

In the Limelight

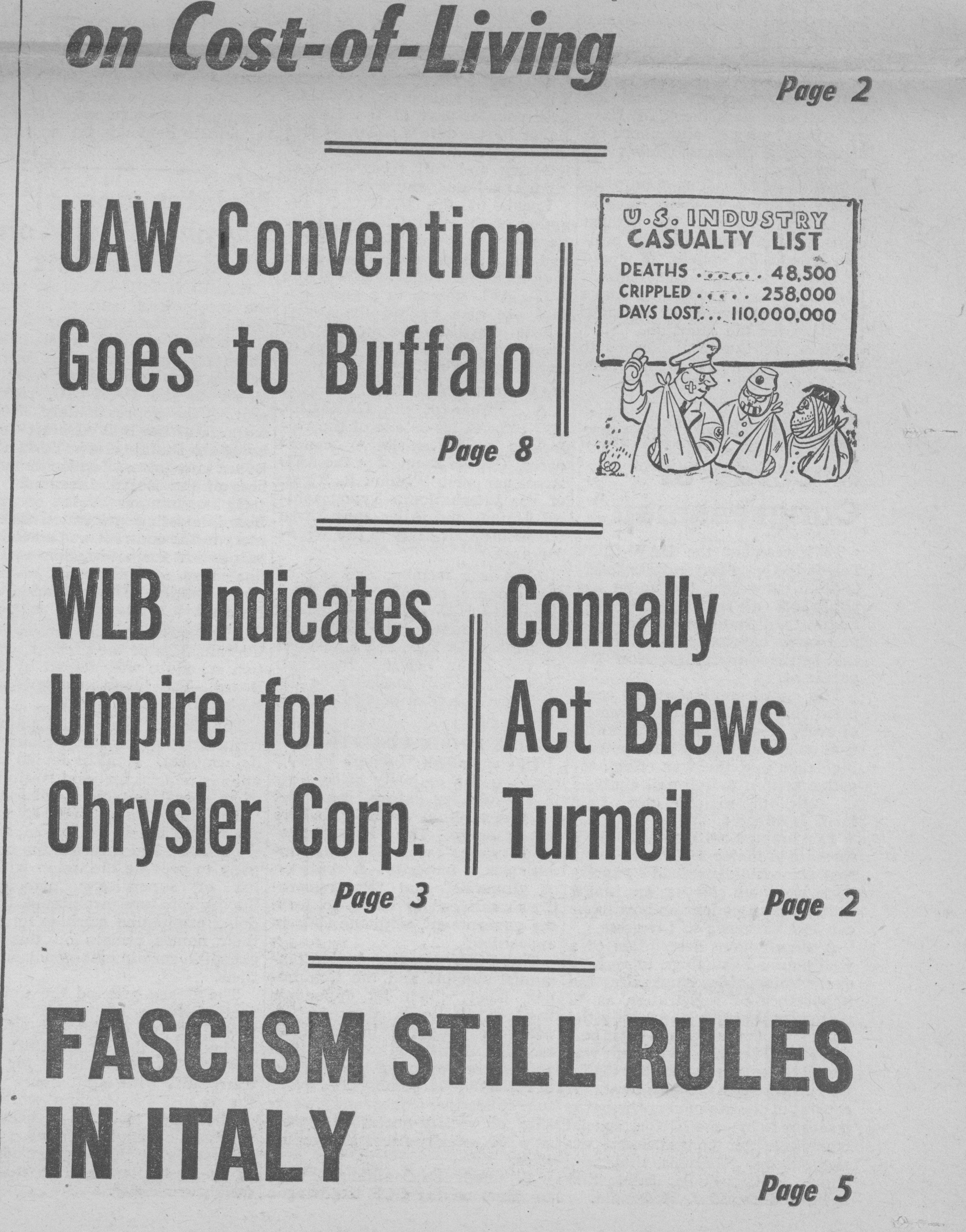


UAW-CIO's National GM Council, Representing More Than 300,000 Workers, Declares Little Steel Formula Must Go-Urge Escalator Clause In Addition to Restoration of Purchasing Power.

Labor A waits FDR's Plan

Murray Urges Biddle **Reconsider His Ruling** on Smith-Connally Act

WASHINGTON-President Philip Murray of the CIO has expressed to President Roosevelt his "utter amazement and consternation" at the opinion of Attorney-General Biddle, holding that under the Smith-Connally Act any group of employes in a plant, no matter how small, may be entitled to a government-conducted strike ballot, even though a union in that plant may be certified as the bargaining agency and have a collective bargaining agreement forbidding strikes. "This opinion of the Attorneyfaced with the ugly opinion of the General could not possibly re-Attorney-General which actually flect the intent of Congress," encourages stoppages of work ... Murray said, in a letter to Pres. "We find the Attorney-General, Roosevelt. "The result of the with a complete and total dis-Attorney-General's opinion is regard of our nation's needs, issusheer chaos. ing an opinion reflecting a com-"I respectfully submit that the plete sense of irresponsibility." seriousness of the situation war-rants the resubmission of the en- **RECALLS FDR's VETO** tire matter to the Attorney-"When the Smith-Connally bill General, and that an opportunity was under consideration in Conbe afforded to organized labor to gress, the CIO expressed its oppopresent to him the problems in sition to the proposed legislation, the situation ... " for the reason among others that in the face of the pledge of organ-**NO-STRIKE POLICY** ized labor that there must not be Murray emphasized that the any stoppages of work for the CIO, consistent with its no-strike duration of the war, the bill would pledge, has adopted the procedure encourage stoppages of work by of discouraging any attempt by providing the machinery whereby its members to request the strike strike ballots could be held, to be ballots provided for by the Smith- followed by strikes," Murray Connally Act. wrote the President.



"Organized labor, determined to Biddle's ruling goes even beprevent for the duration of the yond that in encouraging strikes, war any stoppages of work, is Murray told the President.



