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FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN couldn't resist the lure of the piano in the radio studio at Solidarity House. He paused in his Labor Day tour of the UAW-CIO's International Headquarters long enough to play a pleasant Beethoven minuet. A more familiar tune was the blast he gave the give-away policies of the new Administration in a speech earlier in the day. (See story on Page 10.)

# Ike Admits He's Considering New Tax Which Could Add \$138 to Your Load

-Sales Tax-

# **Auto Workers** Stand to Lose 4½ to 6½ Cents

WASHINGTON - Here is how the Eisenhower Administration plans to charge you up to \$138 a year in sales taxes in order to save you \$25 a year in income taxes.

Income taxes on both individuals and corporations are going to be cut next year. On January 1, there will be a 10 per cent cut in personal income taxes, which will reduce the tax paid by the average Auto Worker by about \$25 per year. (That is, if he earns \$4,000 per year and has a wife and two children.)

At the same time, anyone earning \$100,000 per year will get a tax cut of about as much money as the average Auto Worker makes; the cut will be about \$80 per week.

### HELPS RICH

Other high income taxpayers will get similar tax reductions.

At the same time this \$3 billion melon is being cut for the big taxpayers, corporation profit taxes will be cut another \$2½ billion.

This will leave the Administration already facing a \$4 billion budget deficit, short by another \$5½ billion.

But that's not all.

In April, corporation taxes are scheduled to be cut another \$2 billion, and some of the excise taxes will go down to the tune of another billion dollars.

Thus, the Administration will find itself having to make up appractically all of said cut going to the big income families of America.

But the Administration isn't going to be caught napping. They have a new tax already in mindthe Manufacturers Sales Tax.

## WON'T TALK

The Administration spokesmenincluding Eisenhower - duck all this: questions about this tax. However, enough is known about it to make possible some rough guesses of what the average worker will have to pay out if the Manufacturers Sales Tax, to yield the needed \$8.5 billions, ever gets passed.

The figures show that the average worker will have to pay in the Manufacturers Sales Tax itself the sum of \$95 per year as his share of the tax. This amounts to about 41/2 cents per hour.

However, since the tax will actually be collected for the manufacturer by the retailer after the retailer and the wholesaler have added their mark-ups, the actual cost to the worker will be much greater than the amount of the tax. It might be as high as \$138 per year, or almost 61/2 cents per hour when the wholesalers' and retailers' mark-ups are added to the amount of the tax.

lapsing excise (sales) taxes now scheduled are to be made up by a general sales tax, another \$16 a year or % cents an hour will be extracted.



"OK, OK, I do have an extra buck until Saturday."

"That's Where The Elephant Bit Me!"



# GOP Tries to Switch Labels On Plan for National Sales Tax

WASHINGTON-The battle of the labels is on.

"Retail Sales Tax" sounds bad.

"Manufacturers Excise Tax" sounds better—is vague, unfamiliar, sounds like something far away, kind of harmless.

Moreover . . . "Retail Sales Tax" sticks out. It is something a consumer can see and feel. Its bite obviously hurts his pocket book every time he buys some-

thing. proximately \$8½ billion in tax cuts, hidden, buried deep inside the final It hurts at every bite, while the retail price paid by the consumer.

## DON'T WANT SQUAWK

On the old test for a successful tax-"How to pluck the most feathers from the goose with the least squawk"—the Manufacturers Excise (Sales) Tax looks like a dream walking. It would work like

The manufacturer pays the tax, and production.

then marks up that total by his usual margin. Because the new base for the percentage mark-up is salers' profit are bigger. This is the first step in the pyramiding of the

? The retailer pays the manufacturer's combined price (materials, processing, tax) plus the wholesalers' mark-up, a percentage margin on the manufacturers' combined price.

The retailer then sets his price to the consumer, marking up by a percentage margin the com- Obviously angered because Chrys- press, Chrysler still had not re- cerned." And finally, if the \$1 billion in bined price he had to pay the ler has attempted to shift the blame wholesaler. (See 3.)

> The consumer pays a price that is a combination of: (A) Manufacturers' cost for material, processing, tax and profit mark-up; (B) on manufacturers' price plus tax; volume would indicate. (C) Retailers' percentage mark-up that includes the manufacturers' and wholesalers' percentage markups based on costs, including the tax paid by the manufacturer in the first step and by the consumer in a pyramided form that will yield wholesalers and retailers an additional profit on the tax itself of as much as 51 per cent, in addition to normal profits for manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing. (Some of the tax pyramiding may be absorbed in a soft market, but not if sellers can help it.)

## HURTS EVERY BITE

manufacturers' tax sucks out purchasing power painlessly. The Manufacturers Sales Tax may be politically easier to keep on-once the consumers hold still long enough for the pipes to be put in to drain out of their pockets and the veins and arteries of the nation's econ-

WASHINGTON-A Manufacturers Sales Tax that would cut Auto Workers' pay in terms of purchasing power by from 41/2 cents to almost 61/2 cents an hour, by from \$1.75 to \$2.65 a week, and by from \$92.50 to \$138 a year is still very much alive in the Eisenhower Administration's secret planning of "A New Tax Policy."

This came out last month when President Eisenhower opened his press conference with a statement that his Administration would leave retail sales taxes to "local municipalities" where, he said, they "belong."

Reporters promptly jumped him with rapid fire questions as to whether his statement meant the Administration did not intend to recommend a general manufacturers excise (sales) tax.

Robert L. Riggs of the Louisville Courier-Journal asked the first question; Martin S. Hayden of the Detroit News, the second. Together Riggs and Hayden smoked out these facts:

(1) President Eisenhower DOES NOT eliminate the possibility of a manufacturers excise (sales) tax.

(2) He said there "have always been excise taxes in this country of some kind."

(3) How such excise (sales) taxes would be "reassorted" he did not know.

(4) Such "reassorting" is "part of the Treasury's planing at this moment."

Here are excerpts from transcript of the White House news conference, giving the Riggs-Hayden one-two questions and President Eisenhower's replies in which in accordance with conference rules "I" appears as "He."

Q. Mr. President, you used the words "Retail Sales Tax," do you include in that the General Manufacturers Excise Tax?

A. Well, you have excise taxes and always have had in our country, and he thought one would understand that we were now working really night and day on a tax program to present to the Congress when it met again, and one could not expect him to go into details of exactly what they were going to do and exactly what they were not going to do. They were certainly going to try to be equitable and certainly are trying to make an efficient tax.

Q. Sir, not to be repetitious, but to avoid misunderstanding, you seem to have definitely eliminated the Retail Sales Tax, while a retail sales tax is bad, a but in answer to Mr. Riggs' question, I gather you do not so "Manufacturers Excise Tax" is Manufacturers Sales Tax is worse. definitely eliminate the possibility of a Manufacturers Tax.

A. He didn't eliminate anything. He said that there had always been excise taxes in this country of some kind. Now, just exactly how those would be reassorted he didn't know. That was part of the Treasury's planning at this moment.

Q. But it is still in study?

A. He was saying he was making no further statement outside this fact that this retail tax, which seemed to bother everyone so much, that he stated they were not going into that.

# 1. The manufacturer pays the tax, adds it to the cost of the product, along with cost of materials Matthews Exposes Chrysler Bungling; 2. The wholesaler pays the com-of materials, processing and tax,

Norman Matthews, Director of the UAW's Chrysler Department, demanded an immediate return to a full work week in a bigger, the mark-up and the whole- stinging letter sent this month to John D. Leary, director of Chrysler Labor Relations.

> Matthews pointed out that because the Corporation refused to heed the Union's warnings against overproduction the first half of this year, "tens of thousands of workers have been working only three or four days a week-some of them less than 16 hours. This has been

going on since the first of July," he said.

## WORKERS ANGRY

to the Union, Matthews asserted that the Corporation's recent poliof mind both among its work force Wholesalers' percentage mark-up forced to take more cars than sales

Because of Chrysler's "excessive and improper scheduling," thousands of workers have been getting a weekly income little if any higher than the pittance they would get from unemployment compensation, Matthews assert-

Matthews warned, "This Internacertainty which Chrysler has cre- gates. He stated: What this all means is that, He suggested a meeting to "dis- tion workers. We will re-evaluate Board on skilled trade affairs."

cuss the Union's position for full work-week opportunities" as soon as possible.

plied.

## HAD WARNING

Matthews pointed out that on cies have created a rebellious state May 11, 1953, UAW President Walter P. Reuther wrote a letter to and among dealers who have been L. L. Colbert, President of Chrysler Corporation, in which the UAW advised:

> "That management's policy of crowding an abnormally high per-

centage of the total annual production in the first six months of the year is irresponsible and antisocial and will result not only in disrupting the lives and security of individual workers and their families, but it will seriously affect many communities by placing upon them costly burdens resulting from the economic dislocation and unemployment."

At that time Chrysler replied, "We (Chrysler) believe the policy we have adopted and are following As The Auto Worker went to is for the best of everyone con-

> When Chrysler's policies led to trouble, the Corporation tried to place the blame on an early summer tool and die strike in other plants.

Matthews termed the argument, "asinine."

In place of attempts to blame others for its own mistakes, the UAW-CIO wants the Chrysler Corporation to provide full-time jobs.

# Skilled Trades Conference Set

will be held in Cleveland, December | velopments. 10, 11 and 12, 1953.

The Third Annual UAW-CIO Na- | our skilled trades and apprenticetional Skilled Trades Conference ship program in light of recent de-

"These annual conferences have In announcing the conference, served a very useful purpose in tional Union is not going to sit Vice-President Richard T. Gosser developing closer cooperation and idly by and permit Chrysler Cor- urged all local unions which repre- understanding of the mutual probporation, during this period of un- sent skilled workers to send dele- lems of skilled and production workers. They have also provided ated, to subject and return our "This meeting will be of the ut- a closer link for exchange of informembers to conditions which have most importance to the members of mation between the local unions been resolved in past negotiations." our Union, both skilled and produc- and the International Executive

# UAW to Carry Full Employment Fight To Washington in December Conference

# NATIONWIDE JOB CONFAB PROPOSED

Since the struggle for full employment affects everyone, the following recommendations: the UAW-CIO, in cooperation with the National CIO, is giving leadership to the organizawhich can be convened in the near future with representation from all the major unions, management, farmers and civic and consumer groups for the purpose of mobilizing the broadest possible support behind a program of full employment and full production in peace time.

"Full employment and full production in the years ahead are not only possible but are essential in terms of the needs of the American people," President Reuther said in a recent Administrative Letter. "If we gear America's productive capacity and economic resources to the task of filling the tremendous unfilled needs of the American people, there is enough work to be done to keep America fully employed with a job for everyone able and willing to work for the next 25 years.

There is much work to be done, and the following goals should be given high priority in our program of action.

We need to build two and a half million new housing units every year for years to come to take care of not only our ex-American family with adequate hood at a price they can afford.

We need to build tens of thousands of new schools to overcome the current deficit of 345,000 classrooms. This shortage of classrooms will continue to increase unless we greatly step up our school construction program, gram that would serve the double In addition, we need to eliminate purpose of contributing to full emthe thousands of fire traps, the thousands of unsafe and unsanitary schools in which our children are being crowded. Our children are our most valuable national asset, and we must give every American the Board's action, President Reuehild the kind of educational op- ther said: portunities that will facilitate maximum intellectual, spiritual, and cultural growth, limited only by the individual capacities of each child.

9 We need to build the thousands of hospitals and health centers necessary to provide the facilities to insure that all the American people can have access to high quality medical care under arrangements that will remove the economic barriers to good health.

We need to build tens of and modern highways to meet our munism. This surplus food must growing traffic problems. Count- be used as a part of a long-range less thousands of miles of existing program to help under-developed highways, neglected over a long countries develop their own ecoperiod of time because of material nomic resources to fight poverty shortages and because of inadequate state and county budgets, need major repair. A recent con- would open up other employment ference in Washington dealing with opportunities. our highway problem estimated that America needs 20 billion dollars' worth of highway construction if we are to deal adequately with our growing traffic problem.

every major American city. Over- resources in the best interests of coming the problem of highway the American people. The developcongestion and inadequate parking ment of these great river valleys facilities would not only solve two will not only create direct unemof America's most serious and ag- ployment but will add immeasurgravating problems, but would cre- ably to the wealth and productive ate a demand for road-building power of the United States by openequipment and expand the demand ing up whole new areas of economic

# Suggested Positive Action To Repel Recession Menace

The National UAW Conference to fight for full employment and to fight against unemployment will consider and act upon

Urge the President of the United States and his Administration 1 to take immediate aggressive and effective steps to implement the purposes of the Employment Act of 1946 and to carry out such broad, long-range economic policies and programs as will assure full tion of a broad conference employment and full production in peace time.

O Urge both President Eisenhower and Congressional leaders to support and enact legislation which will:

A. Increase unemployment compensation benefits and extend dations in an Administrative Letter last month. Local unions the duration of such benefits so that workers displaced by layoffs can have their purchasing power maintained.

B. Increase the minimum wage to \$1.25 per hour and thereby expand the purchasing power of millions of America's lowestincome families.

C. Raise the Social Security retirement payments and expand coverage of Social Security benefits, thereby expanding the purchasing power base of the millions of old people who depend upon Social Security as the means of sustaining themselves.

D. Passage of an equitable tax program based upon the principle of ability to pay. This will include increasing the personal exemption to \$1,000, continuation of the excess profits tax, and plugging the loopholes by which corporations and wealthy families escape their tax responsibilities. Such a tax program, based upon cutting the standard of luxuries of wealthy families who have more than they need and reducing the tax burden of low-income families who have too little, will do much to shift the tax burden in the right direction and will place billions of high velocity purchasing power dollars in the hands of low-income groups.

E. Enact legislation for a national moratorium on debts and installment loans for people who have been laid off.

? The Conference will receive a report on the preparatory work done to date by the International Union on the guaranteed annual wage and will discuss plans for the implementation of the guaranteed annual wage demand and its relation to labor's historic struggle for a shorter work week,

# panding population but to wipe out the slums and to provide every More Overseas Aid Needed; housing in a wholesome neighbor- Can Bolster U.S. and Friends hood at a price they can afford.

tional Executive Board's proposals for a positive program of action to achieve full employment is a foreign economic development proployment at home and strengthening the forces of freedom and peace abroad.

In his Administrative Letter on

1. The American farmers have done an excellent job of producing foodstuffs and feeding America. short supply in our economy. Many The very abundance they have created has led to reduced farm income and uncertainty about their economic future, which in turn has led to reduced sales, production cutbacks, and unemployment in the agricultural implement industry. The billions of bushels of grain and other farm surpluses produced by American farmers, if used intelligently, can strengthen the free thousands of miles of new world in its fight against Com-

6. We need to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Missouri Valley, and such other river valleys, along the lines of the Tennessee Valley Authority on a basis We need to build adequate that will facilitate the development parking facilities in almost of water, soil, power, and other for automobiles and trucks, and development and job opportunities.

A third phase of the Interna- and hunger in those areas of the Reuther said. "But once the downsubsist on a starvation diet.

> their unused productive capacity to course." the needs of these under-developed countries. This would help these countries to increase their production of essential foodstuffs and to develop their economic and material resources. As we help these under-developed countries to develop their natural resources, America could receive in return critical raw materials which are in under-developed countries have tremendous natural resources, but they lack the capital equipment necessary to develop and exploit their natural resources. A longrange program of exchanging capital equipment for raw materials will help them and help America.

A program to fight for full employment and against unemployment was adopted by the International Executive Board at its September meeting and will be submitted to local union delegates at a UAW-CIO Conference in Washington December 6 and 7.

The program is designed to:

Exert maximum pressure and influence on the government so that appropriate officials will carry out their responsibilities at the federal, state and community levels;

2 Work through collective bargaining for the implementation of policies and programs that will contribute toward the expansion of purchasing power and the maximizing of employment.

President Walter P. Reuther detailed the Board's recommen-

who have suffered layoffs already or will experience unemployment at a future date will be asked to send representatives to participate in the Washington conference.

### THREE GOALS

generally into three categories: tion. specific legislation that will mainer and more adequately meet the are developing as we predicted," problems of workers who suffer he said, seasonal or temporary unemployment; a series of high priority goals in public works; a foreign economic development program (See other stories on this page).

In the Administrative Letter, President Reuther sharply criticized the Eisenhower Administration for its failure to take action to prevent growing unemployment.

"The policies of the Administration point in the direction of the 'little recession' that many businessmen accept complacently as not only inevitable but desirable," world where millions of people ward spiral gets started the Administration may not be able to industry, which to date has felt the become a big depression in short brunt of unemployment and other order unless government and in-

## MUST ACT NOW

Reuther pointed out that "unemployment and economic retrenchbut threatening to grow more widespread. Forceful and constructive countermeasures applied now could writing on the wall, is planning to prevent a downward spiral," he

"But the Republican Administration shows no signs of recognizing the danger signals and seems completely insensitive to the needs of the economy and of the American people. Instead of developing programs to maintain full employment, it concentrates on give-away programs, higher

interest rates that benefit only bankers, and schemes to relieve the wealthy of taxes by loading a heavier burden of taxation on low-income families."

