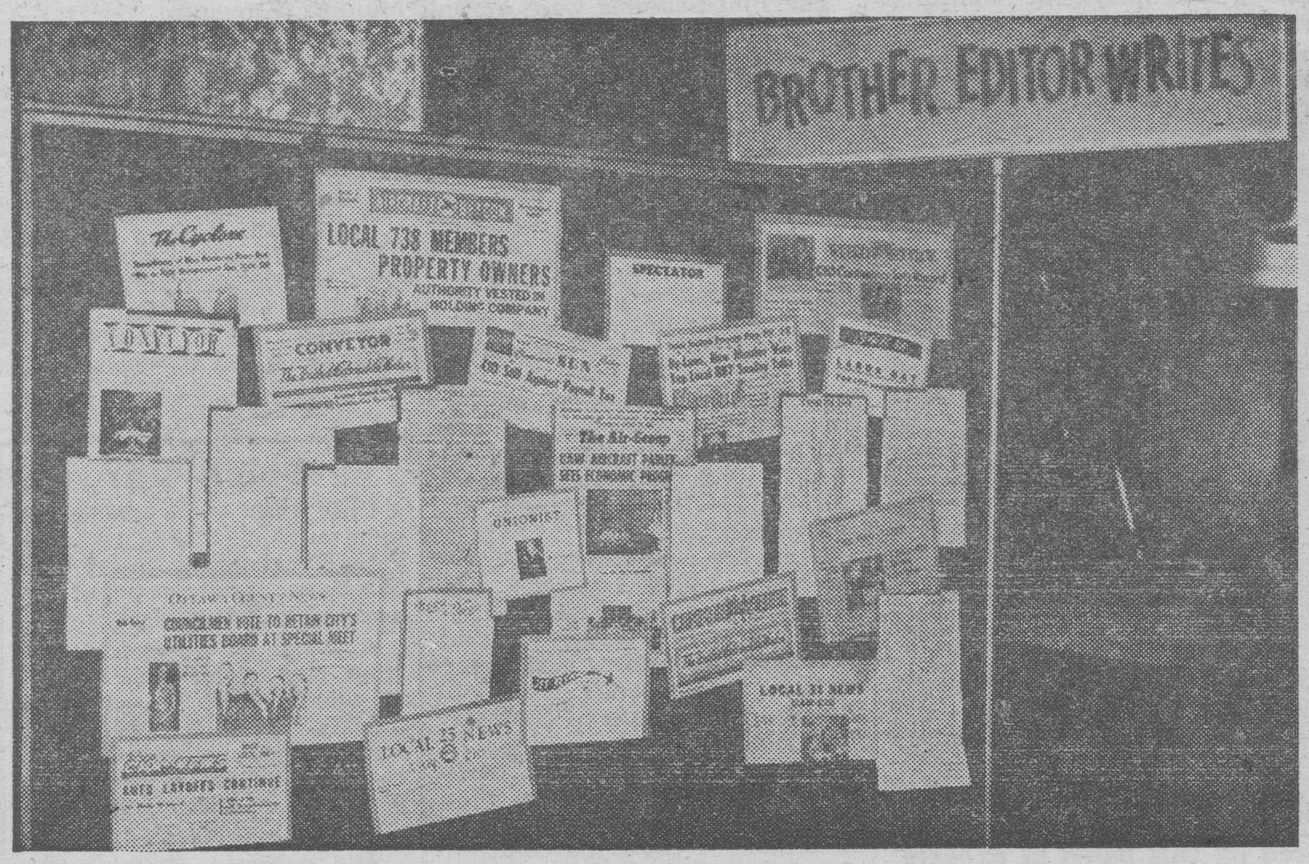
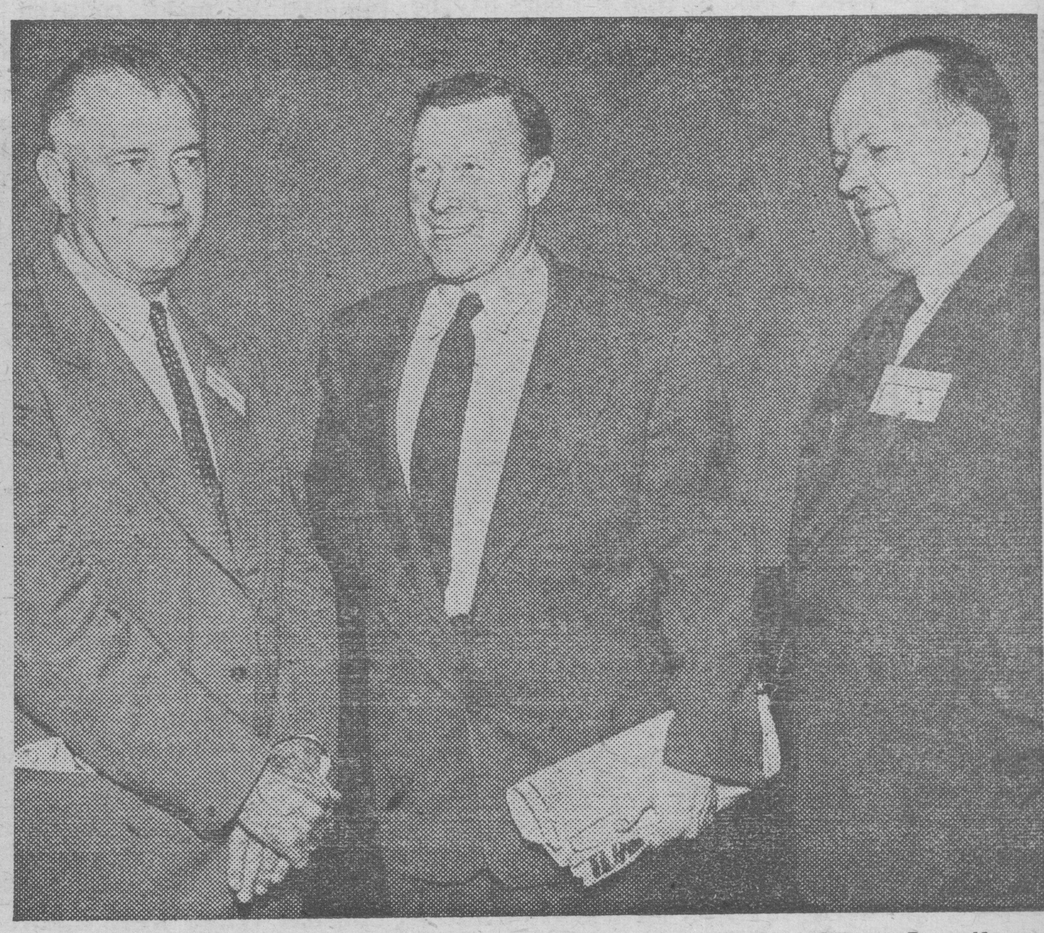


THIS is just one part of a huge exhibit of UAW-CIO local union newspapers. There are now more than 300 regularly published papers in UAW locals. Local Union editors swapped notes on their work, and 36 attended the "11th hour" session on press and publicity.



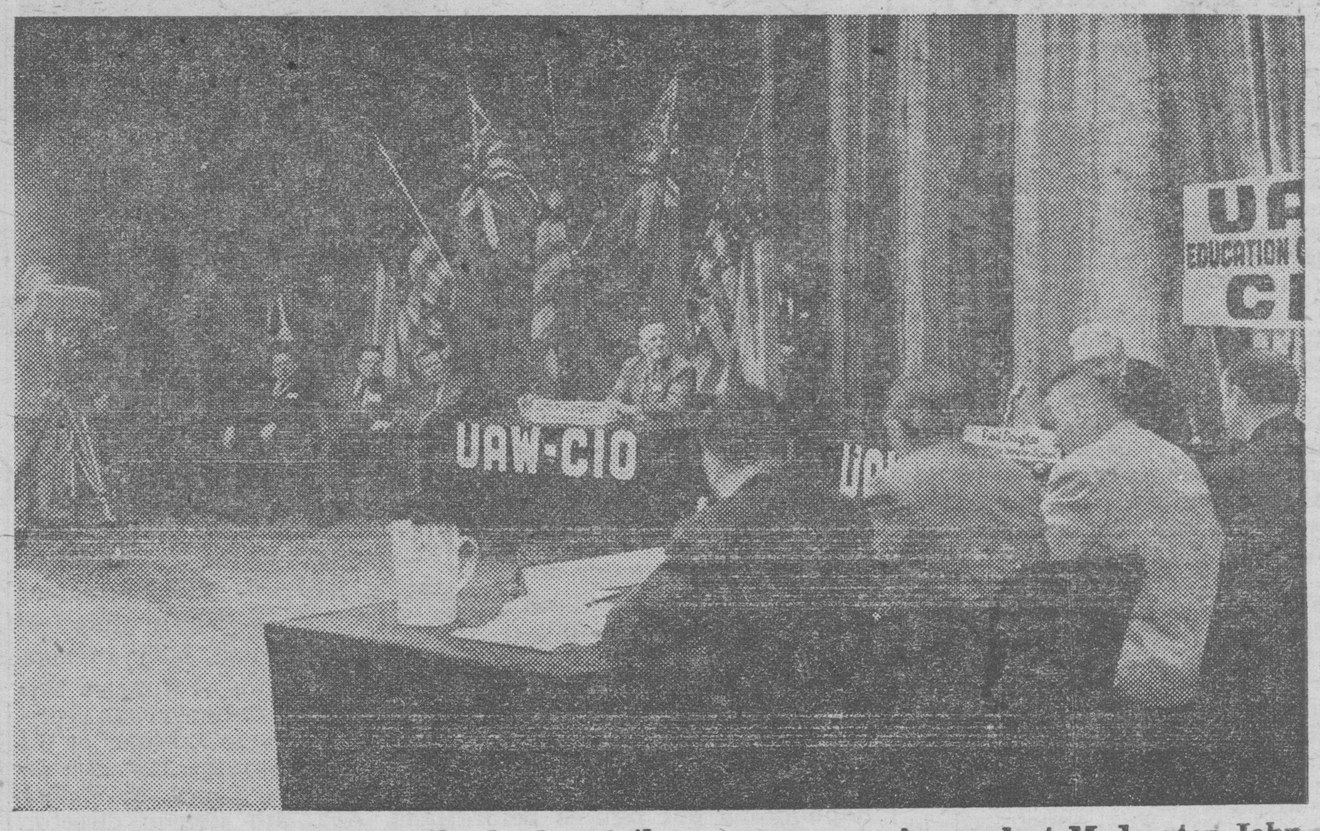
ABOVE are the three principal architects of UAW-CIO education: from left, Norman Matthews, Chairman of the International Executive Board's Education Committee, President Walter P. Reuther, and Education Director Brendan Sexton.