30 MINERS INDICTED

• A Federal grand jury in Pittsburgh has indicted thirty rank the government.

defend the indicted men.

back-to-work order issued by Lewis in the course of his game of power politics in which he used the miners as pawns.

has ruled that under the Connally

This means that any company union, any dual union, any collection of stool-pigeons, may usurp Labor Relations Board election.

WINDSOR, Ontario—The sen-, in Ontario, they are fighting the sational feature of last week's CCF elsewhere, particularly in a Congress. Only a few of the pro- tion. He indicated that he the authority of a local union elections in the province of On- Federal by-election being held in fessional men will have to be would make a public address which has won bargaining rights tario was the victory of the Co- Montreal where David Lewis, nathrough a democratic National Operative Commonwealth Feder- tional secretary of the CCF, is the occupy key posts. Finding busi- CIO leaders were bound not ation which gives it 34 out of 90 candidate.

He has a tough job, however, with the restrictions imposed by program for meeting the situareplaced by businessmen, but they | or statement soon. The UAWnessmen who have experience, to reveal the President's ideas

of rising living costs.

The President discussed his on the subject until he makes

 Management members of the Detroit Regional War Labor Board have taken the position that the Connally act bars the WLB from granting any maintenance-of- membership clauses to labor or- ganizations. This may be the beginning of a long fight which would have to be settled finally in the highest court. If the management's posi- 	It had not a single seat in the old legislature. The CCF, overnight grown to a major political party in Canada, is a counter-part of the British Labor Party, with a program that includes government ownership of industry and full recognition of labor's economic and social rights. Locals of the UAW-CIO, to- gether with other CIO organiza- tions—notably the steel workers and the clothing workers—form a major part of the strength of the	a Federal election. Prime Min- ister Mackenzie King, a "Liberal," has been badly repudiated in Ontario, most populous of the Canadian provinces, and may have to yield to demands for an early election. Maintenance of Membership Won at Bell Aircraft	Plenty might be found who, like Maxon, would take a job in order to defeat its purpose. But Bowles isn't having any, on that basis. The grade labeling restriction is going to hurt, too. Before your Congressman leaves home I will get you a full report on what that is doing to food prices. NELSON AND CLOTHING Another cloud on the horizon
labor has been granted to make up for its surrender of its right to strike for the duration. These are the contributions to industrial peace in war-time made by the Connally act thus far.	CCF. AFL unions to a great ex- tent are also behind the party, whose startling victory of last week was preceded by years of hard spade-work.	WASHINGTON—Acting upon the recommendations of a WLB panel, the National War Labor Board has granted a standard voluntary maintenance of mem- bership provision and a check-off clause to the UAW-CIO, repre-	Yellow Coach Fine on Strikers Praised by WLB

IN CUIUS UI Congressmen

To implement the UAW-CIO's Tell-It-to-Congress and Registerto-Vote campaign, the union has the pioneer organizers of Ford putes within the plant under the bership from the UAW-CIO in its half. published a twenty-four page Legislative Supplement to Ammunition, official publication of the International Education De-

street car men, William R. Riggs, bers of the Board dissented. of the International Typographical Union, and Alles took three out of the four seats in the Windsor area. Alles is a member and one of final step in settlement of dis-

Local 240, UAW-CIO, in Windsor. | contract. He is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and a member of the Essex Scottish Reserves. Only 28, he will probably be the Board. The labor members disyoungest member of the legislature.

By unanimous vote of the Board, existing grievance machcontract with the company at its Pontiac, Michigan, plant. A request by the union for liberalization of the present vaca-

The Board unanimously retion schedule was denied by the fused to rescind a conditional union security clause granted in December, 1942 "because the union has evidenced a willingness to assume its share of the responsibility for a short work stoppage APPLESAUCE UNRATIONED by fining 179 of its members in the amount of \$5.00 each." The supplement also contains a dozen, or so. The "Progressive- should be based on a company- ployees in two departments of the flation up to you. It plays down forecast of major legislative items Conservaties" won 38 seats, but wide basis, and directed the com- company struck, alleging that the the Government's responsibility, that the reactionaries in Congress will lack a majority. A coalition pany to provide the union with a company was not living up to its barely mentions it. Says if you have up their sleeves, and some of "Liberals" and "Progressive- list of supervisory personnel. agreement with the union. The save your money instead of spendpractical suggestions on how labor Conservatives" is likely to form Supervisors are prohibited from strike lasted for about five hours. ing it, we won't have inflation. can tell its views to Congress. | the government, with the CCF in doing production work so long as | The case was certified to the Which, of course, is first-class A step-by-step description of a opposition. their names, remain on this list WLB and referred to the Regional applesauce when it's dished up

them public.

has to wait on Donald Nelson or Food Administrator Jones for permission to ration anything.

Nelson has decided not to ration clothing. Instead he has pumped out a big baloney program telling retailers not to use scare ads and telling us not to buy what we don't need. He has fallen for the merchandising boys who hold high place in his outfit. They want as -much business-as-usual as they can get. Rationing interferes with that. But if the Nelson scheme of dividing up limited supplies of clothing doesn't work, don't blame OPA.

The play Prentiss Brown is making here in the East with vacation driving is alone the same line. But it's costing us a lot of gasoline. Maybe we have gas to pledge deserves support, the Na- spare; the news on that changes tional War Labor Board has as- so often none of it can be trusted. serted in denying the resquest of Last time Brown got big-hearted inery in the contract was amended the Yellow Truck & Coach Manu- on gasoline we ran smack into a to provide for arbitration as the facturing Company that the Board walloping scarcity and had to cut withdraw maintenance of mem- rations for essential use nearly in

> The official point of view treats rationing like a kind of poisoning. That is no help to people who are undergoing war hardships. But it has powerful backing down here, and the big advertising boys are writing the copy.