The UAW-CIO president recalled the earlier urgings of the Union, both to President Eisenhower and The UAW-CIO's recommendations to the managements in the autoare a positive program of action mobile industry, that positive and to avert unemployment by assur- practical steps be taken to assure ing full employment. They divide full employment and full produc-

"The soft spots in our economy tain and increase purchasing pow- and the resulting unemployment

### AUTO FEELS PINCH

"Farm income is falling, farmers are buying less equipment, and agricultural implement workers are being laid off. In the auto industry the corporations, despite our Union's warnings, crammed a disproportionately large part of their planned yearly production into the first half of the year.

"As a result, Auto Workers are being laid off with no recall dates; others are working short work weeks, and the industry is returning to its pre-war practices of stretching out shut downs for inventory and model changeover purposes.

"Cutbacks in defense production 2. The agricultural implement stop it. The 'little recession' can are affecting employment in aircraft and aircraft engine plants, tank and truck production have capital goods industries could gear dustry drastically change their been curtailed, and civilian production is not being expanded to take up the slack left by decreases in defense output. Throughout the economy, supplies of unsold goods are piling up in the hands of manument are still spotty and localized facturers, wholesalers and retailers while consumers go deeper into debt. Business, seeing the handreduce its investment in new plants and equipment."

## AGAINST 'DEFEATISM'

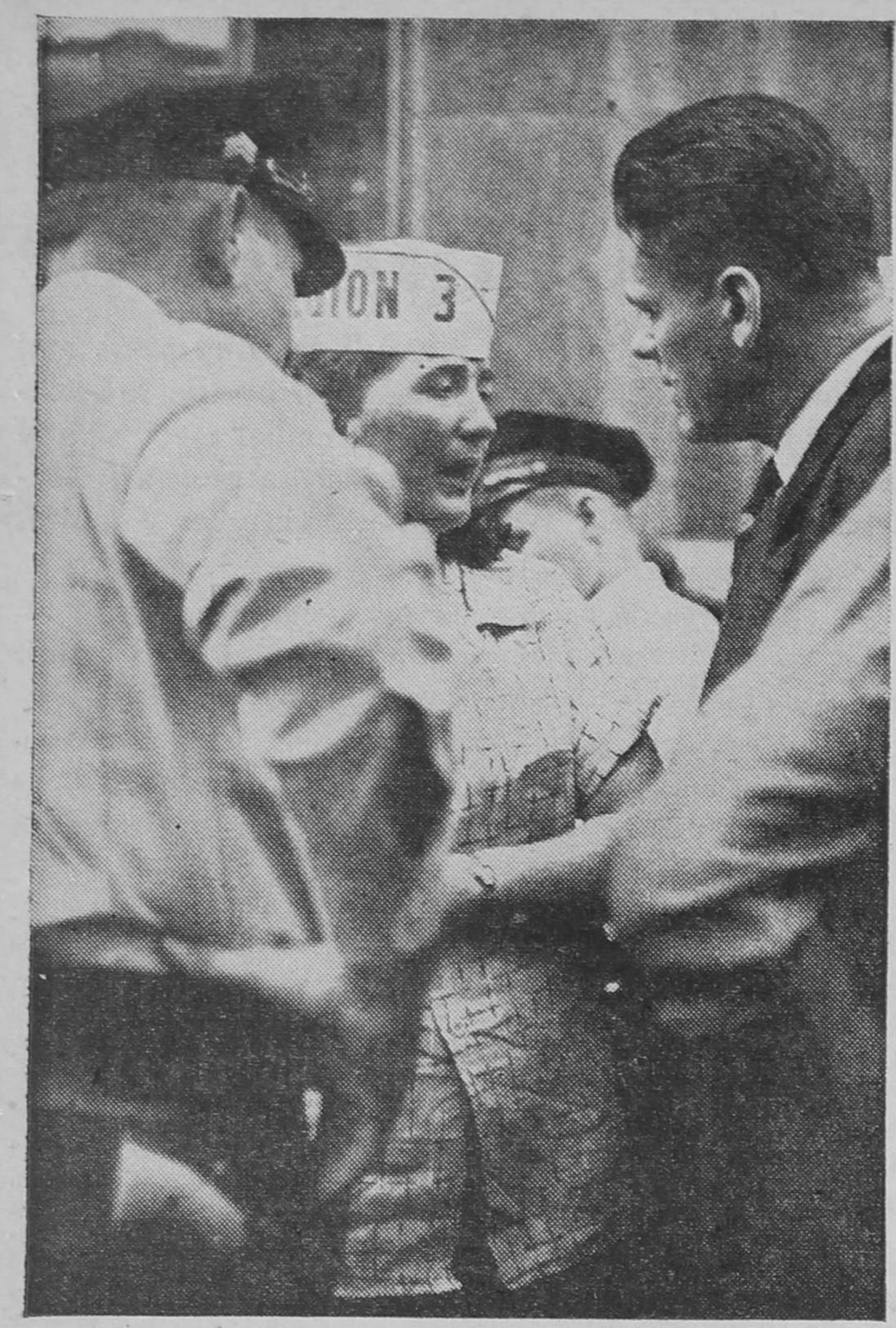
"The UAW rejects the defeatist philosophy of big business. We do not accept the proposition that depression and mass unemployment are inevitable. We maintain that depressions are man-made and can, therefore, be avoided. We insist that the American economy, which has proved itself capable of creating full employment in meeting the needs of war, is equally capable of achieving full employment to meet the tremendous unfilled needs of people in peace time.

"We must redouble our efforts to make it clear to the Administration and to the leaders of American industry that the American people will not stand for a return to "Hooverism" and mass unemployment.

"Our Union, which has always acted vigorously to meet every threat of unemployment, is determined in this situation to do everything in its power to combat the current threat of recession. We are determined to mobilize the full strength of our membership to bring maximum pressure to bear upon industry and upon government at the federal, state and local levels to have them discharge their responsibilities by developing and implementing a program that will insure full employment in peace time."



"S'matter, Casey-forget your wife's birthday or something?"



THIS UNION GAL stood her ground when Indianapolis cops tried to break up a CIO demonstration of solidarity during the recent telephone strike. The unidentified UAW member got a lecture from a plainclothesman, and after a peppery exchange of words, went right back picketing. That helped the Communication Workers win their strike.

# Two B-W Plants Still Balk At Bringing Pacts Up to Date

Vice-President Richard Gosser, director of the UAW-CIO Borg-Warner Department, announced that all but two of the Borg-Warner Divisions represented by the UAW-CIO have now signed contracts or have reached agreement in principle.

The two divisions still holding out are Ingersoll Steel, New Castle, Indiana, and Warner Automotive, Auburn, Indiana.

The agreements provide:

Ten cents an hour increase o for skilled workers, retroactive to June 29, 1953.

Annual improvement factor increased from four cents to five cents, effective September 1.

All but five cents an hour of the cost-of-living allowance will be added to the base rates. The new BLS index will changes.

social security payments, have faith.

been increased to \$137.50. This provision is retroactive to June 1, 1953.

Retired workers are given kirk declared, "You are just trying option for family participation in the medical-hospital program at the regular group are satisfied with their present way cost.

The success of the negotiations to date is further evidence of what close cooperation between the locals participating in the Borg-Warner Council can do, Gosser said.

Through the years the Corporation has become notorious for its antiquated labor relations policies. The adamant positions it has taken in the past against the just govern future cost-of-living demands of its workers have on several occasions forced them out Maximum monthly retire- on strikes before they could force ment benefits, including the Corporation to bargain in good

# Livingston Raps Ike Administration For Stacking Deck Against Labor

ST. LOUIS, Missouri—Nothing "more eloquently describes" Starts TV Series the Eisenhower Administration's "failure to live up to its sugarcoated promises to the working men-its reluctance to give any status to labor at the policy levels of the federal governmentthan the recent resignation of Martin Durkin as Secretary of

Labor," John W. Livingston, UAW-CIO vice-president, told the Missouri State CIO Industrial Union Council Convention.

### FOR WINDOW DRESSING

"We, in the CIO, hailed President Eisenhower's appointment of Martin Durkin as an indication of the new Administration's desire to fulfill campaign promises," Livingston said. "It was not long before events took place which hinted that those promises would not be fulfilled. Early in the year, it was clear to many of us that Martin Durkin's role, as planned by the

Kentucky Sheriff

Gets All Riled Up

At UAW Fairgoers

FALMOUTH, Kentucky - The

sheriff and the county judge got

so excited when the UAW-CIO at-

tended the Pendleton County fair

here that they ordered the UAW

representatives "'plumb out of

Mouths agape when they first

saw the UAW exhibit promoting

better understanding between

farmers and industrial workers,

the court house men decided they

wanted no part of this brand of

freedom of speech. They told Her-

man Roberts, UAW Region 3 rep-

resentative, to leave, and when he

refused, they finally compromised

if Roberts would agree to "not

Calling leaflets at the exhibit,

"nothing but Communist propa-

ganda," they also ordered the

word "union" removed from the

banner over the Union's trailer-

Roberts said later Sheriff Jack

Dickinson and Judge William New-

to stir up discontent among the

people in the community and they

In this bluegrass community,

there are three small unorganized

factories. Roberts said Judge New-

kirk told him the workers were

"making good pay-\$25 to \$32 a

week," and any man who makes

more than \$35 "just throws it

The sheriff told reporters later

The only thing he approved of

was the bean-guessing contest. Ap-

parently it was "American" for

people to guess the number of

beans in a jar so long as they

didn't get to know beans about

what's going on in the world.

"a lot of stuff that's going on don't

look American to me."

even talk union."

booth.

of life."

away."

town."

Administration, was a windowdressing role.

"Behind this kind of smoke screen they could roll up the really heavy anti-union artillery -budget slashes in the Labor Department, status que for Taft-Hartley, administrative and policy changes in NLRB, etc.

"The entire plan had the earmarks of great political strategy," Livingston continued. "It failed to reckon with one important consideration—the honesty and integrity of Martin Durkin.

"We can be thankful that the entire political strategy of today's big-business Washington has now been laid in its most naked form before the eyes of the American voter, and particularly the eyes of the American workers."

### NLRB DECK STACKED

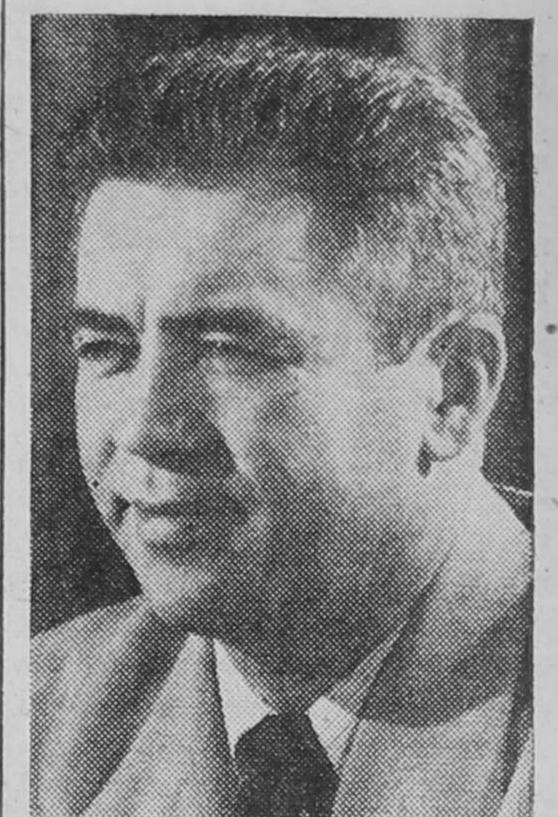
Livingston further assailed the Republican Administration for tions Board against labor, crippling troit area can see the half-hour of the Wage and Hour Division through budget slashes, and the withholding of funds necessary for of the Labor Department.

Livingston also warned against policies of the Republican Administration which threaten to lead to another depression.

He urged that labor redouble its Breaks Precedent efforts at the bargaining table "to insure that workers receive a just and proper wage for their toilthat we advance, promote and negotiate arrangements for a guaranteed annual wage; that we work to the end that all workers and their families receive adequate already established pension plans had this to say of Warren: for those too old to work and too of proving that a democracy is best for all the people."

## Real Shocker

BOSTON, Massachusetts-The only direct interest evidenced by the labor movement in the Kinsey report on the sexual behavior of American women came from CIO and AFL textile officials. Insisting that their names should be kept as secret as Kinsey's subjects, the officials confessed they were absolutely appalled at one Kinsey disclosure -that 50 per cent of all married women sleep nude. Said one union official, "The naked economic question is: what's going to happen to the nightgown and pajama industry if this trend continues?"



GUY NUNN, popular UAW-CIO radio and television commentator, started the new UAW fall and winter TV series this month at a new time and stastacking the National Labor Rela- tion. Televiewers in the Deprogram each Sunday at 7 p. m. over WJBK-TV, Channel 2. the effective and efficient operation Nunn is also heard each weekday night at 7:15 p. m. over Radio Station CKLW.

# Warren Selection

The GOP Old Guard may have hoped to remove Governor Earl Warren from Presidential consideration by having him named Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, but the appointment made sense.

Unlike most of President Eisenmedical and hospital coverage paid hower's choices for key positions. for in whole by the employer; that the California Republican actually we continue to negotiate pension is qualified for the job. UAW and plans and make improvements in CIO President Walter P. Reuther

"Governor Warren comes to the young to die. This is the best way highest judicial position in the United States with a well-earned reputation as a distinguished American and as a fine public servant.

"We are certain he will approach his new duties with the traditional fairness, impartiality and concern for the public welfare which has characterized his worthy predeces-

"On behalf of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, I extend to Governor Warren our sincere best wishes. In his hands, we are certain the scales of justice can bewell entrusted."

# Start Dancing Classes

Three Detroit locals take on the look of dance studios once a week. In cooperation with the UAW-CIO Recreation Department, Locals 49, 154 and 174 have opened their halls to classes for CIO youngsters.

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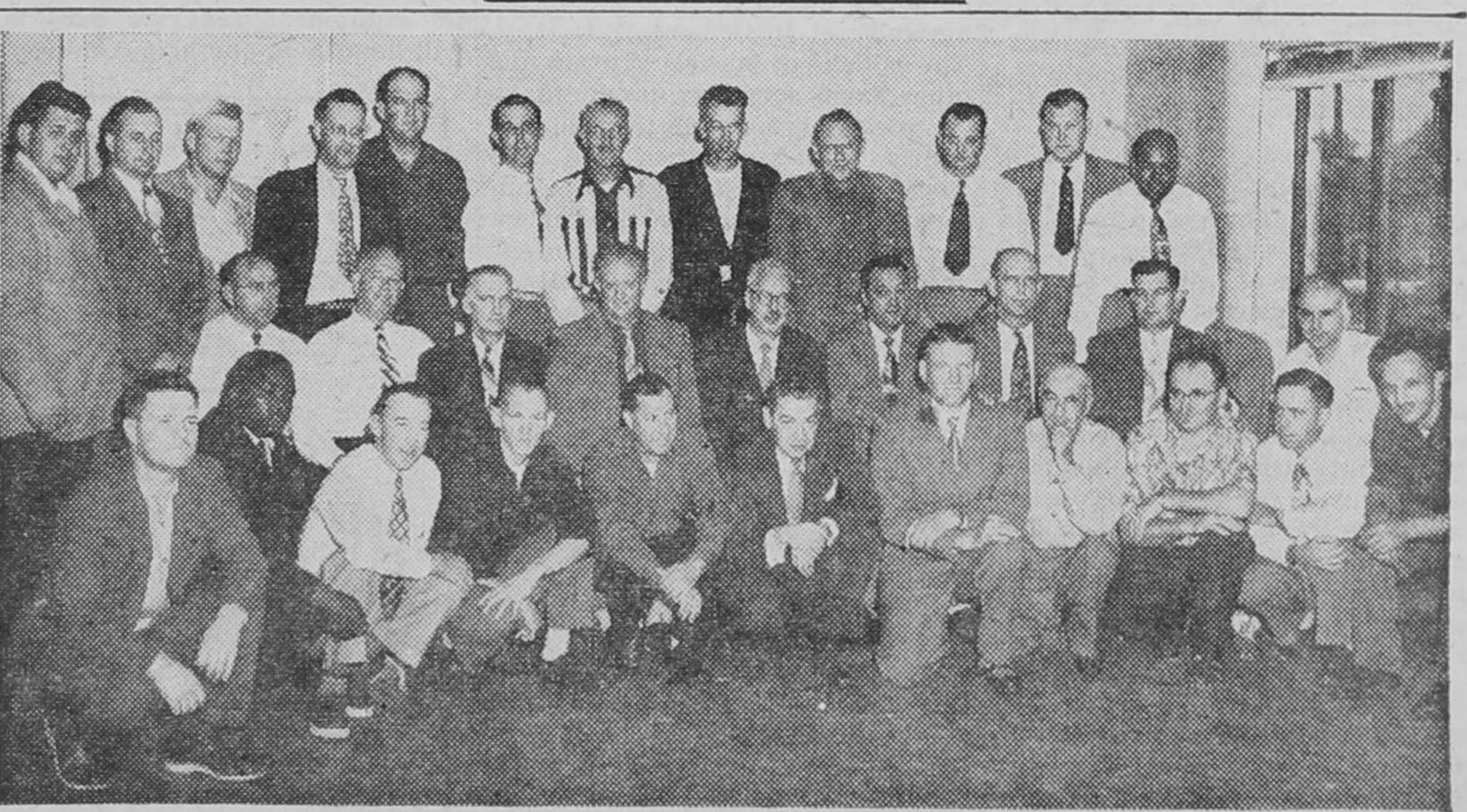
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LEONARD WOODCOCK



WINDSOR, Ontario-Ways of securing compensation for workers whose hearing is destroyed or damaged by the constant pounding of the gigantic forge hammers were taken up by the above delegates to the UAW-CIO National Wage Hour Forge Council last month. Delegates also voted to increase organizational activity in the industry.