THIS is part of one of 24 discussion groups. The ideas and views start at "tables of ten" — then to the whole discussion group — then to the Conference itself, where reporters elected by each group go to the stage to bring their questions to the "experts."

Education Conference

THURSDAY, April 8, was "registration day." Delegates above are lined up before the desk at the Morrison Hotel, the Conference headquarters. More than 1,500 of the 2,500 delegates were housed in this downtown Chicago skyscraper.

WOMEN DELEGATES were very much in evidence in Chicago. Above are, from left, Edna Friederichs, Local 577, and Geraldine Kavla, Local 627. Many wives also attended conference sessions. Some went on a conducted tour of Chicago.



HERE we're looking over the backs of the newspapermen's panel at Moderator John W. Livingston (center) and, to the right of the television cameraman, Region 4 Director Pat Greathouse, UAW PAC Co-Ordinator Roy Reuther and President Walter P. Reuther.

Livingston Scores U.S. Aid to Struck Aircraft Plants

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Labeling the aircraft industrialists "Gold-plated panhandlers who ply their trade in the plush offices of the Pentagon," UAW-CIO Vice-President John W. Livingston, Director of the Union's National Aircraft Department, set the theme for the Fifth Annual National Aircraft Conference of the UAW-CIO held here last month.

Livingston blasted the Republican Administration for its so-called "hands-off" policy in aircraft collective bargaining.

BLASTS GOP POLICY

Some 200 delegates from 40 UAW-CIO Locals representing approximately 250,000 aircraft workers from all sections of the U.S. and Canada heard the UAW Vice-President's confidential report, delivered to a closed session on current conditions in the aircraft industry. Livingston pointed out how drastically they had changed under the GOP "new look". A remedy, he said, was increased political action by UAW members.

"Actually, there can be no such thing as a 'hands-off' policy in situations such as these (at General Electric and North American)." declared Livingston. "The very nature of the request and the relationship of government to the industry means that to take 'hands-off' is to help the party that makes the request.

"When government heeds the cry of one of the two parties engaged in this collective bargaining struggle and agrees to take 'hands-off' it in effect agrees to help that party to the complete disregard of the other party".

Livingston asked, "Is it a 'hands-off' policy to give an aircraft management clearance for a lengthy strike? Is it a 'hands-off' policy to assure them that their orders will remain intact? Is it a 'hands-off' policy to award a corporation an additional $200 million dollar contract right in the middle of the strike? All of these things have happened under this present administration.

"This, very obviously, is far from a 'hands-off' policy. It is actually the very worst kind of a 'hands-on' policy masquerading under a 'hands-off' banner".

DEMAND FAIR PLAY

Delegates to the conference unanimously passed a resolution condeming the vicious "hands-off" policy and calling upon Congress to urge the Armed Services Committees of both Houses to examine and replace this policy with standards based upon fair play.

The second "Economic Resolution" called for minimum economic objectives to be achieved across the bargaining tables. Heading the list of objectives was the abolishment of the current wage inequities existing between aircraft workers and automobile workers engaged in aircraft production.

Others were classification changes, automatic progression, annual improvement factor, severance-pension program, improved insurance program, more liberal vacation and sick leave plan, and establishment of eight paid holidays per year.

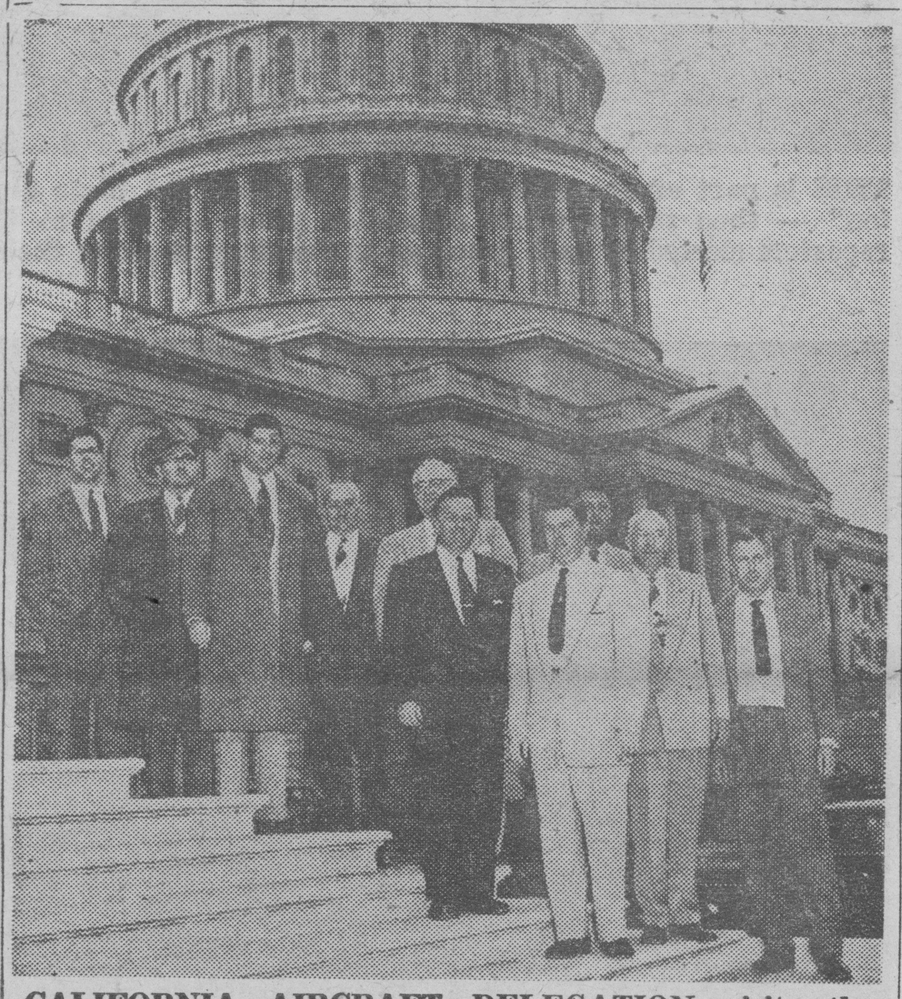
DELEGATES VISIT "HILL"

On the second day of the Conference, the aircraft delegates visited their respective Senators and Representatives to impress upon these legislators the need for action by the Armed Services Committees of both Houses. They asked their Congressmen to investigate the unfair administrative policies of the government which give aircraft managements undue assistance during periods of collective bargaining disputes.

Among featured speakers at the conference were UAW President Walter P. Reuther and Vice-President Richard T. Gosser, who discussed the necessity for a Skilled Trades Apprenticeship program in the aircraft industry similar to that established by the UAW in the auto industry.

Gosser noted how it had taken a number of years to develop the Skilled Trades program in the auto industry, and warned the aircraft delegates that they could not expect to achieve similar results overnight.

UAW-CIO VICE-PRESIDENT LIVINGSTON, Director of the National Aircraft Department, reports to 200 Aircraft delegates attending UAW-CIO Fifth Annual Aircraft Conference. He gave them the score on the effect that GOP Administration's "new look" is having on aircraft industry. Seated at right is Assistant Aircraft Director Paul Russo.



CALIFORNIA AIRCRAFT DELEGATION visits the Capitol, during recent UAW-CIO Aircraft Conference, to tell California Congressmen of both Houses that 250,000 UAW-CIO aircraft workers want government's so-called "hands-off" policy changed to one of "equity and fair play". Region 6 Director Cyril V. O'Halloran (center rear with glasses) headed the delegation.

Gen. Vandenberg Was Right Wilson Wrong, Yorty Avers

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "Air power is not the plaything of the party in power. It can only be built up over a period of years through non-partisan support," declared Representative Samuel W. Yorty, Democrat of California, as he gave the 200 delegates attending the UAW-CIO National Aircraft Conference at the Statler Hotel a "close look" at the "new look" of the GOP national administration.

Congressman Yorty said the Eisenhower Administration has abandoned the bi-partisan approach, and has committed a series of grievous errors because it turned its back on the advice of General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, former Air Force Chief of Staff. **(Editor's Note: Shortly after the Conference, General Vandenberg died of cancer at the Walter Reed Hospital.)**

The California Democrat, and Air Force Intelligence officer in World War II, listed four instances in which he said the record shows that "General Vandenberg was right, and Secretary (of Defense) Wilson was wrong", when the new Administration laid down its Air Force policy a year ago.

"First", he said, "the record shows conclusively that the Administration made a serious blunder in cutting our airpower a year ago.

"Second, the record shows that the Administration recognized its blunder and set up a so-called new program which will eventually provide about the same combat airpower for which the Democrats were arguing a year ago.

CONGRESSMAN YORTY

"Third, the record shows that the Administration has lost two years' time which they can't make up and wasted a considerable amount of money.

"Fourth, the record shows that the Administration has tried to hide its errors from the American public by the so-called 'new look'."

UAW Action On Ford Shift Saving Seniority

RICHMOND, California — Prompt action by the UAW-CIO has restored confidence to the members of UAW-CIO Local 560 —now employed in the Richmond assembly plant and San Francisco parts depot of the Ford Motor Company—that their seniority and contract rights will be fully protected when the Ford Company suspends operations at the Richmond plant, and moves to the new Milpitas plant.

After two days of almost continuous negotiations, an agreement was reached which provides Union recognition in the Milpitas plant, transfer rights with full seniority, pension credits etc., for all employes.

Seniority rights for employes now working in the San Francisco parts depot were extended to the new plant, and a Union coordinator on matters concerning transfer of employes from Richmond to Milpitas (lost time to be paid by Company) were also included.

The pact was announced by Ken Bannon, director of the UAW-CIO National Ford Department.