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The supplement contains complete charts of the voting record of every Senator and Representative on some twenty bills affect- HODGE-PODGE COALITION labor is affected.

tion, George F. Addes, chairman; tries. James B. Carey, Jr., Julius Em-

ing labor and the war effort, to- The so-called "Liberal Party," its contract. It also denied the gether with a thumb-nail analysis which had a majority of 59 seats of each bill, making clear how in the old legislature, came out of an operation which is disputed. of the election with a bakers The Board ruled that seniority

well-planned campaign to register | The CCF, rejecting both Com- except in certain emergency situa- Board in Detroit for determina- as a substitute for wartime conevery union voter emphasizes the munist support and the Commu- tions. importance of registration as "a nist label which its opponents The Board granted the union's upon the report of a WLB investi- This ad was written by the necessary first step to making the tried to tie to it, went to the request for a night shift bonus gator, directed the union to aslabor vote the weapon it must be." polls on issues of broad social providing for a premium of 10c sume the responsibility of either Material for the supplement was security, limitation of war-time an hour for the second shift and disciplining those employees who compiled by the staff of the UAW- profits, recognition of labor's right payment of 5c an hour for the instigated the strike or fining all CIO's Research Department. A of collective bargaining, and even- third shift with eight hours' pay employees who participated acreprint of the supplement is being tual collective, democratic owner- for six and a half hours' work. [tively. The union complied with] published by the CIO's special ship of socialy-necessary indus- The Board made no decision on this order by fining the 179 workcommittee on congressional ac- ship of socially-necessary indus- the issue of wages pending a fur- ers who participated in the strike the facts of life.

spak, and David J. McDonald. I to climb on the CCF bandwagon dustry generally.

sented from this denial.

The Board denied the union's request for an escalator clause in union's request for joint re-timing

ther study of the wage structure \$5 each. The fines will be turned "Applesauce will win the war Although the Communists tried in the Bell plant and in the in- over to a war relief agency or and write the peace!" That's the other charity, the union stated. lidea.

This month you will see an ad in the magazines telling you what On March 17, 1943, union em- to do about inflation. It puts intion. The Regional Board, acting trol of prices and taxation.

advertising industry's war council which has moved in on Washington to keep the USA safe for advertising. Like all advertising copy it will assume you are too dumb to know better, and far too young to face

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WASHINGTON -- George W. Taylor, vice-chairman of the War Labor Board, indicated here at a public hearing that the board would order inclusion of an impartial umpire clause in the UAW-CIO contract with Chrysler Corporation.

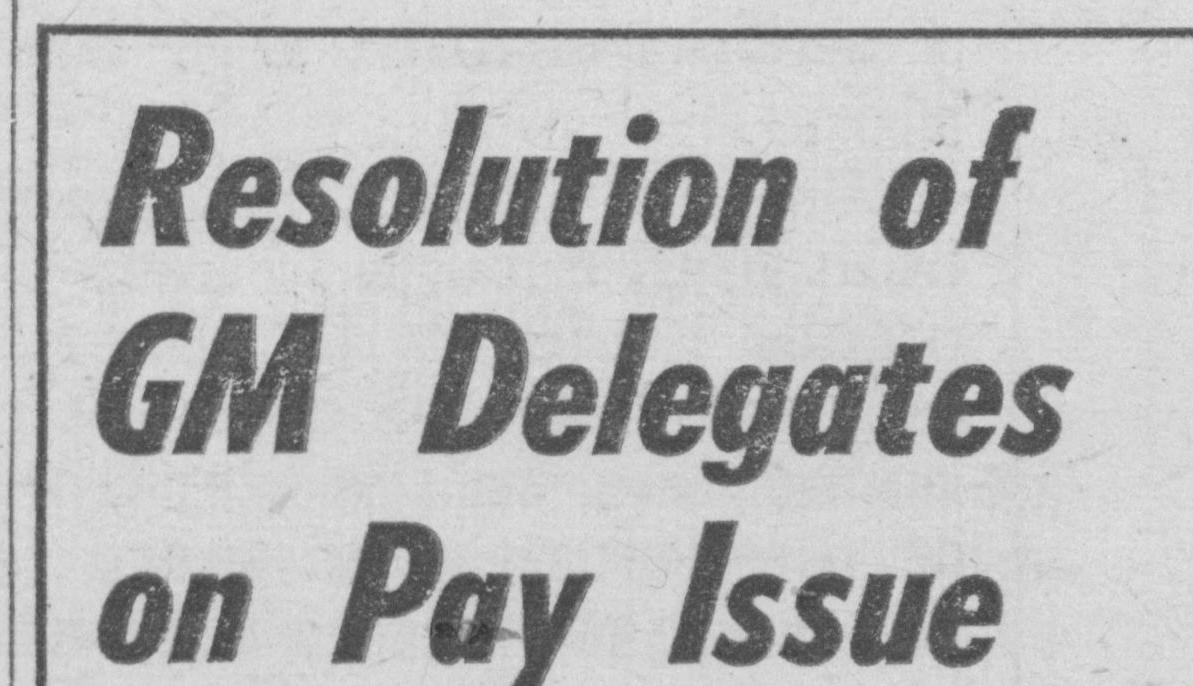
The probable ruling of the board was seen in a twenty minute griling Taylor and Frank P. Graham, public member of the board, gave Nicholas

WLB GRILLS General Raise or Roll-Back Demanded CHRYSLER'S by Spokesmen for 300,000 GM Workers

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The National General Motors Council of the UAW-CIO, representing more than 300,000 workers in 100 plants of the corporation, has drawn up demands on the corporation for a general wage increase or a roll-back in prices which would restore the real wages to the point where they existed April 28th, 1942, when the current agreement was signed.

This was the principal decision made at a two-day session held in Detroit last week. It was based on government figures indicating that wages have lagged 10 or 11 per cent behind the rising cost of living since wages were fixed by the War Labor Board under the "little steel formula."