PAT GREATHOUSE



JOSEPH McCUSKER

# Gosser Heads Delegation To ICFTU Auto Conference

VITZNAU, Switzerland-The Automotive Division Conference of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions opened here this month with UAW-CIO Vice-President Richard T. Gosser presiding.

Problems common to Auto Workers all over the world will be discussed with special attention given to raising the living standards of factory workers in Europe.

Delegates indicated special interest in the methods used by Auto Workers in America to gain full citizenship in the United States' economic planning.

Accompanying Gosser are UAW Regional Directors Pat Greathouse, Charles Ballard and Joseph McCusker.

In mid-October the four stopped in England and Scotland to participate in memorial services at the home towns of Philip Murray and Allan S. Haywood, the late president and executive vice-president of the CIO.

Plaques in their honor were placed in Blantyre, Scotland, Murray's birthplace, and Barnesey, England, where Haywood

CIO President Walter P. Reuther sent messages honoring both men for their contribution to the trade-union movement the world over.

# Mitchell Named To Durkin's Post On Ike's Cabinet

James P. Mitchell was appointed by President Eisenhower as Secretary of Labor. CIO President-Walter P. Reuther immediately offered him the CIO's cooperation in "carrying out the purposes for which the Department of Labor was established."

The text of Reuther's statement follows:

tation among the labor people who part of the Secretary of Labor to have dealt with him across the bargaining table, and who have carry out the commitments of worked with him on labor-management and related problems.

"The CIO will extend to Mr. for which the Department of La- his office." bor was established.

"However, the good will that Mr. Mitchell brings to this office will be of little value unless it is matched commending him for his forthby support from the Administra- right act. tion, and from Congress in terms of programs and policies and adequate budget to carry out the purposes for which the Department of Labor was created: 'To advance first time in British labor history, of the United States, improving Management at the Easterbrook quired to continue meeting his vancing their opportunities for strike by prohibiting workers from spends millions of dollars in conprofitable employment.'

carry out his campaign promises tea break in order to buy their tea some attention to the adequacy of to strengthen the Department of from company carts. But the work- unemployment compensation to Labor, and that the Republican ers insisted their own special brews permit workers to continue to meet Congressional majority will discon- were much better than what the their installment payments during tinue its destructive efforts to company provided and 550 men periods of unemployment." emasculate the Department of La- went out on strike. Just to prove bor and to weaken its various agen- how important their own tea is, cies in their efforts to protect the the men stayed out for three American workers."



RICHARD T. GOSSER

# Martin Durkin 'Had No Choice'

When Martin Durkin quit in disgust as Secretary of Labor, trade union leaders all over the country applauded his action. UAW and CIO President Walter P. Reuther commented:

"We in the CIO hailed the appointment of Martin Durkin as Secretary of Labor because we felt it was an indication that the Eisenhower Administration intended to carry out its campaign commitments to strengthen the Department of Labor.

"However, the Republican 83rd Congress has done nothing but slash at, weaken and cripple, the "Mr. Mitchell enjoys a good repu- Department. Every effort on the strengthen the Department and President Eisenhower has been frustrated.

"Under these circumstances, Mitchell every cooperation in his Martin Durkin, in all good conefforts to carry out the purposes science, had no choice but to resign

The UAW-CIO International Executive Board, in session when Durkin resigned, passed a resolution

# Got Tead Off

SHEFFIELD, England—For the weeks, and won their case.

# Payments to Idled Too Little, Too Few, UAW Speaker Warns

WENTWORTH-BY-THE-SEA, Portsmouth, New Hampshire -Leonard Lesser, legal consultant of the UAW-CIO Security Department, told delegates to the Interstate Conference of State Employment Security Agencies this month that representatives of the Conference have been among the stumbling blocks in efforts to secure an adequate unemployment compensation program.

Warning that present compensation laws are largely "untested" because of a 15-year-span of "unprecedented prosperity," Lesser said that existing unemployment provisions in the

maximum.

states are entirely inadequate to meet the needs of people during a recession period.

### GOING WRONG DIRECTION

He pointed out that, "In no state have maximum benefit payments even maintained the modest relationship to average weekly wages which existed in 1939 when benefit provisions of state laws generally became effective."

Despite the growing inadequacy and the growing need, Lesser said that conference representatives paid too little attention to the problems of what happens to people when they are out of work and expended too much effort trying to block improvements.

"Unfortunately, it may require the advent of another depression or recession, with widespread unemployment for long periods, to lead to the recognition that unemployment compensation is a social institution which has a broader function than merely to tide workers over for short periods of unemployment," Lesser said. "The absence of other programs to meet the problems of widespread unemployment and the existence of trust funds which were presumably built up to pay benefits but which prove to be untouchable will soon lead the public and state legislators to accept the view that the function of unemployment compensation must be broadened.

## CAN'T LIVE ON BENEFITS

"Labor believes that a suitable test for judging the adequacy of benefits amounts is to measure the extent to which the benefit maintains the worker and his family at a reasonable standard of living during periods of unemployment.

"The Bureau of Labor Statistics has priced from time to time just such a city worker's family budget This represents the estimated cost for a city worker's family of four persons to maintain a minimum this budget for an average city worker's family in the city of Detroit represented \$72.17. As of that date a minimum of \$41 a week was required for housing and food alone. This \$41 figure exceeds by nearly \$10 the maximum benefit now payable to a worker with two dependent children in the state of Michigan.

"While food and housing may keep a family alive, however it certainly does not permit the family to maintain a reasonable or decent standard of living. Nor does it meet the test which has so often been used in unemployment compensation, namely, that the benefit cover the cost of meeting the 'non-deferrable bundle' or those current items of expenditure which cannot be deferred without great loss to the worker.

"It is not a question of deferring the purchase of automobiles, washing machines, refrigerators or television sets during periods of unemthe public interest by promoting machine workers went on strike ployment. These have already been the welfare of the wage earners for the right to brew their own tea. purchased and the worker is retheir working conditions and ad- Allcard Company provoked the payments. So long as industry making their own tea and offer- vincing workers to purchase on the "We hope that the President will ing them, instead, a paid 10-minute installment plan, it should give

## MEETS NO STANDARDS

have failed to keep pace with rising living costs and wages, and that the original plans to gear benefits to wages existed in name only be-

cause in as many as 95 per cent

of the cases workers received the

maintaining the fiction of a benefit system related to wages where, in fact, the system is one which provides a flat benefit payment," he said.

laid off frequently—gets the small- employment."

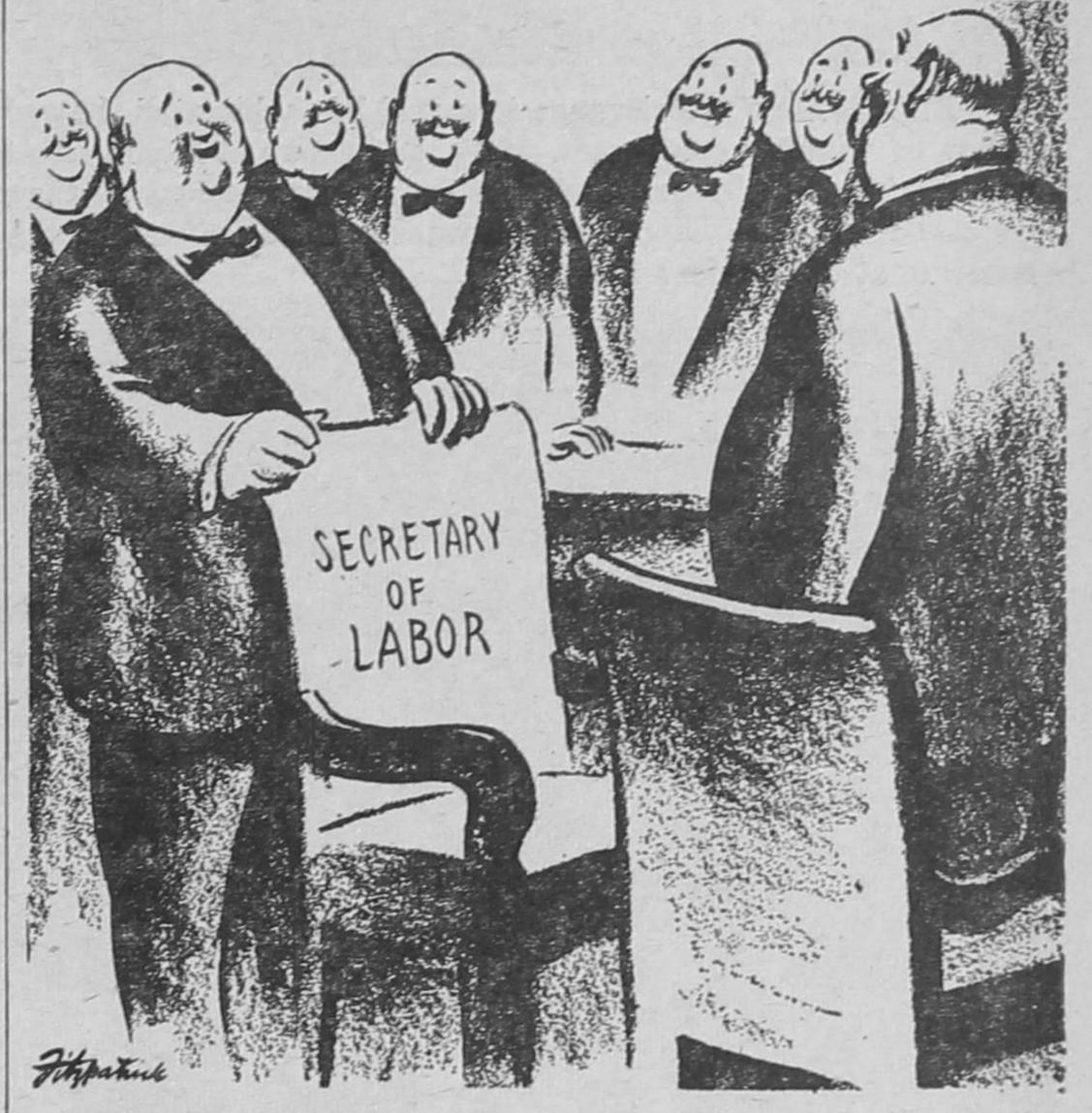
est amount of benefit so he is the first to exhaust his credits.

# DO BETTER IN BARGAINING

A worker is financially better off temporarily disabled than temporarily uremployed. Under disability benefits secured through collective bargaining, eligible workers receive benefits for 26 weeks.

"A worker becomes eligible for this protection after he has worked 30 days for the employer. He may then draw benefits for 26 weeks if he becomes ill; and he need return to active employment for only two weeks, to become again eligible for benefits for a full 26-week period.

"If private disability insurance "There seems little point in programs can be designed to pay all employees who become sick, benefits for a full 26-week period, even though they had as little as four weeks' employment prior to becoming ill or without any pen-Payments are for too short a alty for prior periods of illness, it period, he added, pointing out that would be well for unemployment the worker who has been hit compensation policy-makers simhardest-by being laid off after ilarly to design a program which working only a short time or being gives protection at the time of un-



"WHY DON'T WE JUST SHOVE OUR CHAIRS TOGETHER?"

# level of living. As of October, 1951, Commerce Department Crashes Interstate Compensation Party

WENTWORTH-BY-THE-SEA, Portsmouth, New Hampshire—An unprecedented invasion of the Interstate Conference meeting was made by William S. Kilbourne, Special Assistant to Secretary of Commerce Weeks, who brazenly invited the State Administrators of unemployment insurance and public

employment services to come? partment whenever they wish to get advice.

## TAKES OVER LABOR

Kilbourne asserted a new extension of Commerce Department ju- Secretary of Commerce Weeks just risdiction cutting into and, in effect, what Labor Department territory, taking over jurisdiction of almost everything in the Labor Department, all of the National Labor Relations Board and most of the Department of Health, Welfare and Education. Here is how he did it:

He declared that anything affecting employers, "particularly since through taxes they pay the bill," is of vital and continuing interest to the Commerce Department.

"The passage in the last generation of such laws as the National Labor Act, the Wage, Hour and Public Contracts Act; agreements and resolutions of such bodies as the International Labor Organization or the Social Security Laws, we feel have served to broaden our scope."

## HIRE HATCHET MAN

ployment compensation payments just fooling, the Commerce Depart- tration candidates in 1954.

up and see the Commerce De- ment has hired as an Associate General Counsel John L. Kilcullen, formerly one of the least liberal members of the Labor Department's solicitor's staff. As a former Labor Department employe, Kilcullen can tell Kilbourne and functions and activities to try to carve out, take over or interfere

> A wag has suggested that Weeks could simplify the Administration's Labor Department headache by simply persuading Eisenhower to shut it down altogether, throw it into receivership under Weeks' direction, and put the question of whether or not the country should have a bona fide Labor Department up to the voters in the 1954 elec-

However, President Eisenhower's appointment of James P. Mitchell suggests that, as the 1954 elections draw closer, somebody around the White House must be lapsing into political sanity long enough to wonder who besides bankers will Lesser pointed out that unem- As proof that Kilbourne wasn't have reason to vote for Adminis-

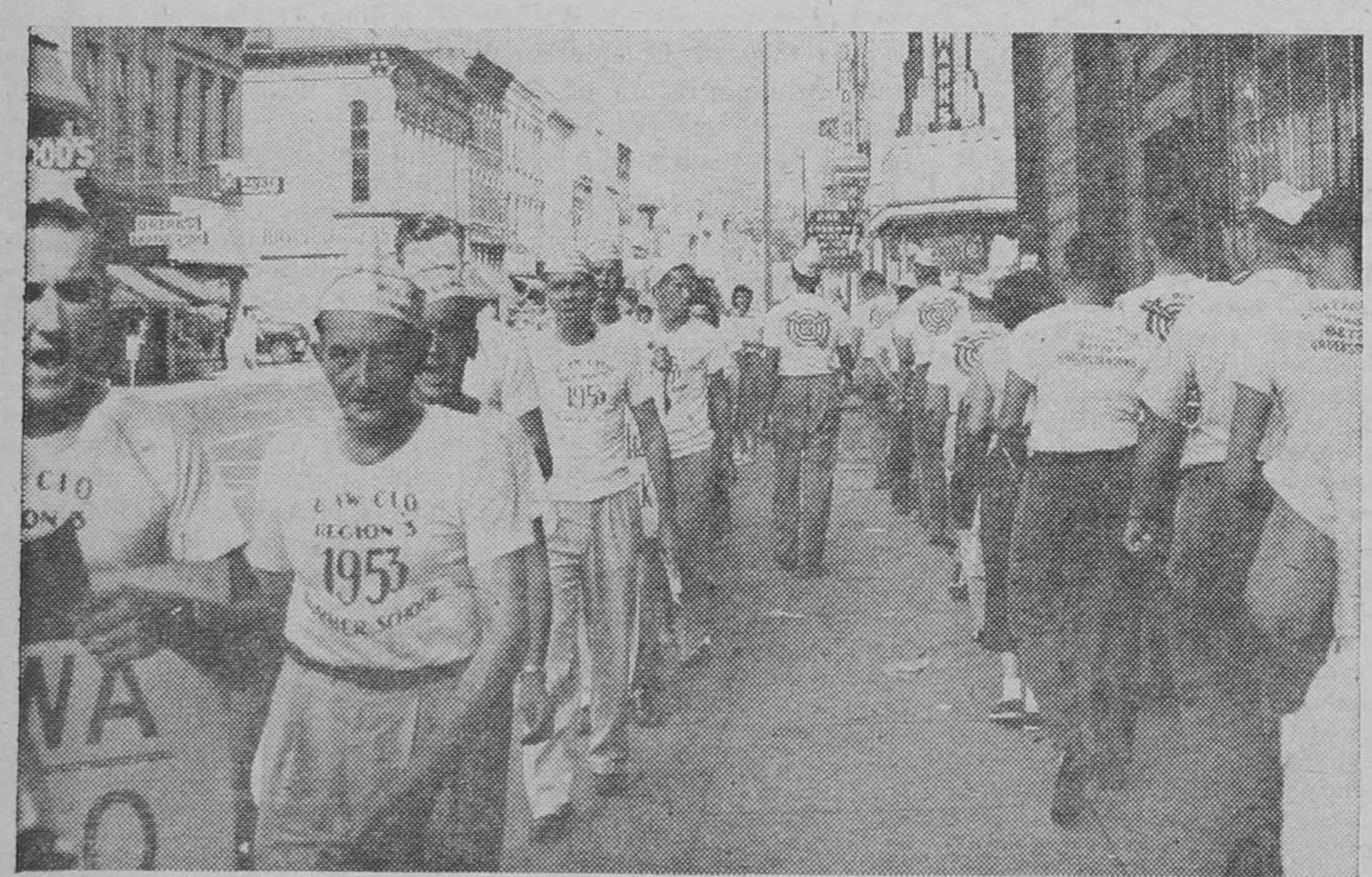
# Learning the Know-How



PRESENTING a grievance to a real-life arbitrator showed UAW-CIO members the fine points of winning grievances. Here, one group at Michigan's FDR-CIO camp at Port Huron represented the union and another group management as they argued the grievance before Gabriel Alexander, impartial arbitrator for the Union and the General Motors Corp. Other students at the sessions look on.