Symington Raps Cuts in Aircraft

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Nation's defense schedule has been set back at least two years through unwise GOP budget cuts for aircraft production, Democratic Senator Stuart S. Symington of Missouri told the UAW-CIO Aircraft Conference.

Symington, formerly Air Secretary under President Harry S. Truman, warned that at the same time we were cutting back our defense appropriations, the Reds were going all-out to build up their war potential. He said that the Reds were building improved long-range and medium-range bombers, A-bombs, H-bombs and other modern weapons of destruction.

The Missouri Senator advocated a greatly expanded aircraft program to meet the threat of Red aggression and common sense defense needs.

Soundly scoring the GOP Administration "new look", Senator Symington pointed out that the "Republicans put figures before forces". He observed that Republican talk of balancing the budget had been discredited under previous GOP Administrations.

SENATOR SYMINGTON.

GAW Talk Grows

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (ILNS) — One of the hottest issues facing labor — the guaranteed annual wage — was featured at the sixth annual labor-management conference at Rutgers University, April 6. Labor was represented by Marvin J. Miller of the United Steelworkers research department and Henry A. McFarland, AFL 4th Region director. Included on management's side was the director of economic research for the Chamber of Commerce of the U.S.

Moline Deere Workers Dump FE-UE, Vote UAW

The first major plant in the Quad-Cities area, John Deere Planter Works in Moline, Illinois, has voted to dump Local 148 FE-UE which has held bargaining rights for 12 years.

Workers voted in the NLRB election April 1 to be represented by UAW-CIO. The official balloting was as follows:

UAW-CIO — 389
FE-UE — 224
No Union — 65

Pat Greathouse, Director of the Agricultural Implement Department stated: "This is the opening gun in a widespread campaign to unite all farm equipment workers under the banner of UAW-CIO". NLRB elections are expected shortly at International Harvester Works, East Moline, Ill., and Farmall Works, Rock Island, Ill. presently represented by FE-UE. FE local unions in these plants voted at the same time the Deere Planter Workers voted last August, 1953, to disaffiliate from FE-UE and affiliate with UAW-CIO.

The election victory in John Deere Planter Works brings to a total of eight local unions the number of plants organized in Deere under UAW-CIO.

The campaign, carried on for eight months, was conducted by the Agricultural Implement Department, Competitive Shops Department and Region 4, UAW-CIO staff, coordinating all organizational activities. Substantial help from the Agricultural Implement Council and John Deere Council contributed to the campaign's success.

Still Organizing

The Skilled Trades Department reports recent NLRB election wins in three small Detroit plants: Chrysler Mo-Par Depot, Lincoln Manufacturing and Owens Welding.

Recession Here . . .

Humphrey Blames GOP For Letting George Do It

CHICAGO—"America . . . is suffering a recession today," Senator Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) asserted at the closing session of the Education Conference. One of the main causes, he said, is that they let George do it.

The "George" in question is Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey. Senator Humphrey is quick to point out that he is not related "either biologically or politically" to his money-grubbing namesake.

HARD MONEY HURTS

Senator Humphrey thundered that "the whole fiscal policy of the Government was changed overnight . . . a little over a year ago." He asserted that the Treasury Department made the decision to increase the interest rates on Government bonds.

That one decision cost the Government $297 million in additional interest, money which went to bankers. It also raised other interest rates.

"And hard to get money means hard times," he said.

The fiery Minnesota Senator debunked the theory that a lower level of defense expenditures has caused the widespread layoffs.

"This Administration has spent an average of $400 million a month more for the military in the 15-month period it's been in office than was spent in the preceding 19 months under Harry Truman," he said.

FARM DECLINE HURTS

"Those reduced appropriations that you've been hearing about . . . are going to come into effect about October, November and December of this year and January of next year," he said. "Then's when you're really going to feel the pinch to our America."

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson's farm policy is a second major cause of the current recession, Senator Humphrey charged.

"Farm parity is down 8 points. Every time he (Benson) opens his mouth, it goes down another quarter of a point. The most expensive spokesmen this country ever had is the Secretary of Agriculture."

Humphrey asserted that "farm assets have liquidated themselves $9 billion in one year . . . That's the loss in farm prices, farm land prices, farm inventories and farm facilities."

He pointed out that farm prices had been running about 112 per cent of parity. It's now 91, and "farmers are scared to death . . . They just ain't spendin'."

TAX PROGRAM WRONG

The tax program is all wrong, too, Humphrey asserted. Instead of building up purchasing power, the rich have received huge tax savings and the people who do the most buying have received almost nothing.

The present tax plan actually penalizes workers for being workers, he pointed out. Under Ike's tax plan, the average family man with $4,000 income from stock will pay $115 in taxes; with the same income as wages, the bite is $240.

The future, Humphrey said, will be what the people make it. The problems are not temporary. "There's a new industrial revolution taking place in this country . . . There's a possibility of millions of people losing their jobs unless we move ahead."

Technological progress can be the key to a better America if we learn how to control it and take advantage of it, he said.

MUST LIVE BETTER

Humphrey backed solutions to the nation's immediate problems which tie in to the higher standard of living which America must achieve to maintain prosperity.

He supported increasing personal income tax exemptions to $800 this year and to $1,000 next year "with a lower tax rate for the lowest income groups." He urged full parity for farmers.

"The same people who want cheap food want cheap wages," he said.

He urged lower interest on government bonds, another move designed to increase purchasing power.

Farm surpluses can be directed to school lunch programs (Ike has cut the appropriation) and to the aged and hungry nations overseas.

"We need not one million new houses a year, but two million."

But the key need of the moment, he said, is for an Administration that will meet problems head on instead of trying to design an economy for the benefit of the few.

EVEN REPORTERS got tired feet hurrying to all the Education Conference events. Mary Heaton Vorse, veteran free lance labor reporter and writer, removed her shoes (see arrow) to give her aching arches a rest. Other reporters in the orchestra pit (converted to a press gallery) loosened their ties, tried to relax between talks.

SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY (D., Minn.) gets warm congratulations from UAW President Walter P. Reuther after his closing speech at the UAW Education Conference.

Hard Work Brings Increase In Michigan Comp Benefits

A terrific job by UAW and CIO members, pressure from farmers and unemployment-stricken communities and consistent prodding by Governor Williams finally moved the Michigan Legislature to increase Unemployment Compensation benefits.

Never in the history of the CIO in Michigan have so many people worked so hard and so well at mobilizing support behind a CIO legislative program.

The law, passed just as *The Auto Worker* went to press, falls far short of President Eisenhower's and Governor Williams' recommendations, but it does provide improvements.

PLENTY OF 'BUTS'

The maximum benefit for a worker with no dependents was raised from $27 to $30 **BUT** he must have average weekly earnings of $75.51 to qualify for the maximum.

The maximum benefit for a worker with one dependent (such as a couple without children) was increased from $27 to $32, **BUT** a worker must have average earnings of more than $70 a week to qualify for the full amount.

The top benefit is either $42 or $43 (there's still confusion on the point) for a worker with four or more children, **BUT** a worker must have average weekly earnings of $84.01 to get the full benefit. Only about one in 60 workers will qualify.

The maximum number of weeks a worker can get benefits was increased from 20 to 26 weeks—a major improvement—**BUT** there are so many disqualification provisions, thousands will not qualify.

GM SAVING GIMMICK

The minimum tax on corporations was cut from a full 1 per cent of the payroll to a tenth of 1 per cent a potential saving of millions to General Motors and Ford.

Major fishhooks were added to the law. One requires that a worker earn at least $15.01 (instead of the present $8.01) in each of the 14 weeks in his base period before becoming eligible for any benefits.

Another opens a wide door to employers seeking to stop payments to workers leaving the state if they stay in areas where there is no work similar to their vocations in Michigan.

BUT some of the fishhooks on hearings before the examiner have been removed.

The CIO supported the campaign to get improvements with radio and television programs, special tabloids — including one the farmers— an a fine staff effort.

Basic Principles of the Guaranteed Annual Wage

(1) The primary goal of a Guaranteed Annual Wage plan should be to stimulate management to provide steady full-time employment, week by week, the year round.

(2) Guaranteed Annual Wage payments should be made to workers for whom management fails to provide work, in amounts sufficient to insure take-home pay adequate to maintain the living standards which the worker and his family enjoyed while fully employed.

(3) All workers should be guaranteed employment or guaranteed payments from the time they acquire seniority. The guarantee should assure protection against a full year of lay-off for all eligible workers and for shorter periods on a graduated basis for those who have not worked the minimum qualifying period.

(4) Guarantee payments should be integrated with state unemployment compensation benefits so that employers can reduce their liabilities by effectively working toward the improvement of state laws.

(5) The plan should be administered by a Joint Board of Administration having equal representation from the Union and from management, with an impartial chairman to break deadlocks. Decisions of the Joint Board with respect to eligibility and disqualification should be made independently of decisions made by state agencies with regard to unemployment compensation.

(6) Financing should combine pay-as-you-go, to provide employers with incentives to stabilize employment, with a reserve trust fund to meet abnormal costs. Provision should be made for reinsurance to reduce the size of required reserves and to spread the risks of abnormal unemployment over the widest possible area of the economy.

SOUND PRINCIPLES ARE IMPORTANT.

Members of the UAW-CIO know that it pays to start from sound principles when new ground is broken in collective bargaining.

When we undertook to win pension plans through collective bargaining, we also had a set of basic principles. We said there were three basic principles which we must have at any cost; namely, that pension plans must be: (a) Non-contributory (that is, wholely paid for by the employer); (b) Fully funded; and (c) Jointly administered.

Because we mobilized effectively and fought successfully to win these principles in our pension agreement, we have been able to build on them so that our present pension agreements are more nearly adequate than the first pension agreement won from Ford Motor Company in Sept., 1949.

That agreement provided a pension of $100 a month for the worker with 30 years of service. Our present pension agreements with the major corporations provide more than $100 a month for the worker with 10 years' service and $137.50 a month for the 30-year man.

Because our pension plans were established on sound principles, no worker retired under a UAW-CIO pension plan has ever had his retirement income reduced; in fact, we have been able to increase pensions for thousands of workers already retired.

In some industries where pension agreements were signed without regard to sound principles, it has been found necessary to reduce pension amounts and even to suspend pension payments to retired workers.