The demands adopted by the council and presented to the cor-



Kelley, general counsel for the corporation, after he had raised his objections to an umpire.

UAW SPOKESMEN

President R. J. Thomas and Vice-President Richard T. Frankensteen of the UAW-CIO presented the case for the Chrysler workers three demands—an impartial umpire, a maintenance of

against the union's proposals.

self to dealing with a union and line, and that a maintenance of member-ship clause—particularly during **LINE NOT HELD** the war period when the union WHEREAS, other governmental had agreed to withhold its strike agencies charged with the respon- FOR POST-WAR FUND weapon-was needed.

KELLEY UNDER FIRE

poration cannot agree. Taylor's sharp questioning of is to be continued, and and union.

Here is the text of the resolution on Cost of Living Adjustment eral roll back of prices effective and Wage Demands made by the October 5th, 1943, when the presmembership clause and a dues Detroit conference of the National ent contract expires. GM Council of the UAW-CIO:

issue of the United Automobile Roosevelt's efforts to stabilize our increases as the cost of living rises. Worker, Frankensteen rebutted war economy and thus avoid the the arguments advanced by Kelley | catastrophic effects of inflation, | and

Challenging the corporation's WHEREAS, The War Labor sented by the union. cry of "union irresponsibility," Board established the Little Steel Frankensteen told of the exten- Formula as its basic wage policy sive use of spies and agents-pro- to hold its part of the anti-inflation vocateur by the corporation in line, on the theory that all other years past. He said that Chrysler governmental agencies would hold had never sincerely reconciled it- their section of the anti-inflation

poration followed recommendations made by Walter P. Reuther, vice-president of the UAW-CIO and director of its GM department.

SEEK ESCALATOR CLAUSE

1-A general increase or a gen-

Supplementing the contentions WHEREAS, Organized labor has 2-An escalator clause which

3—A minimum rate of \$1 an hour for all GM workers repre-

4-Cooperation by the corporation and the union in seeking an industry-wide wage agreement based on equal pay for equal work.

5—A guaranteed full work week, or a full week's pay.

sibility of controlling the cost of 6-Creation by the corporation living have failed to hold their of a post-war security fund to be end of the anti-inflation line, thus used to assist unemployed or par-Frankensteen declared that a permitting the cost of living to tially-employed GM workers, inmajor cause of unrest among increase sharply, and cluding discharged servicemen, in Chrysler workers has been the WHEREAS, The War Labor the post-war period. inadequacy of the grievance ma- Board itself has stated that the 7—Abolition of all swing shifts. chinery, its failure to provide an Little Steel Formula does not at impartial agency of last appeal present reflect equity or fairness, clause. on cases on which union and cor- and that prices must be rolled back if the Little Steel Formula gaining machinery designed to Kelley came at the end of the WHEREAS, In spite of an facilitate adjustment of grievances formal arguments by corporation obstructionist Congress, President and protect workers against un-Roosevelt has stated that the justified discipline or discharges.

fits of the General Motors Corporation.

Alfred P. Sloan, chairman of the GMC board, in a current report to stockholders, reveals:

- Net profit of GMC in the first six months of 1943 was \$69,390,195 as compared with \$47,843,209 for the same six months in 1942.
- Per share earnings on common stock in 1943 (first six
- the corporation's "post-war contingency and rehabilitafund."
- The corporation's total postwar fund is now \$56,562,971.
- During the second quarter of 1943 the average number of GMC employees soared to 426,554 as against 281,464 a year ago.
- Average money wage for hourly rated GM workers in the first six months of 1943, Sloan said, was \$56.20 a week,

The WLB vice-chairman asked Government is determined to re-the corporation attorney how, in duce the costs of living through a **TO FACILITATE VOTING** pire, he would dispose of cases or another, cannot agree.

we come to it," Kelley replied.

Taylor and Graham, both of to the GM Corporation: whom made it plain that they con- FOUR WAGE DEMANDS sider impartial umpire systems essential to a satisfactory system of collective bargaining.

LOCAL HEADS ATTEND

The hearing was attended also by Joseph Rubin, assistant director of the Chrysler department, and the following Chrysler local union presidents:

Earl Reynolds, Local 3; Ed Carey, Local 7; Philip Lutjen, Local 47; C. G. Edelen, Local 51; Arthur Hughes, Local 140; Douglas Frazier, Local 227; Maynard Eysaman, Local 946 and Bud Winsted, Local 705.

the absence of an impartial um- program of subsidies of one kind

on which union and management THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED: That the General Mo-

I — If by October 5, 1943, the cost of living has been reduced to the price level which existed when GM wages were fixed by the War Labor Board under the Little Steel Formula last year, such reduction in the cost of living shall be accepted in lieu of a general wage increase. 9-If by October 5, 1943, the cost of living is not reduced to the level which existed when GM wages were fixed by the War Labor Board under the Little Steel Formula, General Motors Corporation shall increase all wage rates in an amount sufficient to restore the relationship between wages and tion wages were fixed under the Little Steel Formula. _____The new wage contract shall contain a wage escalator clause providing for automatic wage adjustments equal to any increase in living costs at the time such increase in living costs occurs. The method of computing living cost indexes shall be ment as the only long-term safe- owners. parties. the UAW-CIO contract a minirate of \$1.00 per hour.

chairman of the National GM pany in the country.

Council and president of Chev- The council acted after Murray "We'll cross that bridge when tors National Council instruct the rolet Forge, Local 262, Detroit." D. Lincoln, president of the Co-This answer failed to satisfy to present the following demands tive, businesslike and conducted States, and Walter P. Reuther, in a harmonious manner.

> voted to seek steps which would power for labor in an insurance make possible exercise of their voting franchise by all GM workers. The corporation was STUDY TO BE MADE requested to cooperate with the union in seeking the setting up of pooling booths on plant properties. A request for time off with pay for hours spent voting in government elections was also adopted.

months) was \$1.49; in 1942, the dividend was 99 cents a share.

as compared with \$53.80 a year ago. These figures include overtime pay.