NOT ONLY UAW-CIO members but students from other unions, too, attended the two-week session of Canadian Region 7 at FDR-CIO camp. They studied radio (writing radio scripts, putting on broadcasts), labor economics, publicity (writing and editing local union newspapers) and other essential subjects. Here the students from Canada talk about ideas and methods in union education.



UNION SOLIDARITY was solid as a rock as students at UAW-CIO Region 3's Summer School at Purdue University took time off to join the picket line of CWA members at the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. at Lafayette, Indiana. The telephone workers, members of CIO Communications Workers of America, were involved in a long, bitter dispute in Indiana in which the state militia was ordered out to assist the Company. Management's techniques of fighting unions, including the use of state police, was analyzed at summer school classes.

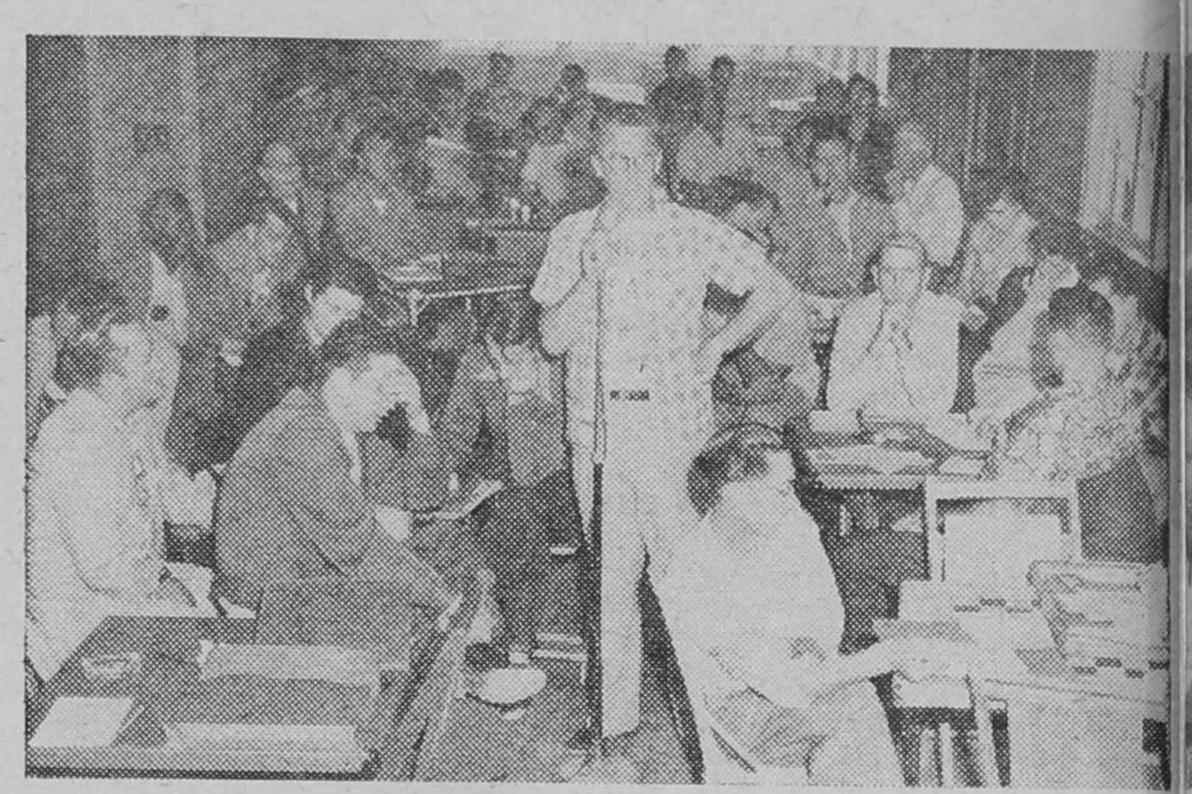
FROM Connecticut to California, more than 3,000 UAW-CIO members attended the Union's 15 summer schools totaling 23 weeks this year. That was more than any other year in UAW-CIO history. It far surpassed the summer school activities of any other union.

Several schools scheduled two weeks of classes instead of their previous one as the result of extensive registration. Attendance at each shot up over the previous high of last year. Michigan's regions held six weeks of classes.

Courses also covered a wider variety of work than ever before. In addition, student participation through workshops and discussions was intensified.

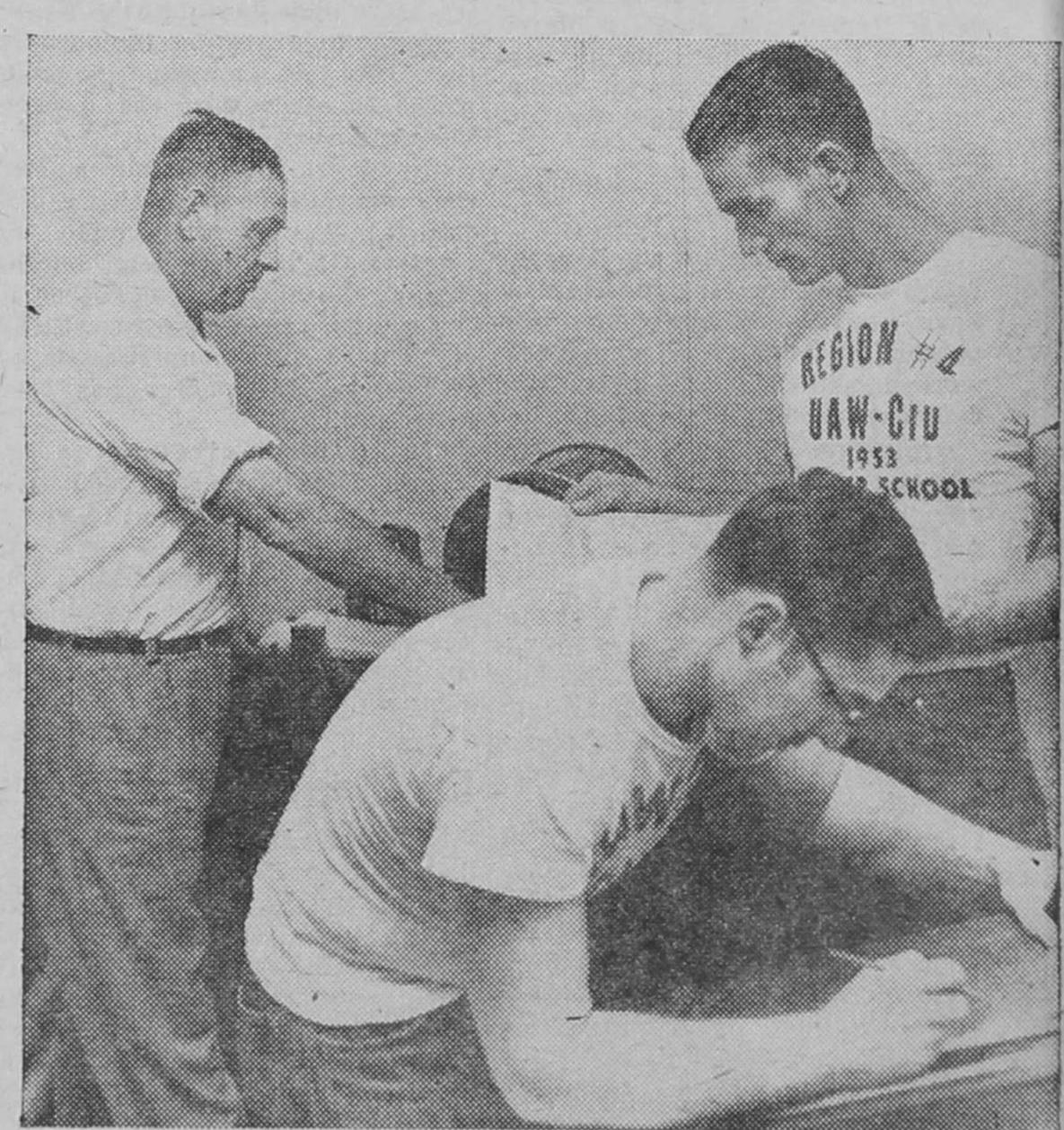
"The goal of the summer school program is to give students the tools to do a better job for progress," said Brendan Sexton, UAW. CIO Education Director. "Its aim is to develop the student's confidence in his abilities and skills and his recognition of the abilities and skills of his fellow union members.

"In addition, the classes are intended to develop knowledge and



ABOUT 270 UAW members attended the two-week school of Region 6 at Hot Springs, California. Mostly aircraft workers, they took part in workshops and in a mock legislative session (above) debating important issues such as the "millionaire's tax amendment," Senate Rule 22 on ending filibusters, and the so-called "right-to-work" bills which are aimed at restricting unions. Such debates help develop political understanding.





EACH SUMMER SCHOOL put out its own daily newspaper—usually mimeographed, such as the one (above) at Region 4's center at Ottawa, Illinois. This was part of the workshop in union publicity methods—and using a mimeograph for material from leaflets to local papers is one of the oldest and most effective methods of union publicity.

# Know-What, Know-Why

It the world we live in. And their aim also is to develop an appreation of democratic methods so that they will be put to work in all tuations."

Summer school courses covered collective bargaining, handling irievances, education leadership, labor economics, political action, inion administration, labor's role in world affairs, human rights. and many students also went into time study, publicity methods, ublishing a paper, propaganda analysis, putting on radio programs, riting news reports and radio scripts.

States in which schools were held included New York, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, California, Oklahoma, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Canada's two-week school was held at CIO's FDR Camp at Port Huron, Michigan.

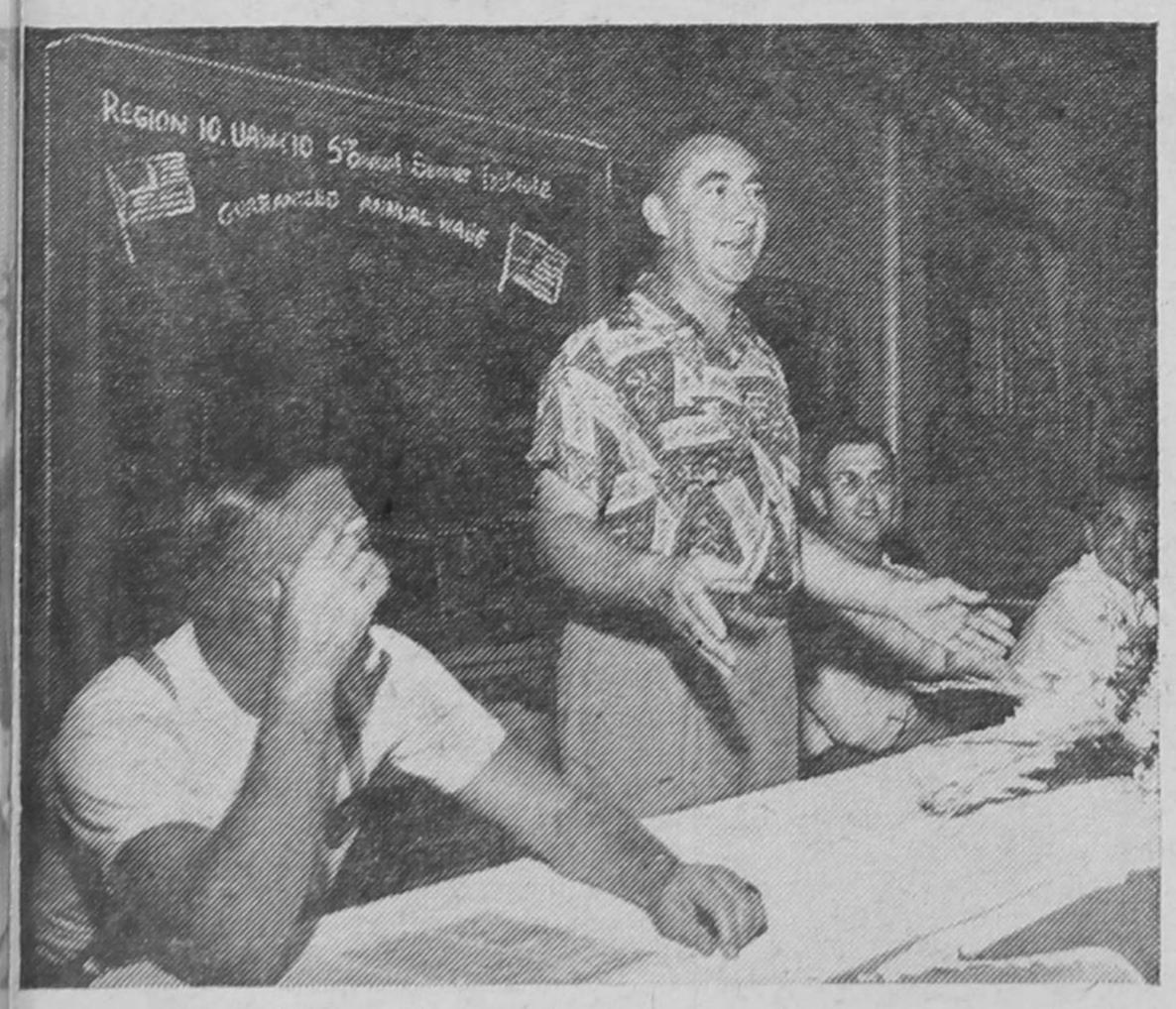
Three other schools also were held at Union-owned camps: Pottswown, Pennsylvania, owned by Local 644; Ottawa, Illinois, owned by Segion 4, and Sand Lake, Michigan, owned by Local 12.



STEWARDS ENFORCE the union's contract in the plant. The union's day-by-day operation, therefore, depends to a great extent on how well stewards carry out their vital responsibilities. Summer school classes help point up those responsibilities, point out methods that can be useful to stewards in their jobs. This was emphasized (above) at Region 5's school at Northeastern Oklahoma A. and M. College, Miami, Oklahoma.



SOME graduating classes were larger, some smaller than this at Region 2A's school. But each left with the practical know-how of matters important to themselves and to the people they work with.



UAW-CIO's top officers take part in summer schools, too—instructing classes, answering rank-and-file questions, speaking to members on the Union's goals, purposes and operations. Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey (above), for example, talked to students at Region 10's school at Madison, Wisconsin; Regional Director Harvey Kitzman is at the left.



TIME STUDY, studied outdoors (above, at Sand Lake, Michigan, for Region 2 and 2B) and indoors is important to UAW-CIO members—and to all factory workers. Knowing time study is important to protect workers against unfair and inaccurate work requirements and, under incentive systems, against unfair wage rates. More than the Ohio summer school is held at Sand Lake; children of members of Local 12 (which owns the camp) go there in summer, too.



REGION 2A held the first summer school of its own this year at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. It previously conducted its school together with Regions 2 and 2B. Here, Regional Director Ray Ross gave the commencement address to graduates. Wives of union members attend UAW-CIO summer schools, too. They study economics from a housewife's point of view, ceramics, photography and other crafts.



SKILLED TRADES Department staff representatives have other skills, too—and here George Campbell and Tom Gibson demonstrate what they can do in the way of cooking. Among those standing in line is Region 9 Director Martin Gerber (third from left). The picnic came during the Region's summer school at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. College professors occasionally teach a summer school class, but most teachers have risen from the union ranks, and have the know-how rank-and-file members need.

# Farm Implement Front Weakening; Allis-Chalmers Agrees to GM Pattern

CHICAGO - The once-solid agricultural implement industry front-thrown up to block workers from gaining the same benefits won by other UAW-CIO members in contracts improvements with the major auto companies—has another crack in it as the result of negotiations between

The first break came when John Deere & Company signed.