In fighting for the Guaranteed Annual Wage, it is every bit as important to establish the original plans on sound principles as it was in the case of pension plans.

Kohler Workers Pull Plug On Notorious Labor Hater

KOHLER PICKETS march over the same terrain where good men fell in a strike 20 years ago after company guards opened fire.

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SHEBOYGAN, Wisconsin — Over 2500 pickets were mustered overnight at the strikebound Kohler Company plant to upset a strikebreaking threat, as members of UAW-CIO Local 833 kept production of bathtubs and other plumbing products at a complete standstill.

Long lines of Kohler strikers walk each morning in 3-block long circles in front of the company's main gate, turning back a scattering of would be scabs.

Kohler workers are on strike for better arbitration, stronger seniority, $137.50 pensions, full-coverage hospital insurance, a union shop, and a 20 cent an hour wage boost.

Last year in negotiations led by UAW-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey, Local 833 members gained an 18-cents an hour wage package which narrowed the gap between Kohler wages and competitors in the plumbing field.

EVIL OUTFIT

"Kohler Co. wants to be judge, jury and prosecuting attorney," explains Region 10 Director Harvey Kitzman, who presided at the final round of contract talks before the strike began April 5th.

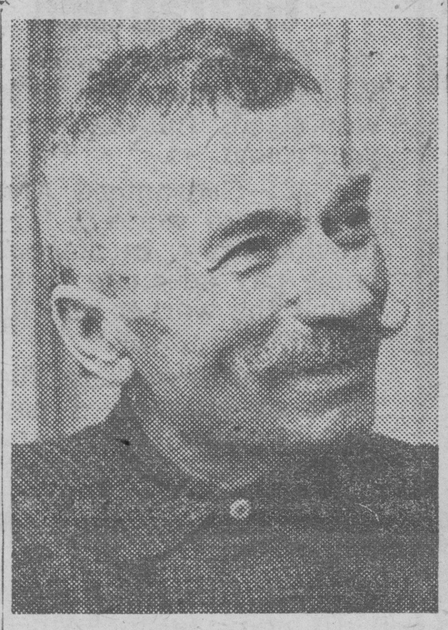
Kohler is a notorious union-hating firm which broke a bitter strike 20 years ago in which two men were killed and more than 40 others wounded.

Now picketing has been conducted on a 24-hour basis. Inside the prison-like Kohler factory, foremen are compelled to sweep the floors and stoke the furnaces, unable to leave the premises on company orders.

"The huge numbers of pickets surprised even veteran unionists," according to UAW-CIO observers who helped "pull the Kohler plug."

BYE, BYE FEAR

Sheboygan is historically a progressive town. It voted heavily against McCarthy in 1952. But the town has never fully recovered from the loss of the '34 strike. The medical profession in the community seldom signs papers defending a Kohler worker's claims for compensation because most Sheboygan doctors fear Kohler Co. retaliation.



WHY THEY STRIKE—John Razal, Kohler worker for 27 years, recently was offered a pension of $5.93. He walked the picket line every day during '34 strike and was discharged for seven years for strike activity. A sweeper in the pottery, he got a 25 cent raise last year because of inequities and still gets only $1.35. He is on the picket line today.

But the tide is turning against Kohler Co. in the present strike. Donations have flooded the Kohler strike headquarters from grocers and small businessmen. The union's nightly radio broadcast which carries tape-recorded interviews with strikers is heard by thousands in Wisconsin's third largest city.

"The Kohler dictatorship over the lives of our people is crumbling, and we're going to have a stronger union." Local 833 President Allan Graskamp says, "because this strike is teaching us that by sticking together we can win our goals."

McCarthyism 'Hurts Sales'

WASHINGTON—Paul G. Hoffman, chairman of the board of Studebaker Corporation, told members of the Advertising Council here this month that McCarthyism even hurts auto sales.

Conceding that auto manufacturers have caused much of the industry's woes, Hoffman said that fear is also hurting production. "There is too much fear, distrust and ill-will. Believe me, you can't restrict such emotions to the political field alone; where fear and distrust are in the atmosphere, it cuts down the sale of automobiles."

Mazey Pinched In Wisconsin

KOHLER, Wisconsin—Emil Mazey went to jail for a short while. The UAW-CIO Secretary-Treasurer was arrested on the picket line at Kohler for violating the company town's ordinance restricting use of sound equipment.

Mazey addressed a crowd of 1,500 pickets at 5:45 a.m. in front of the Kohler main gate. He told the massed pickets of the Union's successful fight against a similar law in Dearborn, Michigan.

"We tested that law all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and won our fight. We'll do the same here if we have to."

Police permitted Mazey to finish, then escorted him to the Village of Kohler station to be booked. The UAW Secretary was released shortly after on $15.00 bond.

A Noted Cartoonist On Wiretapping:

CHICAGO—Herblock, the noted editorial cartoonist of *The Washington Post,* had some pertinent and emphatic remarks to make at the UAW-CIO Education Conference on the question of wiretapping.

This is what he said:

"I'm against the legalization of wiretapping.

"I don't know of anything that can be said for legalized wiretapping that can't be said for legalized third degree methods or breaking into people's homes or anything else. You always have members of a police force who want to get all the means they can and they would do all of these things, many of them, if they could.

"It might make their work a little easier, but it's not good for civil liberties.

"Actually I don't know of cases where wiretapping is really going to yield up as much as they claim it will, and perhaps nothing much at all. Some of our most distinguished ex-Communists, who are held in high repute by some people, tell us they didn't use the telephone in their work anyhow.

"You know, they don't call up and say, 'Hello, Secret Agent X-9; this is Communist Agent No. 54.'

"I can't tell what they are going to get out of wiretapping except guilt by communication. And I don't think you can limit that very easily."

Coffee Nears $1.50 a Pound

Coffee prices jumped again last week and one roaster forecast $1.50 a pound price tags on the item.

Wholesale prices edged up 6c, as industry leaders claimed their prices are substantially below the cost of obtaining green coffee.

Maxwell House led the boost parade when wholesale prices went to $1.22 a pound. This resulted in retail sale prices of $1.34. A. & P. and other chains jumped their prices a nickel into the $1.09-$1.17 range.

Coffee sales slumped 12% in February, the Senate Banking Committee was told, not because of the high price but as a result of "hoarding on the pantry shelf." A witness forecast no decrease in prices for several years.

Local 155 Wins 3

DETROIT — UAW-CIO Local 155 has just won three representation elections in a row. They are:

Banner Die and Fixture Co.—UAW 42, no union 23.

Stewart Process Co.—UAW 13, no union 2.

Norton Machine Repair—UAW 9, no union 2.

Sheil — Reuther — Humphrey Available on Tape, Records

Records of major addresses at the UAW-CIO International Union Education Conference either on tape or platters are available through the Union's Radio Department.

These include the opening address of UAW and CIO President Walter Reuther, the Senator Paul Douglas press conference, Bishop Bernard Sheil, Paul Hoffman, and the closing speech of the conference by Senator Hubert Humphrey.

So many local unions and individuals have requested the Bishop Sheil denunciation of McCarthyism that the Education Department is making available a special platter with the Bishop's speech on one side and Mr. Hoffman's on the other. Both speeches have been edited to 15 minutes. This long playing record will cost you just $1.

The other speeches can be ordered either in full or in half-hour condensations. Recordings of the question periods on Friday and Saturday afternoons are also available.

The charges for tapes and platters other than the Sheil-Hoffman record are as follows: Tapes, $5 for each half hour; platters, $3 for one side 12" long playing and $4 for both sides. Orders should be sent to the UAW-CIO Radio Department, 8000 E. Jefferson, Detroit 14, Mich.

UAW Men Win City Elections

One UAW-CIO local union leader has been elected president of his home town's city council, and another just missed by 8 votes in recent Michigan municipal elections.

John Daugherty, Vice-President of Local 49, led all council candidates in Detroit's industrial suburb of Livonia, where the recent disastrous fire destroyed GM's transmission plant, to win the presidency.

John Burton, Chairman of the Bargaining Committee of Local 142, won easy re-election to the Ypsilanti City Council, and only 8 votes separated him and the top candidate, who automatically becomes Council president.

Shown above is the "rolling stock" of UAW-CIO Region 3. Leading the parade is a Studebaker Conestoga station wagon which was presented to the Region by Studebaker Local 5, South Bend, on the occasion of the dedication of the new Regional office building. Directly behind the station wagon is a special short wheelbase truck which was built on special order by the Studebaker Corporation. The truck is to be used for moving the unit at the end of the line which is a 37 foot Shulte Trailer which will be used for exhibition purposes on the county fair circuits in Indiana during the summer and fall.

Keep America Land of Free Studebaker Head Urges Nation

CHICAGO — Paul G. Hoffman, Chairman of the Board of Studebaker Corporation, called for an upsurge of the "real Americanism" which, in the past, has made this country the home of the free in spirit and the brave in deed.

In the first speech ever made by a major industrialist before a UAW-CIO Education Conference, Hoffman warned against the "new form of Ku Klux Klanism by which a group of Americans having no judicial status whatsoever can set itself up to pass judgment on the loyalities of fellow citizens, and gain a considerable measure of acceptance."

WHAT IS AMERICAN?

He pointed out, "We are alarmed by what we call UnAmerican activities. And well we should be. But if that alarm is to stir us to constructive—and not destructive—action, we must be dead sure of what we are talking about. We have urgent need to define clearly in our minds what is UnAmerican and what is American."

Hoffman offered two guides to determining what is American:

1 "The concepts of our founding fathers expressed most clearly in our great Bill of Rights."

("They have never failed us," Hoffman observed, "and, because they are so eternally right, they never will unless we fail them.")

2 "Recognition of the ultimate goal our forefathers were seeking when they founded this society. They envisioned an America in which every person would have the opportunity not only to make a satisfactory living, but to grow and develop intellectually and spiritually."

CONTROL BY FEAR

The most fundamental right, Hoffman said, is freedom of speech. Without it, he said, "all others are without meaning. The tyrants of history—and of today—have known this, and, as the quickest and surest way of crushing individual liberty, have denied their people the right to think freely and speak their mind."

Hoffman pointed out that the Russian constitution permits freedom of religion, but the Kremlin prevents that Constitutional guarantee from meaning anything because "they have spread fear abroad in the land, and the people have become silent about things so unpopular (with the Kremlin) as God or constitutional liberties."