8-A uniform health and safety UAW GM Workers to Consider 9-Improvements in the bar- Cooperative Insurance Company

Delegates to the National GM ance company sells insurance to Council of the UAW-CIO, meeting (its policy-holders at 17 per cent last week in Detroit, took steps less than the usual charge by which may lead to the organiza- commercial companies. This is The two-day conference was tion of the largest cooperative done by return of part of the presided over by Elwin J. Corbin, life and accident insurance com- premium in the shape of dividends.

By patronizing non-cooperative companies, Lincoln pointed out, workers-create profits and a sur-National Negotiating Committee The deliberations were construc- operative League of the United plus for companies which may be invested, and frequently are invice-president of the UAW-CIO, vested, in anti-union corporations. Following suggestions made had outlined the possibilities of He urged that workers create their by Reuther, the conference also cheaper premiums and economic own insurance and other cooperatives so that the economic power which accrues may be used on company owned by the participatthe side of labor.

The conference instructed the Raises at Ternstedt GM department of the UAW-CIO

and the National GM negotiating Retroactive to Feb. 1 committee to set up a committee

Wage increases for some 2,500 to explore the possibilities of setting up a cooperative, worker- workers at GM's Ternstedt diviowned insurance company to re- sion in Detroit are retroactive to place the insurance now sold GM Feb. 1st, 1943, not March 1st as In his opening address to the through the Metropolitan Life In- mistakenly reported in the last issue of the United Automobile Worker.

Luscombe Plant Votes UAW-CIO in a Landslide

TRENTON, N. J.-A complete victory for the UAW-CIO in winning the right to represent employes of the Luscombe Airplane Corporation here is reported by Regional Director Edward F. Gray, Region 9.

The National Labor Relations Board found that the UAW-CIO speaks for 921/2 per cent of the opposed. No other union chalto be represented by the UAW-CIO.

"AREA PATTERNS" HIT

conference, Reuther sharply criticized efforts of the War Labor Board to fix auto industry wages in accordance with the "minimum going rates" established by regional boards in their respective to all auto workers' wage standards. Thus far, he said, the GM rates based on the community poration. "going rates," rather on corpora- DIVIDENDS TO WORKERS tion practice.

slashing of wage rates.

workers by the corporation surance Company.

ing workers.

GM workers now pay \$1.57 a month for life, non-occupational The increase, ranging from 11 feated efforts to have GM workers' dends are being paid to the cor- agreement.

Reuther urged an effective drive pany would pay dividends on its All Panel Hearings for an industry-wide wage agree- profits to its policy holders and

workers. He said such a step of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federaworkers, with only 7½ per cent A-There shall be established would be most necessary in the tion, told of the great success of in all plants of the General post-war period when unemploy- farmers with cooperative insurlenged the desire of the workers Motors Corporation covered by ment and shutting down of some ance, feed and fertilizer and sim- in issuing amendments to its proplants might lead to efforts at ilar enterprises. He said that a cedural regulations for Regional farmer-owned cooperative insur- War Labor Boards.

accident and surgical insurance. to 18 cents per hour, will total The policy is worth \$2,000 on approximately \$910,000 a year. the cost of living that existed community. He urged that this when General Motors Corpora- tendency be fought as a menace the Method in the death. The corporation ostensibly death. The corporation ostensibly also pays \$1.57 a month. However, The raises were negotiated by the the Metropolitan pays no divi- General Motors department of the dends to the workers. It is en- UAW-CIO under the equal-paydepartment of the UAW has de- tirely possible, however, that divi- for-women clause of the existing

A cooperative insurance com- WLB Will Open

WASHINGTON - All hearings mutually agreed to between the guard for the wage rates of auto Lincoln, who is also secretary before War Labor Board dispute panels hereafter will be open to the public, the board announced

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EDWARD LEVINSON, Editor

Presidents

Rolumn By R. J. THOMAS President, UAW-CIO

When the Smith-Connally bill was enacted by Congress in furious haste after President Roosevelt's veto, Philip Murray and other spokesmen of the CIO predicted that this so-called "anti-strike" law would create more industrial difficulties than we have known since the war broke out. The law is only a few weeks old, and our prediction has been shown to be accurate.

The bill, now a law, was bad enough. U. S. Attorney General Biddle, deliberately or otherwise, has gone its authors one better. He has ruled that the law gives any group of employees, no matter whether or not they have a right to speak for the majority in a plant, the privilege of petitioning for a strike ballot.

Hitler Hat His Size SIZE TOO LARGE "I believe that Henry Wallace, the Vice-President, meant me when he spoke last Sunday of 'midget Hitlers who continually attack the labor movement."-Westbrook Pegler. He said midget, not pigmy. NAZI NUTRITION NOTE Food served workers in a foreign labor "camp" in Hamburg is "fine and plentiful," says a Nazi propagandist broadcasting from Calais, but "the most prevalent ailment in camp is

"However," the Nazi continues, "this ailment is mostly imaginary for it is just a matter of getting used to different food."

stomach ailment."

Probably the food is imaginary, too.

Walls of isolationism cannot be built high enough to keep out airplanes loaded with either bombs or goods. Disease does not respect boundaires. In the world markets of the future even more than in the past, goods of all nations will be in competition. Low levels of living in one nation will be more of a drag than ever on the well being of others.

COOPERATION NEEDED

Just as unionists in Illinois and New England have had to concern themselves with labor conditions in the South, so increasingly must our labor movement take an interest in the condition of workers throughout the world. Self-interest coincides with altruism at this point. For a century working people of different nations have realized the need for cooperation. The need has been greatly intensified by the development of the airplane and of mass production.