UAW Agricultural Implement Department, reported the "settlement is comparable to the earlier one with General Motors in the automobile industry."

He said it differed slightly from the Deere pact because of the higher number of hourly-rated workers at AC but that the dollarsand-cents value of the two settlements "are substantially the same."

Some 20,000 Allis-Chalmers workers in six plants are covered by the revisions. The units are located in West Allis and La Crosse, Wisconsin, Terre Haute, Indiana, Gadsden, Alabama, Springfield Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

UAW-CIO negotiations brought a major change in computing costof-living increases-under the Allis-Chalmers contract. The new figures follow the General Motors formula of a one-cent adjustment when the Bureau of Labor Statistics new consumers' price index moves upward .6 points.

An average of 17 cents an hour, which had been computed into the with Robert Oliver, an assistant to cost-of-living "float," has now been Reuther appointed last December. frozen into the base pay rates. This includes restoration of a twocent cut effected in June.

improvement factor increase aver- ative at meetings of the executive aging 5.1 cents per hour and an board of the International Confedincrease in the pension for retired eration of Free Trade Unions, sucworkers to \$137.50 per month.

# the UAW and Allis-Chalmers. Vic Reuther Pat Greathouse, director of the Back in States



VICTOR REUTHER

Victor Reuther, for the past two years director of the CIO's European Office in Paris, has returned to the CIO office in Washington to become assistant to his brother, CIO President Walter P. Reuther.

He will share the assignment

Early this month, Michael Ross, director of international affairs for the CIO, left for Europe. Ross will Other revisions include an annual serve as substitute CIO representceeding Victor Reuther in this post.

# ICFTU-Admonishes MRA Against Poaching on Labor

Free trade unions were advised "to be on their guard against Wingfoot Lake Plant. The score any interference from outside quarters" in a report to the ICFTU Executive Board just prior to the Confederation's convention in Stockholm.

The report was aimed specifically at the Moral Rearma- ing an inquiry into the Moral Re- Office in the campaign, was high ment Movement, "with particular reference to the attempt at which is trying to upset the trade tion they made to the victory. incursions into the field of in- union movement with its ideas and, dustrial relations."

## IN WRONG FIELD

the report said, "that while re- the majority and, in view of the ligious convictions are a personal sectarian character of MRA, are affair in which the ICFTU has no hardly aimed at the welfare of pole was bare. He checked with right to interfere, the MRA move- mankind in general. ment, whether it be a religious movement or not, clearly has no competence in matters of industrial relations."

The ICFTU Information Bulletin of September 15, 1953, following the convention, contained the full report on the MRA group with the added comment:

"Non-trade union organizations of whatever kind are not called upon to concern themselves with trade union affairs. This also applies to Moral Rearmament."

Following are several excerpts from the conclusions of the report: "(MRA) needs strong financial support for the upkeep of its considerable machinery, for running the vast MRA-owned hotels, for the holding of congresses, for the trips of its 'teams,' for paying the traveling expenses of delegates and for the very large-scale general expenditure of MRA.

## MONEY HOLDS POWER

"MRA needs these funds and this certainly means that the movement has to make concessions, scarcely in keeping with the original Buchman programme to those who donate the money.

"There was no need for MRA in order to find a basis for bringing people nearer to God. This is an attitude which has long been held by a considerable part of the trade union movement.

"The ICFTU has always observed the basic principle of party political and religious neutrality. It is mak-

through small groups of followers, So Proudly We Hail is trying to introduce its directives into the factories. These directives "It was unanimously agreed," seldom correspond to the will of

> "It is our view that MRA should be prevented from encroaching upon trade union preserves."

# **Guaranteed Wage** Spadework Goes On

The 10-member Guaranteed Wage Public Advisory Committee held its second meeting last month at Solidarity House. The group, composed of leading thinkers in the field of economics, spent two days discussing the UAW-CIO's project for 1955 contracts.

Between semesters next January, the Committee will hold another meeting in New York City. The first session was held in Washington.

# AKRON LOCAL GETS BIG BOOST ON TWO FRONTS

AKRON, Ohio-Two major UAW-CIO victories—one on the contract front and one on the organizational front-have been announced

Workers at the Goodyear Aircraft Plant, Local 856, won a 121/2cent economic package in contract negotiations which includes a comprehensive non-contributory health-welfare plan with complete hospital-surgical coverage for employes and dependents; institution of a pension plan which meets auto standards; and 21/2 cents applied across the board to wage

Regional Director Pat O'Malley pointed to the progress as a continuation of the Union's drive to bring economic benefits at the Akron plant up to UAW standards agreement. nationally. Last year's negotiations were completed as a settlement to a 45-day strike.

In an NLRB election shortly after the completion of Local 856 negotiations, the UAW-CIO won bargaining rights for an additional 500 Goodyear Aircraft workers at the was 326 to 144.

Vice-President John W. Livingston, Director of the National Aircraft Department, which worked in coordination with the Regional armament Movement only because in his praise of the Local Union ofthis is clearly an exceptional body ficers for the outstanding contribu-

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Walter M Staton, pioneer member of UAW CIO Local 927, noticed the North American Aviation local's new flag Mrs. Stanton and donated a 71/2foot flag that looks fine. The Stantons acquired the America flag years ago-never used it because it was so big.



nile Court, answers questions on juvenile problems at the Regions 1 and 1A Women's Conference in Detroit. At his left is Estelle Finzel, conference chairman. Other speakers included UAW Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey and Region 1 Co-Directors Michael Lacey and Norman Matthews. Approximately 150 delegates attended.

# Wright Workers Gain Better Economic Package

Wage schedules at Wright Aeronautical, Paterson, New Jersey, providing straight-time hourly rates which will exceed \$2.05 on the average were announced recently as members of the big Wright Local 669 overwhelmingly ratified the new

The Wright contract, recognized as a leader in the aircraft engine field, underwent eco- maintenance and office and clerical nomic improvements totaling in units represented by the UAWexcess of eight cents.

The settlement includes a 5-cent general wage increase with additional increases for the top four labor grades. Inequity adjustments of from six to 11 cents per hour were made for about 600 workers.

The life insurance and hospitalsurgical program for employes and dependents was substantially im- NORTH AMERICAN proved at no additional cost to the PLANT OPEN employe.

ston, Director of the National Aircraft Department, credited the con-Director Martin Gerber, and the National Aircraft, Department for the smooth and successful negoti- tion. ations.

## CONTINENTAL CAN SIGNS

contract at Local 951, Coffeyville, mately 95 per cent.

Kansas, has resulted in a 71/2 cents per hour general increase across the board for the production and CIO Local.

Full union shop; improved vacation schedules; guaranteed holiday pay and non-contributory pension plan were among other things negotiated in the new agreement which expires July 31, 1955, with a wage re-opener on July 31, 1954.

The key UAW-CIO negotiations Vice-President John W. Living- are currently taking place at North American Aviation, where contracts covering workers from the tinued teamwork between the Local Los Angeles plants-Local 887, the leadership, the regional staff of Columbus, Ohio, plant, Local 927, and the Fresno, California, plant, Local 1151, are open for renegotia-

The contracts expire October 22, 1953. Strike votes were taken at the three locals last week with Recent negotiations on a new strike approval voted of approxi-

# SPARTAN CONTRACT SETTLED

Negotiation of a "first" contract has been completed at Spartan Aircraft, Local 181; West Trenton, New Jersey. The agreement provides for 10 cents across the board retroactive to June 5, 1953 (date of certification by NLRB), abolition of the "C" and "D" classifications, additional holidays, establishment of a wash-up period and a job-posting clause in the agreement. A vacation and sick leave program was also agreed upon.

# Four More for 4

CHICAGO—Four new plants now fly the UAW-CIO banner in Region 4, reports Director Pat Greathouse. Three are in Rockford, Illinois, one in Peoria. Two Rockford plants, Commercial Steel & Wire and Ebaloy Foundry, recognized UAW-CIO without waiting for NLRB elections.

## PLAN FOR AUTO-LITE

NIAGARA FALLS, New York-Members of the National Auto-Lite Intra-Corporation Council were to start laying the groundwork for negotiations when the present contract expires in 1955 at a meeting here October 24.



DR. CLARENCE B. HILLBERRY, new president of municipally-owned Wayne University, tells of plans for the institution at a UAW-CIO-sponsored community-wide luncheon honoring him held in Detroit. Also at the speakers' table are (left) Brendan Sexton, UAW-CIO educational director, and (right) UAW President Walter P. Reuther.

# Tennesseans Strike Runaway Sweatshop

UNION CITY, TENNESSEE—It's rained only once in Obion County since the middle of June. On most of the dirt roads around here the dust is deep-and it's about an inch or two deeper in front of the American Metals Company plant where since September 14 more than 250 UAW-CIO pickets have tramped steadily.

The hot sun that bears down from a sky that's seen few clouds for the past months is reddening the necks and ears of as determined a bunch of strikers as ever walked a UAW picket line.

About two years ago, Detroit millionaire and "sportsman" Fred Matthaei picked up a piece of his operation from Detroit's West Side and took off like a great speckled bird-through Ohio and Indiana, across southern Illinois, down through Kentucky to a place just over the line into Tennessee and just a few miles east of the Mississippi River.

The townspeople made him welcluding the Mayor, put money into cerned either, the Company.

As it is all around the country today, it didn't take the UAW long to catch up. As Joe Louis once said before his fight with fleet-footed Billy Conn, "He can run, but he can't hide."

It was a new Local with a mem- ger." bership new to organized labor. There was a hostile Governor who days. The grievance machinery patch." was poor. Plant safety conditions were awful (seven men lost fingers in the first year of operations).

of their rights and the power they and Kiska, the Rapido and the had to win them.

with contemptuous rejection, the is Art Collet, ex-paratrooper from the UAW-CIO. workers struck. The first day, seven men went in. For the next two weeks the plant was shut down tight. Then after intensive recruiting efforts accompanied by all sorts of glowing promises, the "back-towork" movement started. But all these herculean endeavors netted only about a top of 40 scabs—and it takes more than 100 to get even a cheap imitation of production.

Big Ed Burton, veteran UAW-CIO International Representative assisting the strikers, said, "I never saw a better or more effective strike. These boys will keep that plant down for as long as it takes."

The strikers answer the usual

# Revised Ford Pact Gains Million Dollars For Retired Workers

The most recently-negotiated improvements in the pension agreement between the UAW-CIO and the Ford Motor Company will bring a million-dollar adjustment in payments, Ken Bannon, director of the UAW-CIO National Ford Department, announced this month following completion of the tabulation of the benefit revisions.

(The revised pension agreement signed last May 25 raised maximum monthly payments from \$125 to \$137.50, effective June 1.)

Retroactive payments totalling \$256,485 have been approved by the board administering the pension fund. In the next year, the reretired workers affected, Bannon said.

Pension payments to those who have been receiving checks from the fund will be increased by a to- to an announcement from Vicetal of \$38,800 monthly while another \$23,000 will go to workers with fewer years of service credits who previously received only Social Security payments.

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come. They gave him a free site rumors that the plant will be for his runaway plant right on the moved with a short, "Who gives a edge of town, beside the tracks of damn!" And the people in Union the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio railroad. City, aside from a few "civic lead-Some of the business people, in- ers," don't seem to be greatly con-

> A jeweler said, "People making a little more than a dollar an hour don't buy watches and diamonds." And a waitress said, "I won't let my husband go out to American Metals and work himself to death and maybe lose a hand or a fin-

The Company has never concealed its contempt for the "hicks was free with his use of the Na- and farmers" it came South to attional Guard. So the first contract tempt to exploit. Once manage- up to Union City twice or more a was admittedly a stinker. Starting ment replied to request for ven- week, said, "We in the UAW-CIO rate was one dollar an hour, and tilating fans with, "You farmers and the CIO over here in West the going rate was \$1.20 after 90 never had fans out in the cotton Tennessee are real proud of these

pany representative to sit and lis- and their families, but they are ten in on a bull session in the also deeply concerned about under-This year things were different. Local hall. More like than not he cutting their brothers up in Michi-Local leadership had come forward. would hear talk about Biak and gan." A new Governor had been elected. Buna, Manila and Tokio, the Seig-The workers had learned something fried Line and Omaha Beach, Attu Rhine—these fellows been around; So, after six weeks of talks dur- about 75 per cent are veterans. ing which each Union proposal met | The young President of Local 1198

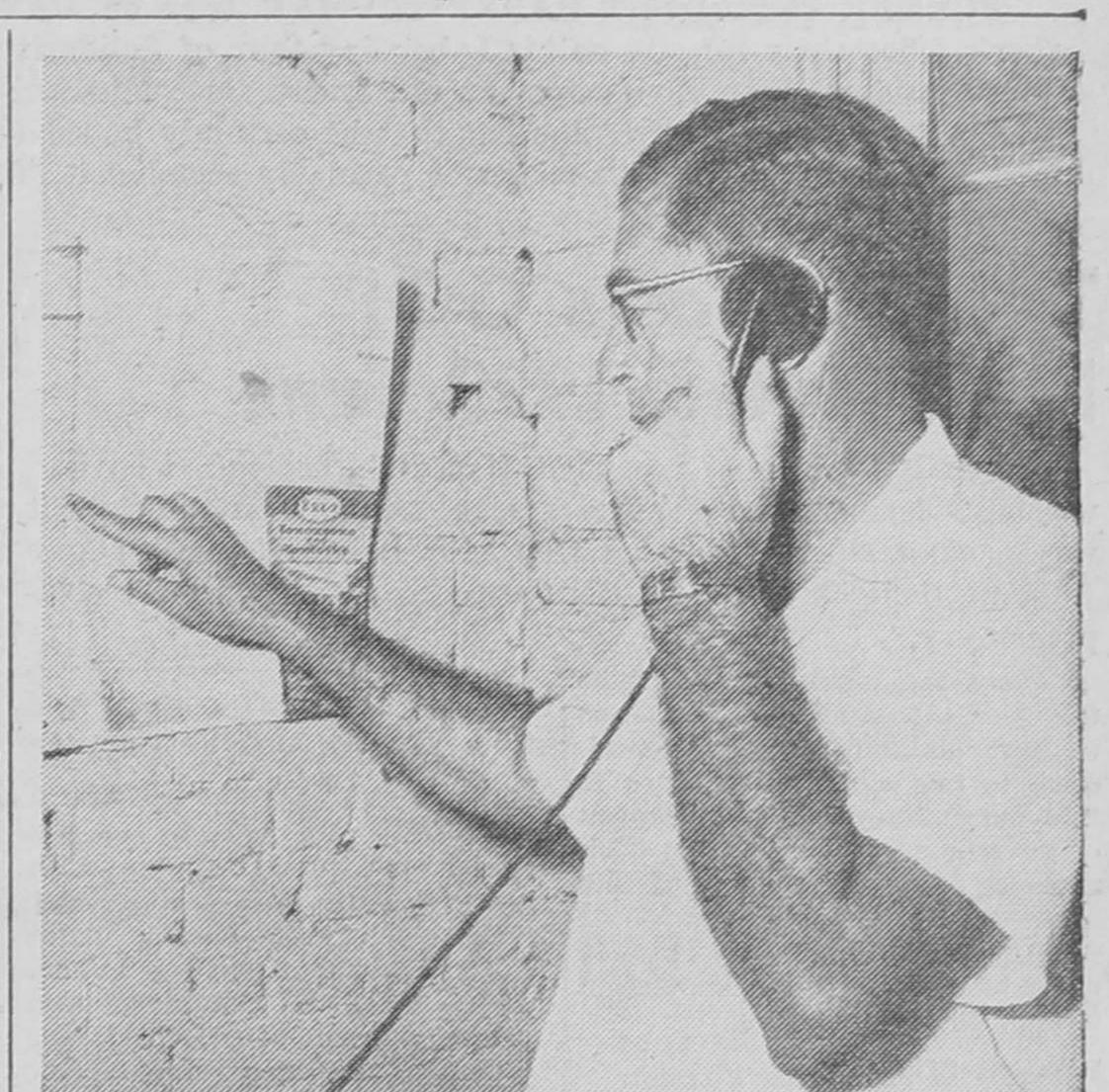


High morale prevails on the picket line in front of the American Metals Company's Union City (Tennessee) plant. In the center of the line, with the Local officers, is International Representative Ed Burton (he is the big fellow with glasses). This is part of a tough, determined bunch of 250 workers who have shut the Company's runaway plant down tight.

the 11th Airborne Division. Most of them have had experience with far worse adversaries than the American Metals Company.

International Representative Jim Harden, in charge of the UAW-CIO sub-regional office in Memphis, and who drives the more than 100 miles boys. They are not only fighting It might be revealing for a Com- for a better deal for themselves

Brother Harden and the West Tennesseans have every right to be proud—and maybe they won't object if their pride is shared by about 1,399,750 other members of



Daily patrols go out from strike headquarters to surrounding towns in both Tennessee and Kentucky to check on recruiting of strike breakers. International Representative Ed Burton, above, telephones instructions to one of the patrols. Burton says, "We believe it better to reason with individuals the Company wants to bring in at their homes than to wait and reason with a group at the plant gates when tempers might run a little high."