Hoffman asserted that fear has silenced "too many people" in the United States, too. "Here, it is not fear of secret police, or fear that we will be sent to Siberia—but fear that we will lose our jobs, or our position in society, or our popularity, or, in the case of our public leaders, fear that something said may arouse the ire of an unfriendly press."

RIGHTS FADE AWAY

Hoffman said that the atmosphere of fear has had such an impact on education that at least one Southwestern university has dropped all courses even touching on communism and students in some schools are shrinking away from joining even long-established liberal organizations because they fear the consequences.

"The right of peaceable assembly is no longer sacred to many frightened citizens," he observed. He listed, as evidence, the refusal, in Los Angeles, to allow Bishop Oxnam to use the city auditorium, and the refusal, in Indianapolis, to permit the American Civil Liberties Union to use auditoriums including the publicly-owned War Memorial.

"The identities of the speakers and the groups in these examples are not important," he said. "Nor is the point as to whether we agree or disagree with them or their critics. The question is whether we are willing to deteriorate into a society in which people who are labeled as controversial are not allowed to speak their piece.

"In deciding that question, we shall do well to remember that the most controversial figures of all history were Moses, Jesus, Mohammed, and—in our own time—Mahatma Ghandi."

Right McCarthy Says

I Backed Liberalism

CHICAGO—Congressman Eugene McCarthy, a liberal, told delegates to the Education Conference, "I am not the problem."

The Problem (or Wisconsin) McCarthy, he indicated, tried to make people suspicious of people with liberal ideas and thoughts.

The Minnesota McCarthy produced a fine defense of liberalism. "Liberalism," he said, "is an approach to the problems of mankind.

"I think that the liberal in the first place should be optimistic. That does not mean that he is blind to the facts of life, that he does not realize how bad things are, but that despite these conditions he remains hopeful that some progress can be made.

"I think the liberal's approach is normally progressive, realizing that we shall never have the perfect human society. A liberal should be willing to accept that as man in the past has made changes which have improved our lot, so in the future we can hope that changes can be made, and those changes can be made without accepting the philosophy of change for the sake of change or without rejecting all of the things we have known that have been handed down to us from the past."

REPORTERS MOB Paul Hoffman (center) after his plea for "a positive, real Americanism" in his unprecedented talk at the Education Conference. Hoffman, Chairman of the Board of Studebaker, was the first major industrialist ever to address a UAW International conference.

Hoffman Lauds Labor's Efforts To Build America

CHICAGO — One of America's most-respected industrialists asserted here that labor is in the forefront of the fight for a better America.

Paul G. Hoffman, Chairman of the Board of Studebaker Corporation, told delegates to the UAW Education Conference that labor has been a consistent fighter for the American ideal. This ideal, to Hoffman, is to secure "equality and certainty of opportunity for the full growth of every citizen.

"Anyone with this goal in mind must recognize the part our unions have played in giving millions of our people the right to realize more fully their capacities," Hoffman said. "The UAW-CIO is an outstanding example of such achievement through the processes of a democratic union. And Democracy in unions, in itself, is a vital aspect of Americanism."

Hoffman, impressed by the conference, observed, "Mr. Walter Reuther, who has been in the forefront of many important movements—in unionism and in the fight against communism—is to be praised for the leadership he has shown in this new field of adult education."

Hundreds of Workers Clipped By Chrysler's Fake Callback

Chrysler Corporation apparently is intent on losing friends and alienating workers. Last month it called back 1,300 workers. Four days later (before most of them had put in even an hour) it admitted the call-back was a mistake.

Although some of the men traveled hundreds of miles because of the "mistake," the Corporation refused to pay their traveling costs. All were employed by the Briggs Body Division.

DEMAND COMPENSATION

The false alarm, coming after a long span of erratic production scheduling, made the workers' blood boil.

In a letter to L. L. Colbert, President of Chrysler, UAW Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey pointed out, "This shocking disregard for the rights and problems of American workers will not win new friends and customers for the Chrysler Corporation. Neither will it help establish decency and proper labor relations."

Mazey demanded that Chrysler Corporation compensate workers for expenses they incurred in the call-back.

He observed that hundreds of workers had suffered economic hardship because of Chrysler's false alarm telegrams. Many, recruited in the South during the tight manpower situation a year ago, traveled hundreds of miles to answer Chrysler's call, Mazey pointed out.

"Hundreds of these workers are destitute and without the means of returning to their homes," he asserted.

SOME QUIT JOBS

"Many who were recalled, had obtained employment elsewhere since their layoff. Upon receiving telegrams to report to work, they quit their jobs and expected the Chrysler Corporation to be able to provide steady employment for them upon responding to the call-back.

"Many of these workers will now be forced to return to a pitiful existence on unemployment compensation because of the foul-up of the Chrysler Corporation. Not only that, but many of these workers will be denied unemployment compensation because they quit a temporary job in order to return to what they thought was a steady job.

"Hundreds of other workers who were recalled by the Chrysler management were in Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia and elsewhere in the South. These workers were recruited during the tight manpower situation Detroit experienced a year ago and had returned to their homes in the South following their layoffs when they were unable to obtain jobs in Detroit because more than 140,000 of their fellow workers were also seeking employment.

PARDON MY BLUNDER

"Most of these workers applied for unemployment compensation under Inter-State Benefit Claims. Many of them had not drawn their first unemployment compensation check because of the red tape involved in obtaining claims under this plan. When they received telegrams to report to work, they borrowed money from their friends for transportation and necessary board and room and confidently answered the call of the Chrysler Corporation."

So far, the only thing Chrysler has done about the false alarm is admit that it made a mistake.

Buckeye CIO Seeks Better Comp Benefits

COLUMBUS, Ohio — "Unemployment is unAmerican, but to have unemployment without adequate benefits is even more unAmerican," Ohio CIO Council President James P. Griffin told a capacity crowd of almost 2,000 attending a state-wide Job Security Conference in Columbus Central High School's auditorium.

Two resolutions calling for amendments to the Ohio Unemployment Compensation law and a program to halt the recession and restore full employment were unanimously approved by the huge crowd.

The five-point program of the CIO resolution called for increase in the weekly maximum from $30 to $50; increase in dependency allowance from $2.50 for two dependents to $3.00 per dependent up to three dependents; increased duration period from 26 to 39 weeks; providing award penalties of one to three weeks for workers wronged by indiscriminate employer appeals; and provisions to gear the unemployment compensation program to the guaranteed annual wage program.

The second resolution called for adoption of the CIO ten-point program of the National Executive Committee to halt the recession and restore full employment.

In addition to President Griffin, State CIO Secretary-Treasurer Jacob Clayman spoke at length on the inadequacies of the Ohio Unemployment Compensation law.

Canadians Nix Joe

TORONTO — Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's plans to speak in Canada look like a flop. They can't raise enough enthusiasm or money, north of the border.

The anti-Communist group which invited the Wisconsin Republican to speak next month in Maple Leaf Gardens has been unable to raise enough cash to rent the hall. Authorities reported that only $200 has been subscribed to meet the Gardens demand for $1,750 rental.

Long Way from Georgia

"It's a long way from Cornelia, Georgia, but 25 of us made the trip back to Detroit on the same bus," John W. Harris, press operator in the Mack Avenue Plant, reported on Chrysler's fake call back.

"I wired Chrysler that I was 'on my way.' I just managed to scrape up the $25 I needed for the bus trip. When we arrived at the plant, the man told us, 'Sorry, boys, no work.' Good thing I left my wife and daughter back in Cornelia. I didn't even have get-home money for myself."

Harris, a former sharecropper, was recruited for his Detroit job last year with the promise of "steady work."

"Of course, I was luckier than some of the men called back," he said. "I stayed with some in-laws in Detroit. Some of them didn't even have that much of a break."

Harris is just one of several hundred who went to personal expense to answer Chrysler's fake call-back. So far Chrysler has refused to reimburse any of them.

Walls Up

TORONTO — The Walls stock, tumbled by Tommy Harrison early this year, stands at a new high today.

Heavy-fisted Earl, from Ford Local 200 in Windsor, knocked out Harrison, 6th ranking heavyweight, in the first round of their return bout here this month. Previously Harrison had stopped Walls' victory streak at 15—with a close decision.

Walls now has KO'd 15 of his last 17 opponents, 11 of them in either the first or 2nd round.

McCARTHYISM came in for some serious informal discussion from this group at the close of one Education Conference session. Left to right are: UAW Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey, Congressman Eugene McCarthy (D., Minn.), Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP; Paul Hoffman, Studebaker executive, Mrs. Walter P. Reuther and UAW Vice President John W. Livingston.

Labor Has Most to Lose To McCarthy, Mazey Says

CHICAGO — "The virus of McCarthyism is eating into the very heart of the fundamental rights of man," Emil Mazey, UAW-CIO Secretary-Treasurer, told delegates to the 6th Annual UAW Education Conference here.

Mazey said this nation is in danger of abandoning the rights of the individual "which distinguish the democratic way of life from the totalitarian way of life."

CHANGE OF IDEAS

"Many of our basic civil rights and constitutional guarantees are being undermined in the name of national security," he said. "Due process of law is being replaced by star-chamber Congressional committees. Our basic concepts of justice are under severe attacks.

"We in America have long believed that a person was considered innocent until proved guilty. We have long believed that a citizen had a right to face and cross examine his accusers and had a right to a trial by jury. These basic fundamental rights have been replaced by McCarthyism which, in the words of former President Truman, is the corruption of truth, the abandonment of our historical devotion to fair play. It is the abandonment of the due process of law.

"It is the use of the big lie in the unfathered accusation against any citizen in the name of Americanism or security. It is the rise to power of the demagogue who lives on untruth. It is the spread of fear and a destruction of faith in every level of our society."

MOST TO GAIN

Mazey continued, "We cannot hope to achieve our aspirations; we cannot hope to achieve the security in abundance that rightfully belongs to us and all other working men and women throughout the world unless we have the right to speak, unless we have freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assemblage, the right to inquire into all of the matters that confront us, the right to search for truth.