DIPLOMACY INADEQUATE

The more conventional methods of international diplomacy have revealed their shortcomings. Ambassadors have too often been chosen because they have donated huge sums to campaign funds

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Acts of omission, or refusal to | ser act, may have as great an influ- | far ence as constructive policies de- | be liberately pursued. Whether we pos wish it or not, we shall be help- | aga ing to decide the future of the millions of people who now so rit anxiously await the landing of to our troops.

DEMOCRATIC GUARANTEES

In some of these countries the governments that existed before the Nazi invasion were far from democratic. Some were even pro-Nazi, or shared certain evil characteristics of fascism. If we simply restore unpopular rulers, we shall be betraying the hopes of the people and our own democratic ideals, besides paving the way for a repetition of past dissatisfaction, unrest and ultimate upheaval.

It is not enough for a government to claim that it was in power before the war. Nor is it enough for such a government. to be able to maintain order. There should also be a guarantee of minimum civil rights and democracy. The North African situation illustrates the dangers o dealing with those who merely happen to be in a position of authority.

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No greater blow has been aimed at sensible and democratic collective bargaining in a long time. Labor unions in our industry and in others have demonstrated, by organizing efforts and through NLRB elections, their right to represent the workers. These unions, almost without exception, have honored their no strike pledge in support of the war against our Axis enemies.

Patriotic Unions Penalized

Our unions, because of patriotic motives, have stood behind President Roosevelt and the war effort and made sacrifices. They have foresworn the right to strike. They have steadily counselled their members that the winningof the war is the paramount duty of all workers. Even when the Smith-Connally act, with its green light on strikes was passed, these unions reiterated their no-strike pledge.

Now along comes a member of the President's cabinet, supposedly a New Dealer and a supporter of the war effort, and says that even though the unions have foresworn for the duration their right to strike, any minority group of disgruntled men-Lewisites, dual unionists, company unionists, stool-pigeons and in some cases, perhaps, honest, misguided rank and filers, may have the right to petition for a strike ballot.

Gerald Smith's Committee of a million drew an audience of 300 to hear Congressman (Haw Haw) Hoffman reply to Vice-President Wallace.

KINDERGARDEN QUIZ Who is "the moronic King?" Who is the "Fascist general?"

THROWING THE MAXON

"Lou Maxon—there's one man who knew how to throw the language around when describing The New Deal."-GM Executive.

Yes, but who knew how to throw Lou Maxon around?

Of the many rumors on the whereabouts and state of Adolf Hitler, we like the best the suggestion that he is "chewing the rug at Berchtesgaden."

GOP ENGINEERING

Republican Party leaders are going up to Mackinac over the Labor Day week-end to try to itably have a tremendous influfind a post-war plan. ence on the modes of living and the governmental and economic Among the planners will be the institutions that become estabman who gave us Hoovervilles.

rather than because they are aware of the peoples' needs and desires.

Government representatives at international conferences tend to think in terms of financial and business interests rather than in terms of popular welfare. They are apt to be blinded by abstractions which do not include concern about the establishment or preservation of democratic institutions.

The organization of the peace involves two main problems. The first is the kind of government, institutions and modes of living that we will help to foster in other countries. The second is international machinery for maintainence of peace and cooperation between nations. The former is commonly overlooked and yet is vital to the future of civilization.

REBUILDING NEEDED

Because the Fascists have so largely disrupted the territories they have occupied, a tremendous amount of social, economic and political rebuilding will be necessary. The situation is fluid, and widely different types of rebuilding are possible. In any territories with which we deal, or which we occupy, our decisions will inev-

IMPORTANCE OF RELIEF

Methods of distributing relief tion will in themselves have a tremendous influence on the type of mi governments that are established | nat in Europe and on other continents. OVE Relief should be given impartially lab to all persons who need it and cre should not be used to advance the COL interests of would-be dictators or | at]



BY JAMES A. WECHSLER

Washington Correspondent, United Automobile Worker

WASHINGTON-The issue before the house is: How far can a bore go in American politics?

I raise this issue in view of the persistent emergence of Bricker, Taft and a dozen other dreary characters as major aspirants for the Presidency. As a newspaperman, I have a personal stake in this matter: Some of us may have to take long train rides with them.

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Phil Murray has properly urged the President to direct the Attorney General to reconsider his ill-advised opinion. If the President and Mr. Biddle do not do this, the legitimate organizations of labor may be forced to reconsider their decision not to resort to the wide open strike ballot machinery created under the Smith-Connally act and the attorney general's "interpretation".

Biddle Not Lewis' Attorney

When the so-called "anti-strike" act was passed, we said it ought to be called the Smith-Connally-Lewis act. John L.-Lewis deserved credit because it was his game of power politics, played with the miners as pawns, that brought on the law. Now, more that ever, it should be called a Lewis bill. Biddle's interpretation has given the power-hungry head of the miners' union a weapon with which to sew great dissension within the ranks of labor and do harm to our war effort.

Mr. Biddle should re-consider his opinion at once. After all, he is the attorney general of the United States, not the general counsel for John L. Lewis.



THEY BORE HIM

Now Bricker, Taft & Company probably are fine family men, sen good fellows for a round of golf. | the Maybe they even like to sneak a few quick ones in the clubhouse.

I haven't looked them up lately, but they may belong to all the livelier societies and collect stamps for a hobby.

But it seems unmistakably and overwhelmingly clear that they are capable of boring almost any given assemblage to death. to Perhaps they just don't express

themselves well. Maybe their obv minds glimpse gaudy visions that I tak

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Act, which provides for giving government contracts only to firms complying with wage-andhour standards, we should apply it elsewhere whenever possible.

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In 1939, at the Havana Labor Conference, a precedent was set for establishing such standards. The resolution unanimously adopted at this time urged cooperation between nations in establishing and maintaining fair labor standards in the Western Hemisphere. It included provisions for "right of association;" wage rates to insure a "reasonable standard of life;" the 48-hour week; child labor and child welfare recommendations; and an enforcement clause. This resolution provided the basis for safeguards later incorporated in contracts of the Board of Economic Warfare with Latin-American nations.