An active Political Action Committee has used the strike to good advantage. Stung by harassing actions of local politicians, the strikers have determined to have a hand in the next elections. PAC Committee Chairman Eugene Wainscott, at left above, signs up striker Orville Baker to go down to City Hall as a part of a group of more than 30 to register.

# worth another \$741,600 to the 5,000 National Aircraft Conference Scheduled

Aircraft Conference, according President John W. Livingston, Director of the National Aircraft Department.

The retroactive payments in- and Wednesday, December 8 and 9,

ice and \$183,685 to retired workers cessive year wherein all UAW-CIO who had been receiving payments aircraft local unions throughout the National Aircraft Department from the UAW-CIO Ford pension the United States and Canada have and will be in the hands of the airgathered in such a conference. Pre- craft locals shortly.

Washington, D. C., will be the vious to last year the conferences site of the 1953 UAW-CIO Nation- were held in two divisions, eastern and western.

"The growth in our aircraft membership and aircraft program plus the growth in importance of the work done at the aircraft conferences brought such a strong plea Livingston announced Tuesday from local unions for a Union-wide conference that beginning last year the meetings were consolidated," Livingston stated.

Calls are now being prepared by



Here is Local 1198's hardworking leadership in a huddle at strike headquarters. From left: Financial Secretary Wilbur Canova, President Arthur Collet and Vice-President and Picket Captain William Sturdivant. Out on the picket line when the picture was made was Recording Secretary Dale Freeman.

# U. S. Mayors Ask More Federal Help

MONTREAL (LPA)—The Eisen- | passed resolutions asking more feding that the key to its domestic program is "local responsibility" and less "direction from Washingsee it that way.

hower regime may keep on shout- eral funds for slum clearance, urban redevelopment, highway construction, old age security, municiton," but the nation's mayors don't pal airports and civil defense. Mayor Tom Burke of Cleveland was

The US Conference of Mayors elected president.



FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN tries on UAW President Walter P. Reuther's office chair for size on his Labor day tour of Solidarity House. Truman told UAW Vice-President John Livingston, an old friend since Missouri days before Truman became famous, that the chair felt fine but that he certainly hoped in his retirement he wouldn't have to keep as busy as the man who regularly occupies it. At the right, two of Truman's former White House aides look on grinning.

# Truman Blasts GOP For Playing 1929 Tune

**DETROIT**—Former President Harry S. Truman, who had withheld comment on the Republican Administration while it defeat the UAW-CIO in an NLRB was getting started, told an CIO-AFL Labor Day rally here what he thought of the GOP's record to date. It wasn't complimentary.

"There are plenty of signs," he told the thousands who gathered law, which protects the lowest paid to hear his third Labor Day ad- of our workers, have been drasticdress in this city, "of a return to ally cut. that old philosophy that the object of government is to help big business-on the theory that if big business is well off, enough of its wealth and income will trickle down to the rest of the population to keep the system going."

## WRONG CHANGE

He noted that such an "unhealthy distribution of the national income" had been responsible for the big depression that started in 1929 and declared that while the majority of the people voted last fall for a change in the political party controlling the government, he didn't think they voted for that kind of change.

One "perfect example of that discredited trickle-down theory," Truman said, is the increase in interest rates that "may be to the benefit of the money lenders, but it surely does hurt the rest of the people."

"that the government is no longer

### FARMER HURT

"And the farmer, who lives with THE PAUSEgreater hazard than perhaps any of us, is being told that he ought THAT DEPRESSES to 'go it alone' again—as he did during the long farm depression that began right after World War I. You should hear the farmer weep and wail and ask forgiveness for voting as he did last fall; at least, that is true in my part of the country."

Other casualties of the GOP business administration, Truman said, have been public power and billions of dollars in off-shore oil given away "to pay a political debt." Promises of revising Taft-Hartley and improving social security haven't been fulfilled either, he said, and added that he "doubted very much" if they would be.

He urged his audience not "to take these things lying down. You "There are other signs," he said, can't hope to change the philosophy of these people who are now concerned with the welfare of all in Washington; but if you watch of us. Our great public housing pro- them closely and raise your voices gram, which was helping to clear loud and clear, you may be able to America's slums, has been con- salvage some of these things. After demned to death. Funds for en- all, they are politicians, and they forcement of the minimum wage are influenced by public opinion."

# Catch on Young

tory occurred when eight-yearolds at the YMCA's summer recreation club walked out and refused to return. Only when the club director phoned the mothers did he discover the reason for the walkout. The kids objected to being put in an agegroup called "Tots" and forced to play in an area called the "Tot Lot." As soon as the play area was retitled "Indian Village" and the kids were called "Beavers," the strike was over.

# Can't Digest Claims

BALTIMORE (LPA) - C. S. Bernstein, publisher, and his representatives, have been ordered by the Federal Trade Commission to discontinue misrepresentations in the publication represents labor.

# Switch Pays Off "youngest strike" in U. S. his- In Big Blue Chips

When an NLRB election was held at the Detroit Plant of Detroit Gasket and Manufacturing last summer, nine out of every 10 workers voted for the UAW-CIO. This month the enthusiasm over the results must be 100 per cent.

Region 1A Co-Director Cote reports that the new contract includes a five-cent annual improvement factor increase and a fourcent general increase retroactive to July 1; an additional 10-cent skilled trades increase retroactive to June 1; a one-cent cost-of-living increase retroactive to September 7; the first arbitration clause in the plant's history; improvements in shift premium, holiday pay, insurance and vacation clauses and a standard UAW union shop.

Another nickel is nailed down soliciting advertisements for "Amer- for July 1, 1954; 12 cents COL has ican Labor Digest." Among other been factored in the base rate and claims that must be dropped is that a joint union-management committee is studying a pension plan.

# White Blacked Out

ATLANTA - The White Motor Company relied on the free-speech provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act to pump in the message that would election. International Representative Garvin Crawford demandedand got-right to speak. His talk overshadowed the Company pitch. As a result, the UAW won, 57 to 28, for "no union," and two for the IAM, an even more lopsided victory than previously expected.

NEW ORLEANS—Coca-Cola dis- DECISION HELD UP pensing machines with separate spigots for white and colored buyers are still the cause of heated controversy throughout the South. Although Coca-Cola officials claim that there are only a few of these machines in operation, reaction to as far off as India.

decisions in these matters.

# Mazey Urges AF to Drop Guilt-by-Association Charge

Emil Mazey, UAW-CIO secretary-treasurer and director of the Union's Veterans' Department, strongly urged Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott to withdraw proceedings initiated to discharge Lieutenant Milo J. Radulovich from his commission in the United States Air Force.

that "there is no question as right of being confronted by those to the loyalty of Lieutenant who have made the accusations Radulovich."

### LOYALTY NOT QUESTIONED

against him "on the sole grounds of the lieutenant's own loyalty; that a reasonable doubt exists that that it is merely a matter of the he is a good security risk because political beliefs of members of his he is the son of a man who right- family. fully thought that under the Con-

### Bulletin

As The Auto Worker went to press, the three Air Force colonels composing the trial board recommended that Lieutenant Radulovich be dismissed from the Air Force reserve as a "poor security risk."

stitution of the United States a citizen has the right to read papers and books with which he disagreed, as well as those with which he agreed, and that his sister had expressed her 'right of assembly.' "

Lieutenant Radulovich, a member of the Air Force Reserve, currently a student at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, a husband and the father of two children, was asked by the Air Force to resign his reserve commission because he was believed by the Air Force to be a "security risk."

This was because his father was suspected of reading Communist newspapers published in his native | cedures. Croatian tongue and because his picket lines sponsored by allegedly Communist or Communist front organizations.

Radulovich refused to resign voluntarily and asked for a hear-

# Add 3 Auxiliaries

Three new auxiliaries have been added to the ranks of the UAWthe "white" and "colored" spigots CIO, announces Mrs. Catherine has been appearing in newspapers Gelles, International Representative of the UAW-CIO Auxiliaries. According to James A. Farley, Auxiliary 317 has been organized Community Services Institute was one of the leading national execu- to Local 641, Ottawa, Ontario, Can- held in Iowa City, Iowa, for Iowa tives of the company, the machines ada; Auxiliary 318 to Local 55, Buf- | State CIO locals. UAW Representwere installed by local businessmen falo, New York; and Auxiliary 319 ative Robert Johnston, chairman of who are free to make their own to Local 813, Philadelphia, Penn- Iowa State CIO-CSC, reports an sylvania.

In a letter to Talbott early this month, Mazey pointed out that fifthers is near pointed out the state of the against him. The decision was still pending at press time.

The Air Force itself specifically The Air Force bases its action says there is no question involved

> Lieutenant Radulovich served seven years in active service in the Air Force with what the Air Force admits to be an excellent record.

Mazey charged that the hearing accorded Radulovich by the Air Force was a "star-chamber" proceeding. The press and public were not admitted to the hearing, which was conducted by three Air Force colonels, one of whom has publicly demonstrated his hostility to Radulovich before the trial started by criticizing him for making an issue of the case in the corridors outside of the hearing room in the presence of newspaper reporters.

### JUSTICE SIDESTEPPED

"The evils experienced by servicemen in military court proceedings during World War II resulted in the enactment of the Uniform Code of Military Justice," Mazey told Talbott in his letter. "This law sought to correct the evils existing in military court proceedings. It sought to more nearly bring military proceedings into conformity with our traditional court pro-

The action taken by the Air sister has allegedly participated in Force in this case, if not actually violating the provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice certainly violates the spirit and intent of that statute and the Manual for Court Martial promulgated by the President of the United States pursuant thereto. The American people have a vital interest in seeing that the spirit and intent of that statute is observed by the military services."

# Iowa Scene of Institute

For the first time, a state-wide excellent turn-out.



GIVE TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST to help the community take care of its own, UAW Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey advises at a citywide Torch Drive dinner held in Detroit. Pictured at the meeting are, left to right, UAW Region 1 Co-Director Michael Lacey; Mike Novak, president of the Wayne County CIO; Mazey and Ray R. Eppert, industry representative. In a letter to UAW locals in the Detroit area, UAW President Walter P. Reuther said of the agencies supported by the drive, "These services are important in helping meet the needs of our members and their families. . . . May I urge our members to participate."

# Little-Known Local 200 Heavyweight Blazes KO Trail Toward Rocky Marciano

Having nothing else to do, Walls

gave it a whirl. After three months

ready for his first amateur battle.

He won on a first-round KO, and

Jackson took him to Stillman's

gym in New York and started

booking him as a pro. He won his

first pro battle, also on a one-

round KO. Still green, he lost

the next three fights then won

10 in a row. Since seven of these

were by first-round knockouts,

Manager Jones had reason to be-

lieve his charge still wasn't get-

ting enough ring experience.

own good.

# Earl Walls Chills 12 of 13 Foes; Leaps to 6th Rank Among Heavies

TORONTO, Ontario-The hundreds of thousands of Auto Workers who follow boxing on television have never seen him. Until a couple of months ago, even the most avid of United States boxing fans had never heard of him. But to many in the fistic fraternity, Earl Walls, a serious-minded young man from

liked the looks of the raw material. next heavyweight champion of STARTED WITH KO the world.

### FAMILY-TYPE GUY

Outside the ring, he doesn't talk or act like a fighter. He prefers conversing about science and famthree amateur fights later he found ily affairs to boxing chatter, and himself fresh out of opponents. he spends most of his spare time puttering around his new duplex or on the golf course.

Fight nights, he's a panther. He's knocked out 12 of his last 13 opponents, and last month Nat Fleischer, editor of "Ring Magazine," has jumped him from nowhere to sixth place among the world's heavyweights,

The people who should know best -his opponents - claim the 192pounder has as hard a punch as anybody in the business. Walls, who is 25, says modestly, "I'll be ready for Marciano anytime next year."

Talkative Jimmy Jones, his train- started to jell during a 16-month could be Marciano. long absence from television as with a one-round KO of Bill Nich- the Kahut fight and additional inbuild up. When we get there, we ols. want to get there in a big way."

### STARTED LATE

Actually Walls got a late start, but he looks like he's ready to arrive in a big way-and on time.

While most boxers were campaigning as amateurs, Walls was working in the plant and wishing he could have taken enough schooling to be an attorney. Second oldest of the family of 10 children, he quit school at 14 to go to work. At 16, he got a job running a drill press in the Windsor Ford plant where his father and brothers, Clifford, Orville, and Alger, good union men all, still work,

He didn't even think about boxing until three years later when he visited Shirley Jackson, a family friend in Toronto. Jackson, who did a little boxing himself, liked the way the 6-foot 21/2-inch youngster handled himself so he called

# Reuther Urges Legion to Work With U. S. Unions

ST. LOUIS-The American Legion broke its custom by inviting trade union leaders to speak at their convention here. CIO President Walter P. Reuther urged the Legion to make a habit of working with labor in the solution of national problems.

Pointing out that thousands of veterans are members of trade unions, Reuther declared, "Too often veterans have come back from war to find, not the blessings of peace ity of hardship, unemployment and Democrat, had devoted his life to insecurity. A nation that can af- fighting for a unified Germany and ford to spend hundreds of billions of dollars to win wars should also be prepared to spend what is necessary to win peace."

Observing that Communists had been driven from positions of leadership in the CIO and AFL "without sacrifice of constitutional guarantees," Reuther urged that the problem be handled in the same way in the country as a whole.

"The Communist Party, both above-ground and underground, is a menace," he said. "But it is a menace with its back to the wall. It is not the sort of menace that, by any stretch of the imagination, requires us to destroy our Constitution, turn our backs on the Bill of Rights and pass legislation in Washington and the state capitals that will undermine our basic freedoms."

he's won by chilling his foes in either the first or second round.

All those fights were in Canada. He picked up the Canadian and Pacific Northwest championships en route. The first Layne fight, in Edmonton, caught the Utan husky by surprise. Rex became another first-round casualty.

UAW Local 200 in Windsor, is in Jones for a consultation. Jones two years was in Salt Lake City last month for the rematch. He knocked Layne goofy again in six-the same number of rounds Marciano required to do the trick.

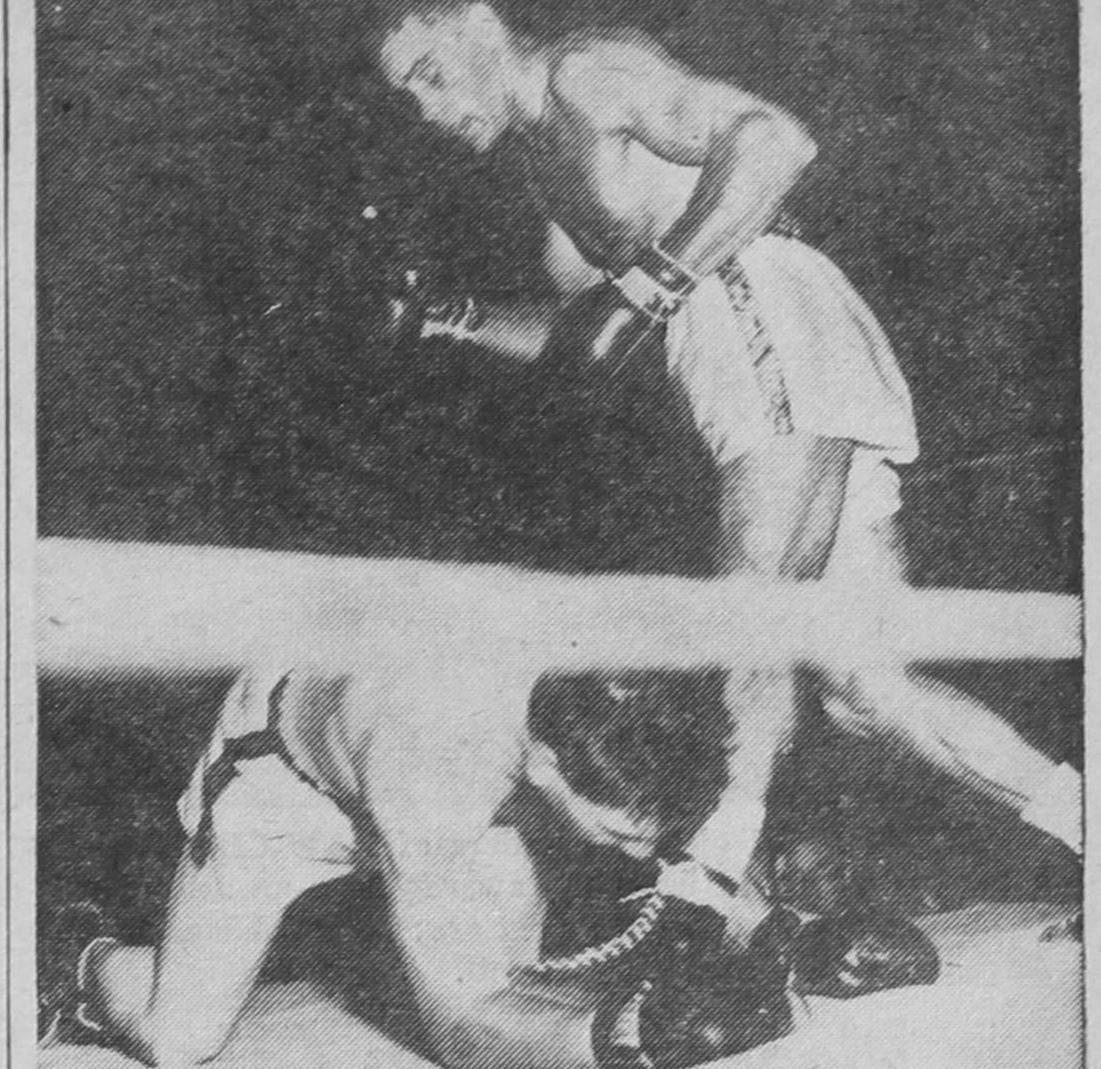
### of training, Jones announced him FIGHTS NEXT MONTH

November 3, Walls has a rematch with Joe Kahut in Edmonton, Alberta. Kahut's the only opponent he hasn't KO'd in the past two years, and Walls wants to keep the record clean,

After that? Well, Canadians, who haven't had a world heavyweight champ since Tommy Burns toted the title 50 years ago, are rooting for their second champ, and Walls' Canadian brothers are cheering for the UAW's first.