"Because we have the most to gain and the most to lose, the labor movement must be in the forefront in the fight not only to maintain the civil liberties that we have, but to extend them to the people that now are unable to enjoy the benefits of civil liberties and civil rights here in America and elsewhere in the world.

"The leading citizens of America have recognized that one of the basic tenets of our democracy is the right of the people to think, the right of the people to inquire and the right of the people to maintain all of the dignities that distinguish a free citizen from a slave citizen".

Non-Segregated Communities Needed Now, Marshall Asserts

CHICAGO, Ill. — During a discussion on "Civil Rights for Minorities" delivered before the Sixth UAW-CIO Education Conference, Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, gave an up-to-the-minute evaluation of the progress being made in the field of civil rights.

"We have found from experience that the only solution is a non-compromising fight against all forms of segregation and discrimination based upon race, color, or national origin," declared the NAACP Counsel.

TOO MUCH CAUTION

"The reason it has continued has been because of compromise in one form or another . . . Too many people feel that it is better to leave the race problem as it is and work it out within the separate but equal doctrines."

Marshall noted that "Practically all of the progress made toward protecting the rights of minorities has been made during the past 20 years—but real progress has been made during that period. Most of the states' inspired restrictions against Negroes voting have been removed, and in the last presidential election at last 1¼ million Negroes voted in the South."

Pointing out the need for caution in evaluating progress, Marshall stated, "When so many rights have been denied so consistently over so long a period of time each item of progress persuades some people to be lulled into a sense of security."

'UNLEARNING' NEEDED

Marshall observed, "Scientific studies show that prejudice can be 'unlearned' just as it can be learned . . . Prejudice can be 'unlearned' by understanding of individuals of all groups.

"The only way to accomplish this is by living side by side, going to school where all students are admitted without regard to race or color, working together on an equal basis with opportunity for employment and upgrading without regard to race or color, and the opportunity to participate in all community life on an equal basis."

"Organized labor is constantly faced with the same type of problem," said Marshall. "We used to find people who could be convinced to join organized labor but insisted on retaining their racial prejudices. We have all but stopped this practice insofar as the job is concerned. Now we have to concentrate on convincing every single member of organized labor that they must insist on a completely non-segregated community outside the plant. This is a real job, but it can be done."

Force New Election

Dig Those Crazy Clocks NLRB Tells Organizers

LOS ANGELES — The National Labor Relations Board has put a lot of Bull in its agents' Bulovas.

On the claim that two of its agents' watches were a little fast, the NLRB has set aside an election in which the UAW-CIO was the front runner. It was the first time the NLRB had used this gimmick to throw hooks into an organizing drive.

RESCUE OPERATION

The UAW put a lot of time and effort in a drive to rescue Repcal Brass Company workers from the misrepresentation of Communist-dominated Mine, Mill and Smelter.

In the voting last month, the UAW polled 94 to 52 for Mine, Mill; 50 for a hastily-formed company union and 23 for an AFL union. That called for a runoff between the UAW and Mine, Mill.

Two days after the vote was in, the Repcal Employes Association — the company front— claimed that the polls were closed a minute or two before the 4 p.m. deadline. The company personnel manager backed the company union's contention with a sworn affidavit.

WATCHING WATCHES

The NLRB obligingly made a "scientific" analysis of "time" in the Repcal neighborhood. It discovered that the 4 o'clock factory whistles did not all blow at the same time.

It also discovered that as of the date they were checked, the watches of the two agents conducting the election did not have split-second accuracy. One watch gained three minutes and the other one minute in 24 hours.

UAW representatives and observers stated that the agents must have over adjusted the watches because the polls actually closed late instead of early.

As the NLRB unveils new tricks to hamper unions, three points become apparent (1) the NLRB won't back up its own agents when company spokesmen give it the time of day; (2) the UAW has to watch those NLRB watches; and (3) if the NLRB ever sponsors a TV program the time likely will be, "Watch My Line".

It still isn't clear how the NLRB is going to time the next Repcal election.

UAW-CIO Wins York Caterpillar

YORK, Pennsylvania — The UAW-CIO won an NLRB victory at the recently completed Caterpillar plant here which surprised some because the opposing union, the IAM-AFL, has considered York its private bailiwick for many years.

The score:

UAW-CIO — 152
IAM-AFL — 115
No Union — 9

The UAW has had the main Caterpillar plant at Peoria, Illinois, under contract for several years. Its 20,000 workers are represented by Local 974. This fact suggested a slogan, "Six out of every seven Caterpillar workers belong to the UAW-CIO", that was used very effectively in the York drive.

The present work complement of 350 workers is expected to be expanded to about 1,000 when the plant, which manufactures treads for the caterpillar tractor, gets into full production. Negotiations for a contract are already under way.

Monkeyshines

CHICAGO — Elsie Georgi, Engineering Department secretary, observed her birthday during the Education Conference, but the high point of her stay here was not when she received new shoes and a purse as presents.

Nor did it come when she reported for work backstage dressed up in her new clothes.

Super Circus, the kids TV show, was rehearsing in the Opera House. An animal trainer and three educated chimpanzees walked down the hallway.

The chimps were dressed in new clothes, too.

As they passed the door to the transcribed room, one of them stopped, looked over Mrs. Georgi's new duds and then reached out and gravely shook her hand.

Board Orders Forging Survey

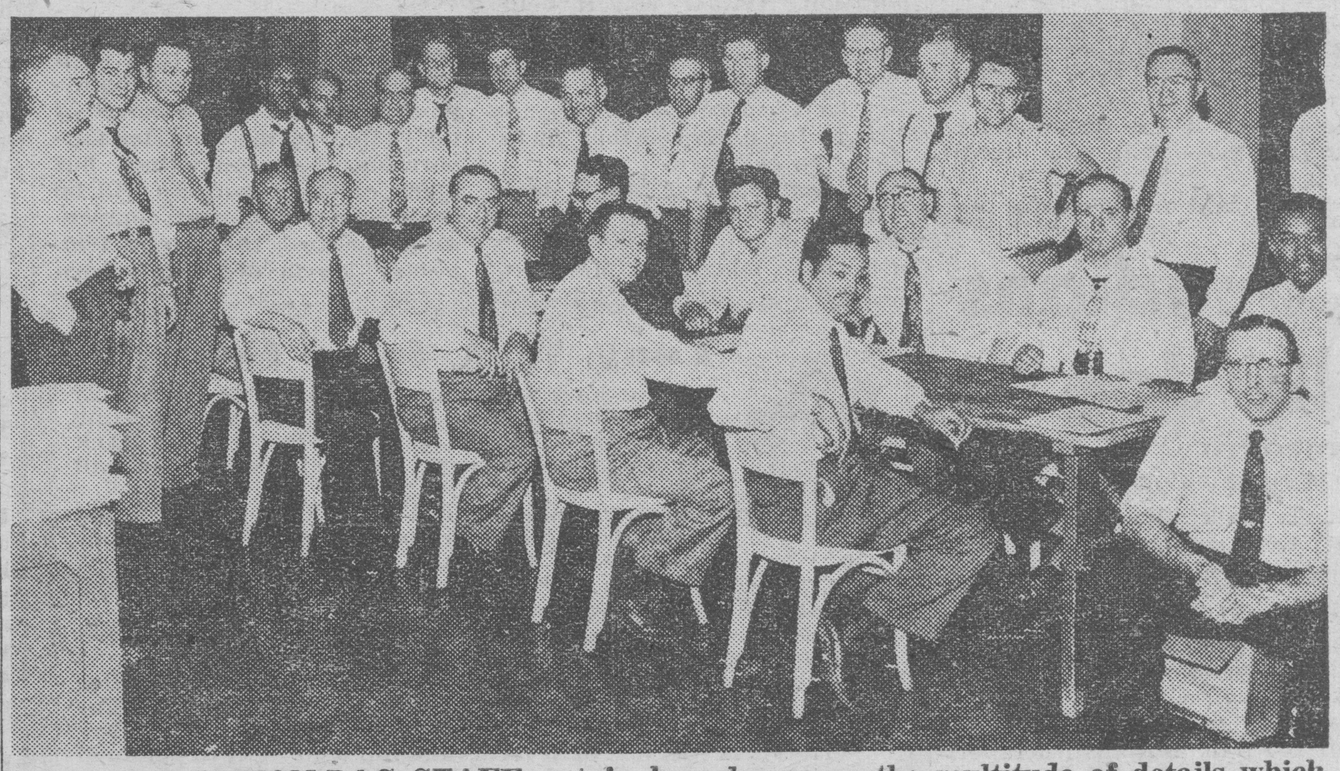
A survey of the unsatisfactory conditions confronting UAW-CIO members within the Forging Industry was ordered by the International Executive Board at its March meeting. The action was in response to a National Forge Wage-Hour Council report of industry-wide serious problems concerning health, safety and work standards; pay rates, incentive systems and training programs.

Local 140 Wins Foreman Case

MT. CLEMENS, Michigan — Chrysler Corporation's attempt to prevent a UAW-CIO local from following the International Constitution has been tossed out of court by a Macomb county circuit judge.

The local involved is Dodge Truck local 140. The local took action against two members for conduct detrimental to the union while the two were foremen at the company's Mound Road plant.

The local acted under a constitutional provision which states: "A person who has deposited his honorable withdrawal card and thus resumed membership in the union shall thereupon be subject to charges and trial for acts or conduct detrimental to the interests of the union or its members, committed while he was out of the union on honorable withdrawal cards."



THE EDUCATION-PAC STAFF put in long hours on the multitude of details which made the 6th UAW-CIO International Educational Conference such a tremendous event. Here they gather to sort out a rash of last-minute requirements.

Hungry World Looks Hopefully At Food Surpluses in America

CHICAGO, Ill.—Food needs of the world were discussed by two outstanding experts on agriculture surpluses and their effect on the Canadian-American economy — Hazen Argue, Member of Parliament from Saskatchewan, Canada, and Norris Dodd, retired Director General, Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, at the Education Conference.

"Agricultural surpluses on this continent have reached a staggering size," said Argue, who spoke first. "Farmers are interested in disposing of agricultural surpluses because only by doing so can farmers obtain a livelihood.

LABOR'S PROBLEM, TOO

"Surpluses on this continent are now so large that I suggest to you that their very weight on the Canadian-American economy makes a solution to such surpluses just as important, just as vital to labor as it is to the farmers."