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DETROIT MICHIGAN

A FORD BIOGRAPHY

Books and biographies about Henry Ford continue to roll off the presses, but we are still to have a factual, up-to-date portrait of the man that shows the dark colors with the light. The latest, William A. Simonds' "Henry Ford, His Life, His Work, His Genius," comes under the heading, virtually, of hero worship. The book is published by Bobbs Merrill, N.Y.C.

There is credit aplenty in Simond's book for Ford's industrial and mechanical accomplishments. For his adventures in politics, in racial intolerance, in fighting labor, there are only alibis and whitewash. There is no real picture of the inside workings of the Ford Empire, with its clash of personalities. All this is important to understand Ford and his methods. Samuel S. Marquis' "Henry Ford, An Interpretation," and Jonathan Norton Leonard's "The Tragedy of Henry Ford" are still the books that come closest to the unvarnished truth of the man and his works. Unfortunately, both of these books are out of print. Try and get one of them in your library.



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ritory, decisions must be made as to the kind of local government permitted. Believers in democracy will advocate the establishment of civil government and the holding of popular elections as soon as possible. The essence of democracy is faith in the common man and in the good sense he will exercise in his own behalf. The membership policy of the CIO reflects

THE ARMY AND LABOR

this faith.

It is, therefore, important that te up- the attitude of the army towards labor organizations be sympathetic. As industry again functions, European workers will inevitably seek to express griev-

The maintenance of standards, the fostering of democratic institutions are the stepping stones to permanent peace. By raising living levels abroad we not only create a market for our own goods but we help discard outworn economic practices which are among the causes for war.

MAKE VICTORY STICK

One of the arguments to be used in favor of encouraging the growth of labor unions in liberated nations is that organized labor has always been opposed to war, opposed to building up nationalism as an oppressive measure. Further, strong unionization in the basic industries of the ex-Axis nations will be an automatic safety device against future. would-be secret, rearming. Workers in those industries can tell a tractor from a tank. They will know when business is good for the munitions makers. And through their unions, these workers will be able to reveal what is going on and report any violations of international agreements. The translation of all these ideas into action depends on our own strength here. More effective political organization is essential before the labor movement can spread its influence at home and from there on outward. In order for American workers to fulfill their obligations to workers in conquered lands, we must mobilize our political strength and use it effectively. At this stage, the outlook is not too bright, the task not easy, the obstacles numerous. But unless we learn to lick the problem—and quickly-the war we will win will be lost before we taste the fruits of victory.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Joseph Borkin's and Charles A. Welsh's "Germany's Master Plan" (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, N. Y. C.) is a factual exposition of the efforts of Hitler, through Nazi cartels and trusts, to control the production of critical materials in all lands. The extent to which sections of American industry fell in with this program is fully indicated in this book, written by two men who played a major role in exposing the entire situation. Borkin is economic advisor to the anti-trust division of the Department of Justice. This indictment of the Nazi trusts and their American accomplices suggests as correctives the steps urged in the post-war program of the UAW-CIO: Government ownership and control of industries which are of strategic importance; and creation of an international organization that will see to it that the world's supply of critical materials are used for human progress and security, rather than for exploitation by private interests and nations actuated by dreams of world domination.

Mussolini Is Out But Fascism Stays

Two weeks ago Benito Mussolini was ousted from powerbut Italian labor and democrats are suffering the same repression meted out to them in days of Fascism, and the Italian people's cries for peace have been silenced by the gunfire of the military. Italy is still in the war on Hitler's side.

More than 200,000 Nazi troops ,--are reported to have entered Northern Italy through the Brenner Pass and taken up positions which make it certain that Italy, whose people were ready for peace, will become another major battlefield, with heavy cost in lives and material to the United Nations.

ITALIAN LABOR'S PART

Events in Italy since Mussolini departed from the scene reveal a United Nations policy which is open to question both on the obvious ground of strategy as well as in terms of the ends for which we are fighting.

It was the guns of the United Nations and the rising resentment

War Information because it had told off the King and Badoglio for exactly what they are—and for what they have again proven themselves to be-one a pupper king, the other a Fascist general,

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DICTATORSHIP RETURNS

The United Nations placed more faith in King and Badoglio than they did in Italian labor and Italian democrats. And while they flattered the King and defended Badoglio from ugly words, these long-time stooges of Mussolini gave the Nazis full opportunity to strengthen their military positions.

The pay-off has been swift. The Berlin radio boasts of what our own sources of information tell us is true—that Italy's new rulers intend to continue the war on Hitler's side and that Fascism continues in Italy under the name of a military government. The Italian press, after two days of freedom has again been muzzled; and the organization of all political parties has been banned until some time "after the war is ended."

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ances through their representatives and prepare to bargain collectively on working conditions. The United States should encourage this trend as a means of fostering democratic organization and ideals. The vigor and extent of labor unions are an excellent index of the degree of democracy in any country.

The policies defined in our National Labor Relations Act, relating to collective bargaining, ype of | might be well adopted for interolished | national use. We should, moreinents. | over, be able to enforce minimum rtially labor standards when we extend credit or place orders with foreign nce the | countries. As we follow this policy tors or | at home through the Walsh-Healy |

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bores, but most of the political

bores resemble each other. They

have modeled themselves after

the Rotary Club conception of a

sentence that can be repeated in

the presence of mixed company

and children. It must also bear

some resemblance to a quotation

They are pompous, pedestrian;

from the founding fathers.

their obviously somebody, somewhere,

s that I takes them seriously.

They regard an epigram as a

of Italian people against continuing as an Axis partner that brought about the ousting of Mussolini. The House of Savoy and General Badoglio had nothing to do with it; but to date they alone have gained from the event, and the United Nations and the people of Italy have lost.