Walls doesn't even own a televi-He was simply too good for his sion set, and never watches boxing unless somebody he might fight is Some top-grade opposition rem- in action. But Jimmy Jones says edied that. Walls figures that the you'll be seeing him on television ring lore which had been jammed soon against a big-name opponent into him in those hectic months -and as far as he's concerned that

formation on Walls, send a postcard He's been going strong ever to The Auto Worker, 8000 E. Jefsince. Seven of his past 13 fights ferson, Detroit 14, Michigan.)

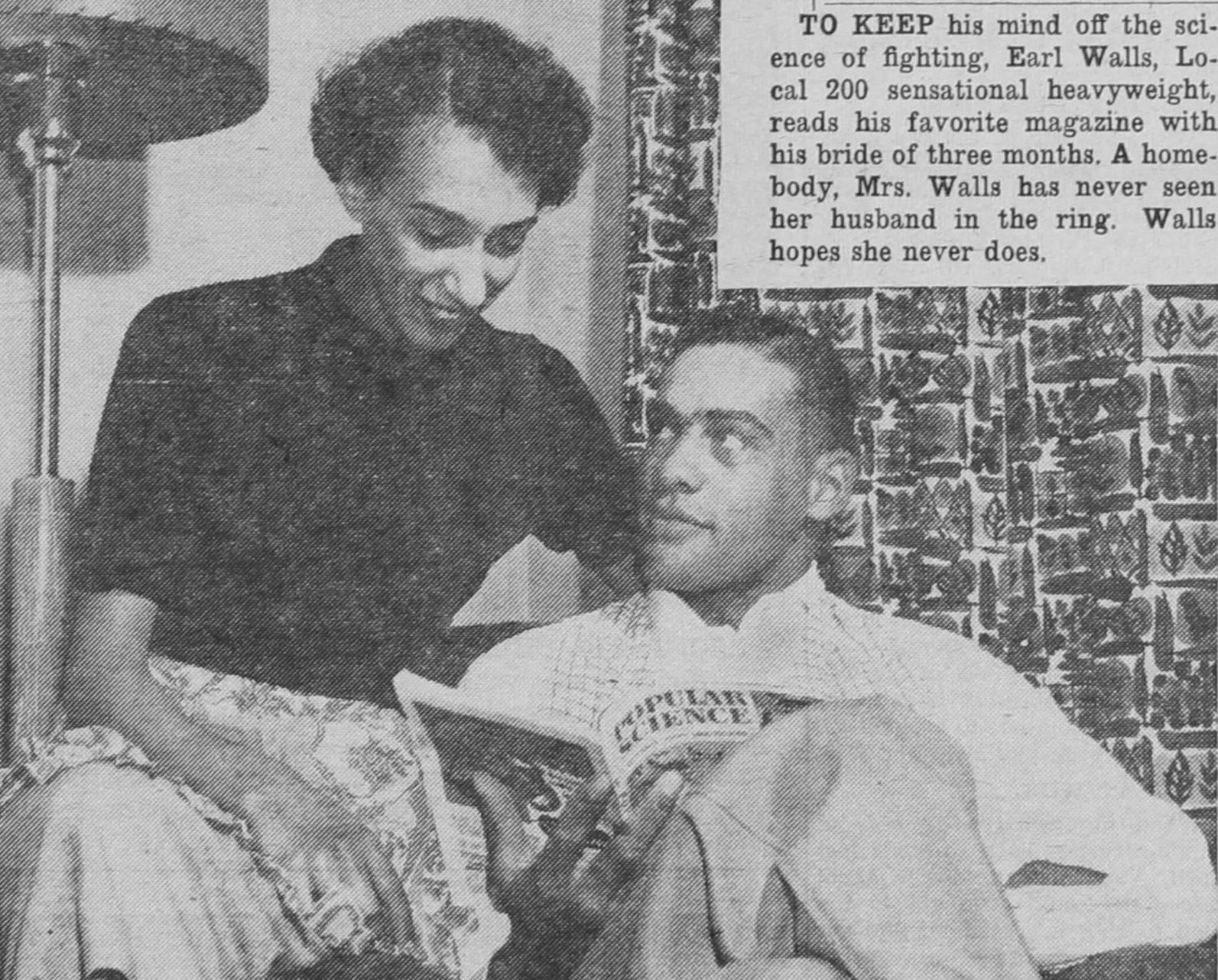


EARL WALLS, Local 200 member with an eye on Rocky Marciano's title, backs gently away as Rex Layne sinks to the canvas for a 10-count snooze in the sixth round of their rematch in Salt Lake City. This has happened in 12 of Earl's last 13 fights. The one battler who lasted (but lost) is Joe Kahut, wiley Pacific Coast veteran. Walls gets another chance at him November 3 in a rematch at Edmonton, Alberta. Wide World Photo,

# AFL Stamps Final 'OK' er and co-manager, explains the layoff which ended in May of 1952 (Ed. Note—To get the results of the Kahut fight and additional in-

ST. LOUIS—The 700 delegates to the American Federation of Labor's 72nd Convention unanimously ratified the proposed no-raiding agreement with the CIO.

TO KEEP his mind off the science of fighting, Earl Walls, Local 200 sensational heavyweight, reads his favorite magazine with his bride of three months. A homebody, Mrs. Walls has never seen her husband in the ring. Walls hopes she never does.



# Mayor Reuter Dies in Berlin

Ernst Reuter, East Berlin's may- | compatriots under the Communist against Communism,

A personal friend of UAW President Walter P. Reuther, Reuter addressed the UAW-CIO Convention last March on what proved to be his final trip to America. Reuther commented:

"The untimely death of Ernst Reuter has brought deep mourning to the entire free world. During the perilous postwar years, he has symbolized by his strong, courageous and democratic leadership the determination of the German people to rewin their place of high respect in the world community.

"In his outpost of freedom located behind the Iron Curtain itself, he has kept alive against overwhelming odds the fire of liberty and human dignity as a torch of eternal hope for his unfortunate

or, died unexpectedly last month yoke. The contrast between the and civilian life, but the start real- of a blood clot. Reuter, a Social conditions he helped to realize in free Berlin and that on the other tie, Local 138, were chosen presi- The UAW also won a narrow vicside of the Iron Curtain is the best monument I can think of to this man, whose life has meant so much to all of the people of the democratic world and to those who long to join it."

# PISTON COUNCIL CHOOSES OFFICERS

MUSKEGON, Michigan - Harold Keimer Local 416 and Fred Chrisly, at the Piston Ring Council meeting here last month. Harvey Yeager, Local 231, was named secretary-treasurer.

# McCarthy Hits Radio-TV Gusher

If "Facts Forum" comes to your community, you're just getting splattered from the gusher Senator Joe McCarthy hit in his drive for the presidency.

"Facts Forum," a canned radio and television show, is bankrolled by Texas oilman H. L. Hunt. He's reported worth \$600 million. According to the Providence, Rhode Island, Journal, some of those millions have been earmarked for helping Low Blow Joe reach the White House.

Hunt's millions already have helped place the show on 115 radio and 30 TV stations. It's offered as a "straight discussion show." The only thing "straight" about it is that it's part of the push which McCarthy hopes will lead him straight to the presidency.

The next step needed to make the pact effective is approval by delegates to the CIO Convention in Cleveland next month.

The agreement, drawn up by a joint CIO-AFL Committee, provides that "no union affiliated with either federation shall attempt to organize or to represent employes as to whom an established bargaining relationship exists between their employer and a union in the other federation."

AFL delegates hailed it as "the first and essential step" toward organic unity.

It provides for mediation andif necessary—settlement by an impartial umpire of any and all questions arising under the agreement. The pact will apply only to the international unions signing it after its final approval.

AFL delegates also approved a move-for settling disputes within their Federation. The plan is similar to the one which has been in effect in the CIO for the past year.

# No Hidin' Place

BOBHAM, Texas-Less than six months after the Supreme Trailer Company set up a runaway shop in this agricultural community, the UAW-CIO won a 35-25 NLRB vietory, it was announced jointly by Russell Letner, Region 5 director, and Vice-President Richard T. Gosser, competitive shops director. dent and vice-president, respective- tory in the Whitbeck Aircraft plant at Gainesville, Texas.

# Meat Unions Reap Labor Unity Harvest

CHICAGO (LPA) - Labor unity paid off when two unions won a pace-setting agreement with a leader in the meat packing industry which is expected to bring like advancements to nearly 250,000 workers.

The pact negotiated by the CIO Packinghouse Workers and the AFL Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen with Armour & Co. provided for a full Company-paid health insurance program for workers and their families worth 41/2 cents an hour and an acrossthe-board pay increase of five cents an hour.



THESE FIVE girls, all leaders of UAW-CIO Local 1086 in Cheboygan, Michigan, won a total of \$4,397 in back pay awards from an arbitrator's decision against Center Tool & Machine Company. Left to right are: Julia Adams, Dorothy Socolovitch, Maxine Turner, Angeline Tomke and Mary Jewell.

# Five Pleasant Union Gals Balk Labor-Hating Employer

CHEBOYGAN, Michigan-George Van Paris, president and owner of the Center Tool & Machine Company here, refuses to leans, the vote was 60 to 4, and raise the pay in his plant, but he ought to be willing to testify that women are far from being the weaker sex on his payroll.

Or maybe Van Paris is such a bum boss that no one but his pets and apple polishers can get along with him. Anyway, no

one who knows him can remember when he wasn't running away from the Union or else all tied up in grievances taken to arbitration and hearings before compensation referees.

### MR. BATTLE AX

Van Paris was battling his workers long before he met the girls who are the backbone of UAW-CIO Local 1086.

Back in 1936, Van Paris had his plant in Flint. It was organized, along with all the other plants, during the big sitdown strikes, and became a part of Local 598. It didn't take him long to show his colors. He closed up shop and ran away to Cheboygan.

But he couldn't hide for long. UAW-CIO organizers found him and organized the shop again. Then he moved the plant to Petoskey, Michigan, UAW-CIO stayed right on his trail. Finally he moved back to Cheboygan, and has been in trouble ever since.

workers for reasons which fitted shop. The financial secretary of his purposes. They took their case the Local, Dorothy Socolovitch, was to the NLRB and were reinstated fired in November, 1951, and also with back pay. And this is where had to take her case to arbitration. the girls come into the story.

## FIRED UNION LEADERS

February 25, he fired Julia Adams, tion. Angeline Tomke and Mary Jewell, on the trumped-up claim that they had slowed down production.

Maxine was the president of Local 1086, Julia was vice-presitary. All of the firings were 'too.

appealed to arbitration, and claims were filed for unemployment compensation.

On April 4, Arbitrator John H. Piercey issued an award finding that all of the firings were without cause. He ordered all of the girls reinstated with full back pay. This totaled \$3,504, but MESC disqualified the claim.

### REAL LOW OPERATOR

With the help of Clayton Johnson and Tom Doherty of the UAW-CIO Compensation Department, the girls then filed an appeal, and their claims went before MESC Referee Hjalmar S. Hansen. On August 6, Hansen reversed the previous ruling, and ordered payment.

Van Paris appealed again, and then he stooped just about as low as he could get. He paid the girls the back wages ordered in the arbitrator's award, but deducted from their checks the amount of unemployment compensation due.

There seems to be no limit to the tricks this boss dreams up to In 1951, Van Paris fired several fight the union-minded girls in his She got a back pay award of \$893.

## FIRES AT WILL

Maxine Turner, a wife and When the arbitrator ordered mother of three girls, was one of Maxine Turner back to work last the women fired in 1951. The April, Van Paris fired her again NLRB put her back to work with before she could even get to the \$600 in back pay. This year Van shop to ring her card in. She got Paris fired her again, on January a letter before she even reported 19, for alleged refusal to obey in- for work, telling her she was restructions. About a month later, on leased for another contract viola-

Maybe Van Paris will close up his shop and run away again. Or maybe he will dope out more new ways of giving the girls a hard time. But union-minded folks in dent, Mary was a member of the | Cheboygan are giving odds that Local's Safety Committee, and the girls will come out of it with Angeline was recording secre- the last word, and the last laugh,

## Workers Catch On

Proof that workers still catch on fast to the facts of industrial life lies in some of the lopsided NLRB election victories reported by UAW Vice-President and Competitive Shops Director Richard Gosser.

At Reed Unit Fan in New Orat Maple Leaf Metal Products it went 48 to 1 for the UAW.



MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota—The nation's farmers received assurance that the CIO will continue to plead for government programs designed to produce prosperity for farmers when UAW International Representative Howard Pellant, an assemblyman from Wisconsin's 17th District, testified at the House Agriculture Committee hearings here.



SOFTBALL CHAMPS TWICE IN A ROW are these members of UAW-CIO Local 732, Mt. Hope, Pennsylvania, Warren Foundry and Pipe Corporation. They have dominated the Mt. Hope Interplant League by winning 32 out of 36 games in the past two years. Left to right (front row): Lewis Berry, Frank Haerstch, Barney Blickley, Alan Nietz, Joseph Knapick; (back row) Bill Nagy, Syl Kehoe, Joseph Skutka, John Lichtey, Frank Moran (captain), Mike Bobinyec (manager), Joseph Peirson, Stan Irvicki. The batboy is Butch Irvicki.



KENOSHA'S LOCAL 72 (Nash) donated this Boy Scout truck during the city's CIO-AFL Labor Day program. Official presentation of the \$4,000 truck for use by the Boy Scout Rescue Squad was made by these UAW-CIO Local 72 officers. L. to R.: Maurice Jackson, Boy Scout committee chairman; W. G. Kult, financial secretary; Mike Maxin, vice-president; Lieutenant Carl R. Johnson, Jack Beni, Local 72 president; Captain Howard Gatley; Harry Wolcott, treasurer; Leo McPhaul, trustee; and Ed Paulsen, recording secretary.

# New Jersey PAC Endorses Meyner



THREE UAW leaders discuss the New Jersey gubernatorial election with CIO-endorsed Democratic candidate Robert B. Meyner. Left to right: Paul Krebs, State PAC chairman and Region 9 education director; Meyner; Joseph Mirabella, president of UAW Local 511 and Democratic Assembly candidate from Essex County; and Hugh Caldwell, president of UAW Local 260 and also president of the Essex-West Hudson CIO.

# Meyner Pledges Fair Labor Laws

PHILLIPSBURG-In a special Labor Day message, Robert B. Meyner, Democratic nominee for Governor, gave a complete outline of his program with respect to labor-management problems.

Meyner proposed a state labor relations law to replace the Public Utilities Anti-strike Act. Other recommendations:

An unemployment compensation ceiling of at least \$40 a week, adjustments in the workmen's compensation law raising benefits to a level more consistent with today's too frequently-but their handling living costs, and a minimum wage of 75 cents an hour, applicable to both sexes, to bring New Jersey into line with such states as New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and California.

Meyner's statement follows:

### LABOR RELATIONS ACT NEEDED

industrial state in the East without a state labor relations act providing for representation elections and specifying certain unfair labor practices. New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island have such laws.

"All that New Jersey has is a Public Utilities Disputes Act, which, instead of encouraging collective bargaining and self-settlement of labor disputes, provides for compulsory arbitration in ways that short-circuit collective bargaining and discourage the development of workable solutions by the parties themselves.

state administration will be the en- workers cannot improve their

law to provide for representation | they earn over \$45 a week, yet elections and proscribe, as unfair average weekly earnings in manulabor practices, interference with facturing are about \$75 in this the right of self-organization or rethe certified or properly designated representatives of either party.