Argue pointed out that Canadian wheat surpluses were going up as exports fell off, and commented "It's so bad in Canada now that on January 31 we had not sold a bushel of our 1953 wheat crop and we had 148 million bushels of 1952 wheat still unsold. We still haven't sold a bushel of 1953 wheat."

"We have too much food on this continent," Argue said. "Too much food at home is our problem, and we need to solve it before it brings on another depression. Too much is not a problem with the rest of the world. Almost all the rest of mankind . . . do not know what it is to have an adequate diet. Two-thirds of the world's population is underfed. Fifteen hundred million people don't know what it is to go to bed at night with a full belly."

PLANS FOR ACTION

Argue paid tribute to UAW-CIO President Walter P. Reuther and his plan for economic assistance and world improvement. He expressed himself as believing that had the Reuther plan been adopted, huge agricultural surpluses would not exist today, and through the goodwill thus generated military expenses could have been reduced by untold billions.

Dodd put the problem squarely before the Conference delegates when he stated, "If only more Americans could see for themselves the hunger and suffering so widespread in great areas of the world, they would be as determined to do something about it as they are to do something about hunger in their own communities."

While urging that so-called surplus foods be used for school lunches and similar programs in underdeveloped countries, Dodd declared, "There is no such thing as surplus food any more than there is surplus knowledge in a world that needs so much more of both. The biggest food surpluses America has would disappear pretty fast in some of the hungry areas I have visited".

Just as high farm production within this country is essential to prosperity in our towns and cities, so more production and better economic conditions in other countries are essential to the well-being of the United States, Dodd argued. He pointed out that the U.S. worker has an economic as well as a moral stake in helping underdeveloped countries to eliminate hunger and to create greater earning power.

And Free, Too

CHICAGO — Muffled explosions echoed in the lobby of the Morrison Hotel just before midnight Saturday.

Flames suddenly shot out of a four-story building across the street completely enveloping the Landmark Restaurant and Downtown Synagogue housed there.

At least two dozen pieces of fire equipment rushed toward the scene, sirens screaming. Hundreds of delegates to the UAW Education Conference streamed out of the hotel to watch the fire.

A native Chicagoan passing by was overheard observing to his companion, "That's that union education conference. Boy, when that Reuther puts on a show, HE puts on a show!"

DISCUSSING THE FOOD PROBLEMS of the only continent with an excess supply are, left to right, UAW Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey, Norris Dodd, retired director general of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN; Hazen Argue, member of Canadian Parliament, and Region 7 Director George Burt.

No Wages Cut In Kaiser-Willys Pact

The UAW-CIO and the Kaiser-Willys Motors Corporation arrived at a preliminary agreement Wednesday, April 14, to eliminate an outmoded incentive wage payment system and to convert to a day rate method of pay which will be supplemented by a bonus payable to all workers in the bargaining unit twice a year.

A first step in this conversion process was of necessity to agree on hourly rates of pay for each job classification formerly covered by the incentive system. These newly established hourly rates are as high or higher than those rates for comparable jobs in other automotive plants.

This conversion to day rates in the Kaiser-Willys plant has been erroneously reported by the newspapers as a "wage cut."

While the new hourly rates are less than the incentive rates previously earned, the Corporation's making the necessary changes to achieve maximum efficiency in the plant, the workers and management cooperating to achieve this efficiency and the coupling of the new day rate system with the bonus plan eliminates the possibility of any so-called "wage cut."

Following is a statement issued Thursday, April 15, by Vice-President Richard T. Gosser.

"The proposed new agreement between the UAW-CIO and the Kaiser and Willys Corporations has been widely misinterpreted. I am convinced that the Corporation's stepping up to its responsibilities by making the necessary engineering changes to properly increase efficiency in this plant and the elimination of the outmoded incentive system that has existed in this plant will in the long run result in a wage reduction.

"I am sure that if these points are carried out with sincerity on the part of both management and labor the result will be a wage increase through the bonus plan. What we are doing is eliminating an outmoded incentive pay system and instituting in its stead an hourly rate system, plus a bonus payable every six months. The UAW is traditionally opposed to the piece-work system and one of our goals is its complete elimination in our industries. This is one more step in that direction.

"My associates and I have been meeting with company officials over a period of months to try to work out some method of putting this plant on a more nearly equal competitive basis in the industry. This could not be done with the obsolete incentive system that has been in effect.

"A part of the agreement is that the company will match the institution of the hourly rate system and bonus plan with engineering changes that will also add to the company's efficiency. The extent to which the company under these arrangements can approach 100 per cent efficiency will determine the amount of bonus the workers will receive. It is impossible to say at this point just how much that will be, **but it is completely inaccurate to say that our new agreement means a wage cut for the workers.**

"I repeat that it could and, I believe, will result in an increase in pay."

CIO to Make Honor Awards

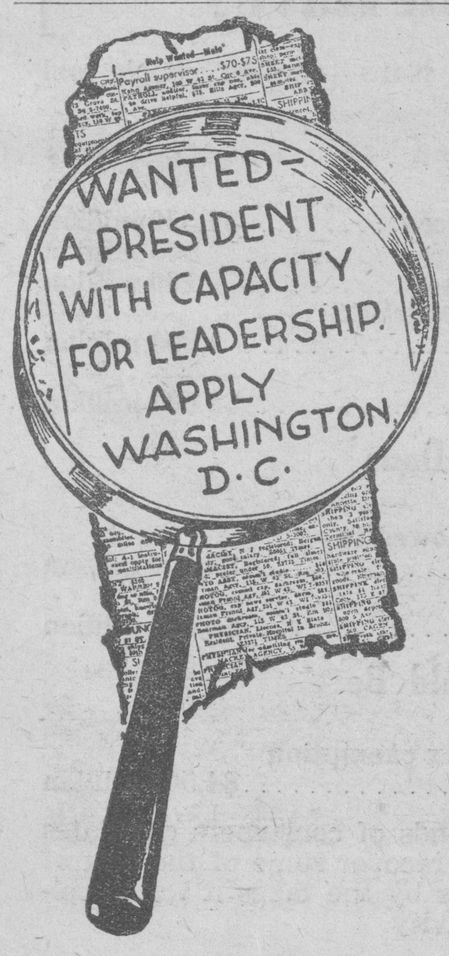
National CIO-PAC will issue an Honor Award to each CIO local union that gets a 100% collection of the PAC dollar contributions from its individual members for the 1954 campaign. Each certificate will be individually signed by PAC Chairman Walter Reuther, Secretary-Treasurer David McDonald and Jack Kroll.

Model Action

The International Executive Board, by resolution, establishes a Skilled Trades classification of Model Builders and confers Journeyman status upon qualified mechanics.

The trade is known in different plants by dierent job titles including Metal Body Building, Experimental Sheet Metal Work and many others. These workers construct sample bodies when new models of automobiles are planned.

In announcing the new classification, Vice-President Richard Gosser, Director of the Skilled Trades Department, stated that the Board's action came after several months of investigation and study.



Girl with Green Hair Even Confounds Irish

LONG BEACH, California — Lucille Ballinger, a member of UAW-CIO Local 148, admits now that she underestimated the effect of green hair.

She knows that after every national election a thousand men who bet on the losing candidates haul the winners downtown in a wheel barrow. So when she walked into the Douglas plant here on St. Patrick's Day with her hair lacquered green — as the result of a bet — she expected no more attention than a scattering of grins.

Sister Ballinger was wrong. Even the Irish were confounded. The plant was almost paralyzed.

Workers deserted their areas for a look at this wonderous sight. Douglas top management got excited. The wearer of the green and the company agreed on one thing—a speedy exit.

Lucille went home and washed that sham right out of her hair. She didn't wash out the repercussions.

The nation's wire services picked up the story. Even the London, England, papers gave it a big play. GI newspapers picked it up. Fan letters began pouring in. They came from lonesome soldiers in Korea and a lonely guy in Arkansas. Reportedly, some of the Britishers were pretty indignant and the Irish, pleased.

Lucille just wants to forget the whole thing. Her hair's a nice, warm brown again. But there's still enough curiosity about the color among fellow workers, that she's considering wearing a turban.

LUCILLE BALLINGER, member of UAW-CIO Local 148, looks astonished about the excitement she created just because she lost a bet and dyed her hair green.

Big Tax Drop for Rich Won't Help Workers

Congress is now writing its tax program. President Eisenhower and his millionaire cabinet are plugging hard for tax changes which will make it easier for millionaires to become billionaires. Liberals in Congress are battling to raise the personal income tax exemption.

Eisenhower and his millionaires want to give nearly all the tax saving to corporations and the favored few. They claim that if more money is given to the rich enough will trickle down to hold the economy on an even keel. Herbert Hoover and Andrew Mellon had the same idea 25 years ago. It brought on the great depression.