"In the new state labor relations of economic recession. law, provision is needed to protect the citizens of a locality from any genuine emergency arising from an industrial dispute. Not only are such real emergencies exceedingly rare—the Driscoll administration has messed in labor disputes far is an art.

"The dictatorial method of compulsory arbitration is improper in a free economy or democratic society. The New Jersey Public Utilities Disputes Act should be repealed and replaced by the type of labor relations statute I have just outlined.

# "New Jersey is the only major RAISE UC BENEFITS

"In workmen's compensation, unemployment compensation, and the years prior to 1951. temporary disability insurance, the benefit schedules need to be brought into line with current wage and price levels.

pensation program was started in cent of normal earnings) of any 1936, the weekly benefit ceiling was state in the country except Georplaced at \$15 a week, or about gia, and, in addition, the payments two-thirds of average weekly earn- to them alone cease after 800 ings in manufacturing at that time. weeks regardless of whether or not Now average weekly earnings are they have dependent children unmore than three times what they der 18 years of age. were in 1936, but the benefit ceiling is only \$30. As a result, benefits in more than two-thirds of the "High on the agenda of the new cases are cut off by the ceiling; actment of a state labor relations weekly benefit by any amount that

state. Such an out-of-date ceiling ment compensation is to serve as a real factor in cushioning the shock

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

"In the case of workmen's compensation, there is the added factor some of the fatal or permanently incapacitating accidents occurred two or more decades ago, yet no adjustment has been made in the benefits for increased living costs and standards. The benefits are still governed by the average asked: weekly earnings at the time of the accident, which earnings may have been only one-third to one-fifth of what they are today. Certainly some provision should be made to adjust the benefits of the families of some 430 New Jersey workers whose breadwinner suffered a permanent and complete disability in

"Our workmen's compensation law needs improvement in other respects. Widows with two children receive the lowest percentage "When the unemployment com- of their husband's wages (45 per

> "Also, workers injured on the job should have some right to selection of the doctor who is to give continued treatment under the medical benefit provisions of the

## MINIMUM WAGE LAW

"New Jersey has been particularly backward with respect to ernor of a racket-ridden adminis- sentative in Europe, as he stopped minimum wages. Our minimum tration. wage law, enacted in 1933, covers only women and children. The minimum rates now in effect were fixed 4 to 14 years ago and range from 60 cents down to 321/2 cents per hour. And those low rates apply to only half of the 200,000 covered employes because wage orders apply in only five industries.

hours, with time and a half for of an industry."

# 72-Member Committee Solidly Supports Democrat for Governor

NEWARK, N. J .- The only significant gubernatorial election in the nation November 3 pits a young, liberal CIO-endorsed Democrat against a Big Business Republican for New Jersey's hotly-contested Governorship.

Endorsed unanimously by the 72-member State CIO Political Action Committee is Robert B. Meyner, 45-year-old liberal who compiled the best labor record of any member of the State Senate on the annual New Jersey CIO News voting records during his four-year term from 1948-51. Meyner worked as a silk weaver and apprentice coremaker to earn money for his law degree.

Meyner's GOP opponent is Paul® Troast, chairman of the state's Turnpike Authority, a building contractor, and a trustee of the New Jersey Manufacturers' Association, which has battled nearly every labor bill in the State Legislature.

State CIO President Carl Holderman and State PAC Chairman Paul Krebs, UAW Region 9 education director, disclosed that the CIO endorsement of Meyner was based upon the two candidates' answers to the PAC's 54-point questionnaire on state issues, upon personal interviews with both men, and upon analysis of their past records and appraisal of their future performance.

Although Meyner has been laying heavy stress on both economic issues and a series of state scandals attributed to the Republican state administration, a late-breaking development has shocked the state.

This was the disclosure that Troast wrote a letter to Governor Dewey of New York in 1951, urging Dewey to release from prison the convicted extortionist Joe Fay. When Fay was tried, there was evidence that he was paid \$5,000 to keep rank-and-file AFL workers in line during the building of the Wright aircraft plant by Troast's construction firm. The payment was made by William Brewster, a Troast sub-contractor, who admitted paying Fay \$150,000 over a three-year period for "labor rela-

# Fay's \$5,000 Kick-in for Troast Job

The big unanswered question in the shocking disclosure of GOP candidate Paul Troast's attempt to get the notorious extortionist Joe Fay out of Sing Sing prison is the \$5,000 that sworn testimony discloses was paid to Fay "for labor relations" when Mahoney-Troast Construction Co. built the Wright airfusal to bargain in good faith with is particularly bad if unemploy- craft plant in Woodridge in

> Newark in January, 1947, William J. Brewster, president of George M. Brewster & Son, Inc., said he had paid Fay a total of \$150,000 over a three-year period "for labor relations."

construction jobs for which Fay was allegedly paid, Brewster was

"The Mahoney-Troast Wright

plant job?" "I paid him \$5,000," Brewster replied.

There has been no satisfactory explanation about why Brewster, trust suit started in 1941, also diwho was only a sub-contractor for the Mahoney-Troast Company on the Wright plant job, should pay Fay \$5,000 on the Mahoney-Troast project.

construction company, has claimed foreign companies from competing major credit for building the in the lamp industry in this coun-Wright plant in record time dur- try. ing World War II. His employes won an Army-Navy "E" award for light bulb agreements existing bethe record project.

If Troast is such a competent businessman — a man who gets things done-then he cannot disclaim knowledge for a bribe alleg- Vic Reuther Warns edly paid to a notorious racketeer to insure the successful completion Bonn on Union Curbs of this Wright job.

The answer is the election of Democrat Robert B. Meyner.

### overtime, and it should apply to both sexes.

from the possibility of undue hard- any such attempt would affect all ship under the law, it should pro- affiliates of the International Con-"New Jersey should join such vide for modification of the wage federation of Free Trade Unions. progressive states as New York, or hour standard up or down under Walter Freitag, president of the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and a system of industry boards. In Federation, said if its autonomy California by establishing a 75-cent | that way the standards can be ad- were threatened, "we would shout minimum standard. The law should justed when necessary to the par- louder than probably anyone had include a normal work week of 40 ticular or peculiar circumstances ever shouted before for the help

# During Fay's income tax trial in Court Orders GE

TRENTON, New Jersey-General Electric, which loves to stiffarm both unions and competitors, took one on the chin here this When questioned about specific month from Federal Judge Philip Forman.

In the first ruling of its kind, Forman ordered GE to give up exclusive rights to all its patents in the incandescent lamp field and to share with the industry any similar patents it might acquire in the future.

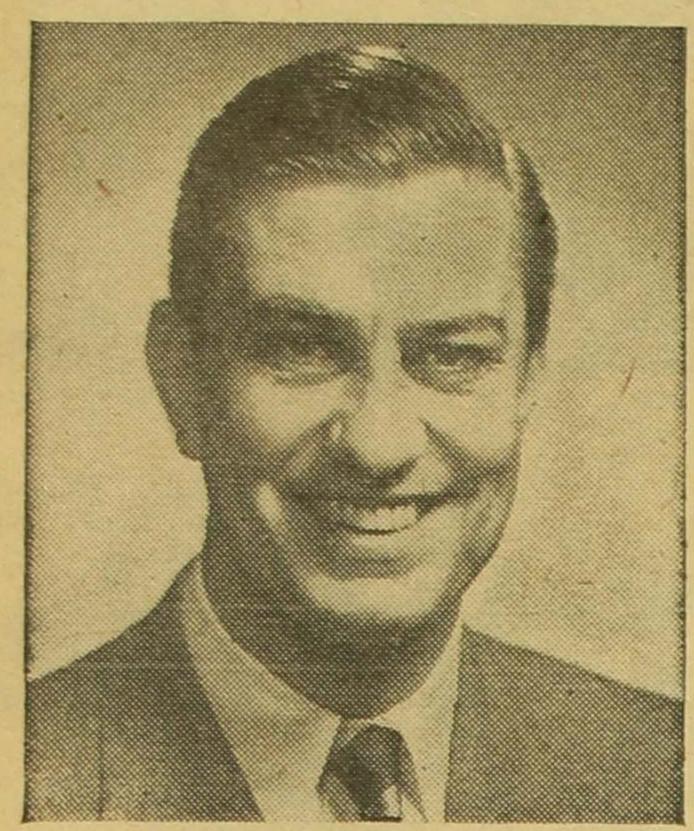
The judgment, climaxing an antirected GE to make its blueprint for lamp machinery available to the entire incandescent lamp industry in the United States and ordered GE and International GE to Paul Troast, as the head of his stop preventing their partly-owned

Judge Forman also nulified all tween GE and five other companies accused of helping GE to maintain its monopoly.

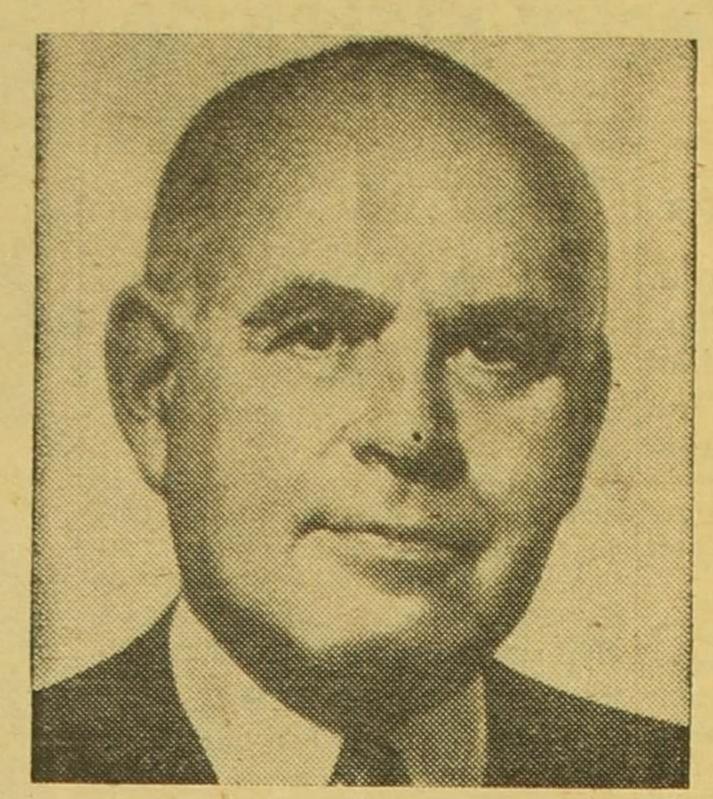
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Chancellor Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union has asked for greater representation in the leadership of the West German Trade "To safeguard intrastate firms Union Federation. Reuther said of the whole democratic world."

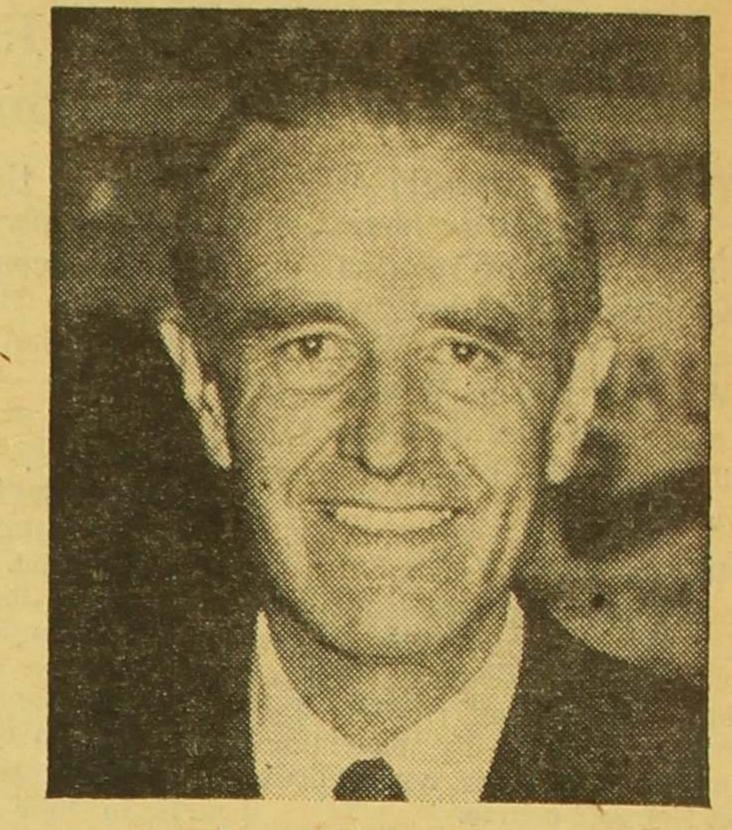
# NYC Needs a New Deal



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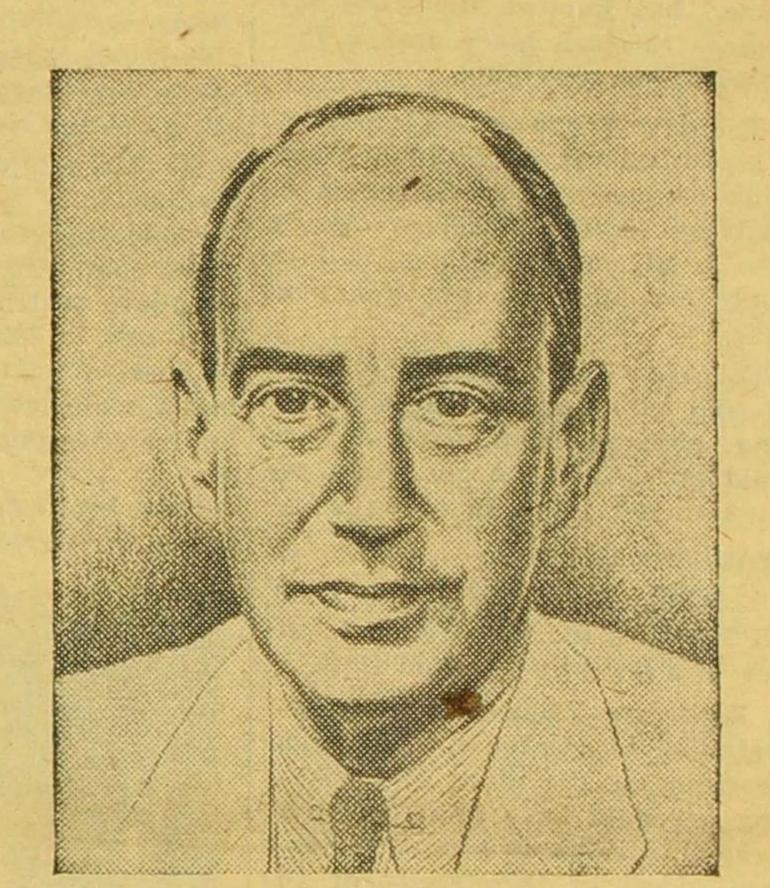
**Averill Harriman** 



Harry S. Truman



Robert F. Wagner, Jr.



Adlai Stevenson

# New Deal Leaders Back Wagner For Mayor; Wagner Pledges Fight Against Crime and Corruption

CITIZENS WANT CHANGE—New York citizens have long recognized the need for a New Deal in the City Administration. That's why they rolled up a substantial vote for fighting Bob Wagner in the Democratic Primaries. New Yorkers want clean government free from the corruption and influence of gangsterism and Deweyism. They have repudiated the present Administration. Now they want the kind of a New Deal that Wagner and the Democratic team are pledged to give.

LIBERALS BACK WAGNER—The vast majority of New York liberals and progressives are backing Bob Wagner. These liberals represent the New Dealers, Fair Dealers, La Guardia Fusionists and others. They include Senator Herbert Lehman, Representative Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Averill Harriman, Harry S. Truman and Adlai Stevenson, plus many others. They are well aware that a change is long overdue.

BLAME DEWEY FOR SUBWAY—Time and again the present Administration has played stooge to the Dewey forces in Albany. Every New Yorker knows that the present high subway rates can be charged to Dewey. That's why everyone blames the present Administration for giving Dewey a blank check. A strong Mayor like Wagner can throw off the Dewey shackles, and can restore autonomy to New York City once again.

NO LAW ENFORCEMENT—Citizens of New York can blame the present weak Administration for the lack of law enforcement in New York City. A crime-ridden waterfront almost helpless under racketeer control is just one phase of New York's plight. A strong Mayor and a strong Administration can clean up New York's crime and corruption.

NEED FOR TEAMWORK—Not only does New York City badly need a new Mayor, but it needs a new Administration to help that Mayor implement a program for all the people, not just a privileged few. New York City needs a new Administration that can function like a team, not a weak bunch of prima donnas. Bob Wagner has the program. Bob Wagner has the kind of a team behind him that can push a progressive program.

VOTE STRAIGHT DEMOCRATIC—Be sure to vote straight Democratic on November 3, and Bob Wagner will be your next Mayor. A straight Democratic vote will mean that New York City will get a new Mayor, a new Administration and a New Deal. That's the kind of government that New York has desperately needed for a long time. Win a New Deal in New York City by voting straight Democratic on November 3. Remember, the polls are open from 7:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m.

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