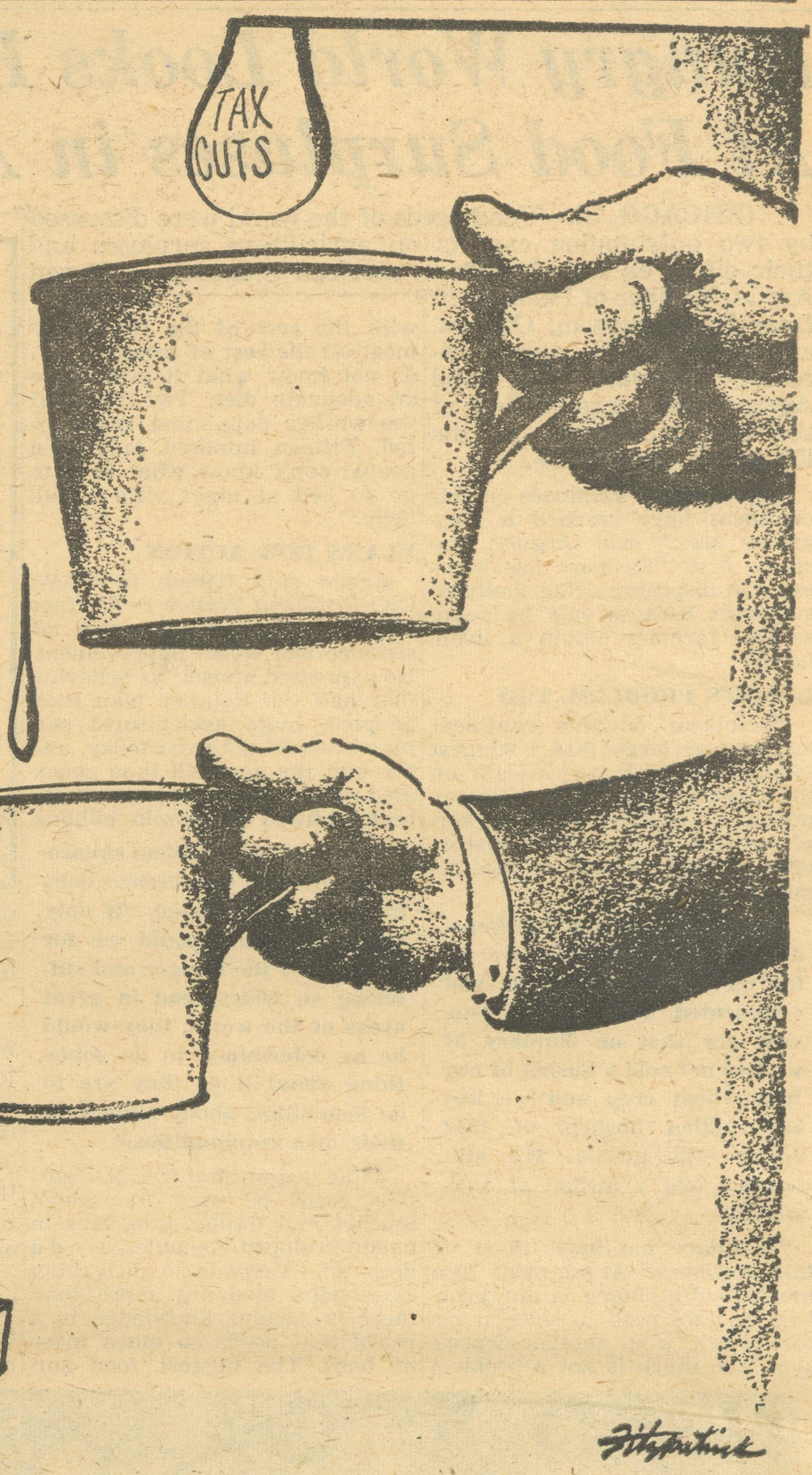
The CIO and liberals in Congress believe the way to build a sound economy is to create a firm foundation of purchasing power held by the millions of low and middle income families who buy nearly all of the output of the nation's farms and factories. They want to raise the personal income tax exemption from $600 to $800 this year and to $1,000 the next. Here's how that change in the tax law would effect you:

- **IF YOU'RE WORKING,** raising the personal income tax exemption to $800 now should give you an increase in take home pay the equivalent of a nine-cent an hour raise this year; the equivalent of at least a 15½-cent an hour raise when the full $1,000 exemption went into effect. (Figures based on averages for a family of four.)
- **IF YOU'RE UNEMPLOYED,** raising the personal income tax exemption would speed the day when you got back to work. There are plenty of potential consumers for the products of farm and factory. Giving those consumers more purchasing power would increase their purchases. That would make jobs.
- **IF YOU'RE WORKING BUT WORRIED,** raising the personal income tax exemption would give you and your family a greater sense of security. The more jobs there are, the less the chance you'll be laid off.

But if Congress goes along with the GOP—Big Business tax program, the change in the tax law will do little if anything to halt the slide toward a depression.

Soon Congress will decide what to do about the rest of its tax program. You can do something to help Congress decide in your favor. Since this is an election year, Congress is jittery. The flood of letters demanding higher personal income tax exemptions has Congress worried. You can help by writing your congressman and senator.

And you can give a buck to the PAC drive in your region to help elect representatives who wouldn't even consider the millionaire tax law which this Congress would like to ram down people's throats.



THE TRICKLE DOWN THEORY

Give a Buck to PAC
THE JOB YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN

Every good sailor knows that a steadily falling barometer is a storm warning.

The nation's economic barometers are still heading down, but the man at the helm apparently can't read storm warnings.

In March, when everything was supposed to start looking up, employment kept heading down.

Steel production (an old barometer) is down.

Auto and appliance—in fact nearly all factory production—continues down.

The nation's purchasing power is in a downspiral which—if not checked—can lead to a full-blown depression.

Congress can do something about it. Congress can give people more purchasing power by raising the personal income tax exemption. Congress can authorize Federal projects in distress areas. Congress can take the lead in boosting the level of unemployment compensation benefits.

But it hasn't.

The economy is still sliding downward.

The men and women elected to congress are making our laws. Too many are muddlers. They've muddled into what Senator Morse calls, "The Eisenhower Recession."

When they're giving away the nation's resources to Big Business, they act quickly. But when they're faced with recession, they stall and muddle and wonder if they can get away with a tax bill which gives nearly all the savings to wealthy people and corporations who don't need savings.

Lawmakers who think like that can cost YOU your JOB. In a depression, everybody suffers.

The only way to stop the threat they pose to your welfare and your family's welfare is to replace them with Congressmen and Senators who will support the programs labor supports.

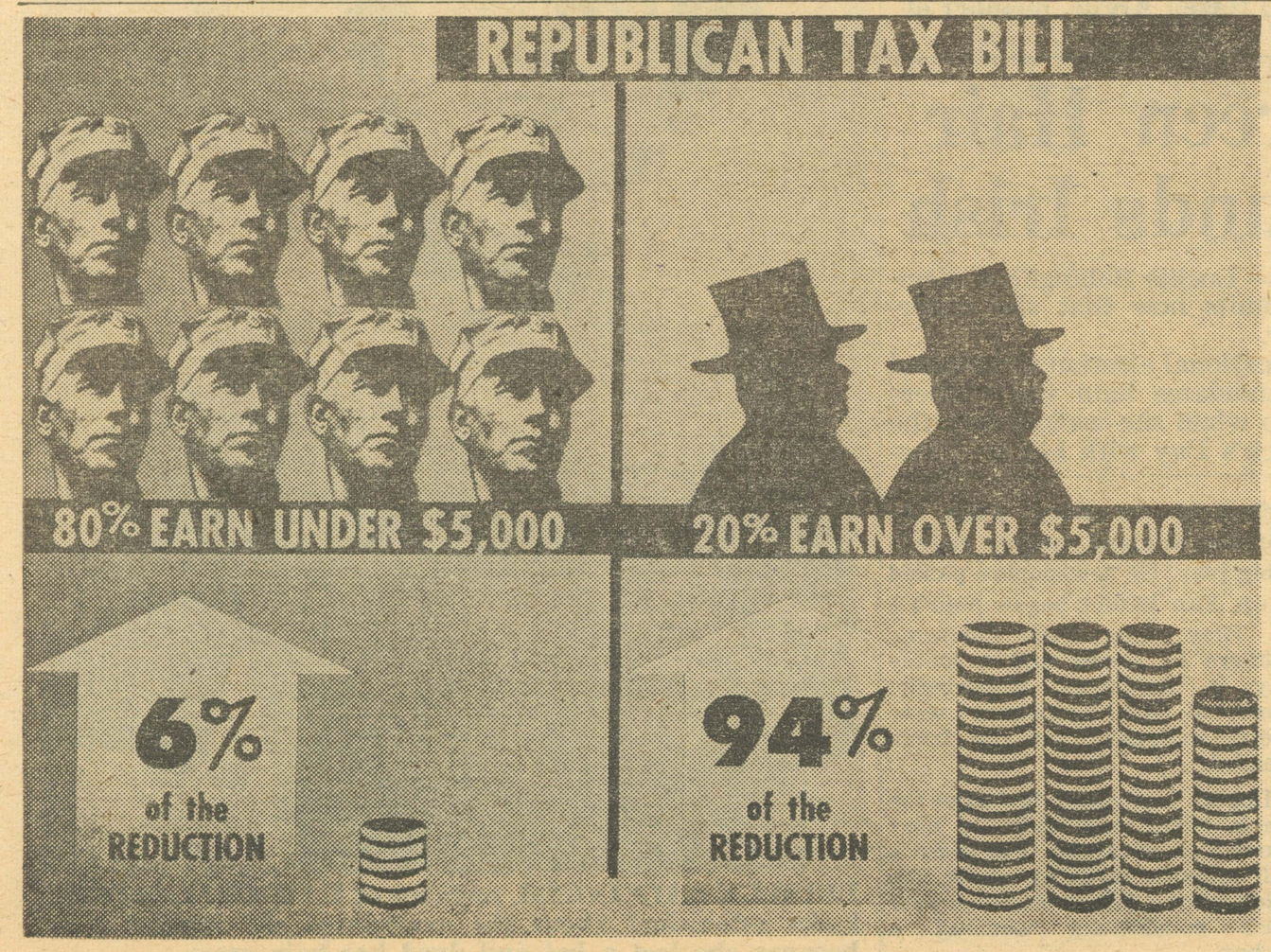
Big Business will pour millions of dollars into the campaign this fall in an effort to keep in office the lawmakers who bow to Big Business.

But millions of working people can offset that war chest with individual one dollar contributions. That's why the PAC dollar drive now in progress throughout the UAW-CIO is so important.

Labor has to elect lawmakers who will act quickly to restore purchasing power and jobs.

The buck you give to PAC is just like the dollar you spend on an insurance policy. In time of trouble, it can be returned to you many times over.

This is a time of trouble.



What'll You Have?

Here's the cost of two tax plans—one for people and one for corporations.

Planned

TO CORPORATIONS:	
Larger depreciation allowances	$1,550 million
Lower tax on foreign earnings	155 million
Averaging profits against losses	100 million
TO CORPORATION STOCKHOLDERS:	
Lower tax on dividends	1,200 million
TOTAL	**$3,005 million**

Already Done

TO CORPORATIONS:	
Cut in Excess Profit Taxes allowed to expire January 1	$2,500 million
TOTAL TO BIG BUSINESS	**$5,505 million**

What Could Be

TO PEOPLE:	
By raising personal income tax exemption from $600 to $800	$4,500 million

Moreover, money in the hands of consumers circulates rapidly. The government would recover some of the cost of reducing the taxes of consumers by the taxes it would collect from increased business activity.