Italian labor made its position plain from the outset. They struck the war plants of Italy; they took over the streets of the cities, particularly in the industrial north; they destroyed every visible symbol of Fascism. Their demand was for peace and for restitution of democracy in Italy.

The democratic movement in Italy evidently did not have the power to carry through a revolution by itself. For twenty years the parties of democracy have been outlawed, their leaders jailed, murdered or driven into exile. One factor might have helped them surmount their handicaps at the moment when the break-up of dictatorship seemed at hand in Italy. That factor was encouragement from the United Nations. That encouragement was lacking.

It was more than strategy that was wrong in the United Nations handling of the Italian situation. Our course in Italy in recent weeks is distinctly at odds with our professions that this is a war to destroy totalitarianism and dictatorship. Manager Manager 1

IF IT HAD WORKED

The strategy evidently was to butter up the King and Badoglio so that they would make a separate peace even if the strategy had worked, we would have been compromising the cause for which our men are dying. Any peace arrangement with The House of Savoy or the Fascist general would have meant recognition of their regime. It would have given them the support of United Nations armies to "maintain order" in Italy. This would have meant the creation of a new Italian dictatorship to take the place of the old one, Fascism under another name. Of course the early elimination of Italy from the war is of vital importance. This could have been accomplished, not by seeking a deal with King and Badoglio, but rather through a deal with the Italian people—a deal that would have created mutiny and revolution for Italian war-lords at home while the guns, planes and men of the United Nations battered them from without. In that way Italy could have been knocked out of the war while the democratic forces of Italy would have been given a chance to begin their work of setting up an Italian re-

cker and Taft Boring Their Way In?

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VUG the record of public appearances. ue be-On that record they are as dazzlcan a ing and dramatic as my astronomy cs? professor in college, who was the dullest specimen on earth and of the didn't care. ricker.

their speeches are unable to ar- | CAL MADE IT

Can it really happen again?

But I am writing strictly from Calvin Coolidge made a science of dullness; while I know at least one man who says that—in private-Coolidge was moderately entertaining, the secret was one of the best-guarded in all history. In any case, Coolidge became President without cracking a smile or getting an ovation. There are, as Aldous Huxley

get in the way around the house, a man who makes no hearts flutter, at home or abroad.

Thinking over all the possibilities, there is just one bore whom [am confident we can escape.

I do not believe that Colonel McCormick can ever talk his

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they lack humor or spontaneity. They can kiss babies, but the way they do it is no fun for the kids. Yet they become governors and, if you don't watch out, they become Presidents. At least their names are mentioned from week to week in the Gallup polls and

There are some observers, to coin a phrase, who contend that no Coolidge could sweep the country in a time of world tumult and national tension, that the real danger is that we may fall for a demagogue who reflects the emotions and stresses of this era.

Others argue that the war may produce a candidate whose appeal is strictly sex: Tom Dewey.

These speculations may be sound.

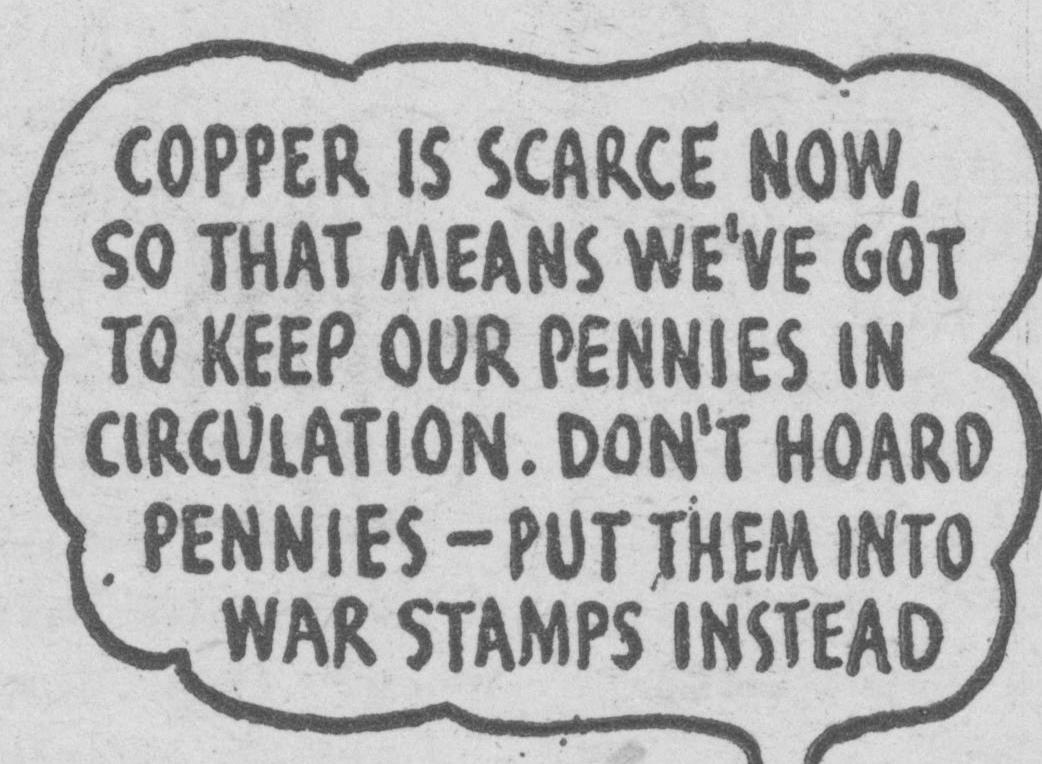
THE DANGER

Yet I foresee a moment when a lot of people, wearied by the incessant emotional poundings of the last 10 years, may decide en masse that they went to settle down with a homebody—a man who may not be gay, but won't

way to Washington.

Bricker, Taft & Company show a certain humility in their drabness. But Bertie is the worst of all possible bores: He really thinks he is the life of the Party.

Rudy Nebb says-



Fight

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THE OWI REBUKED

The United Nations should have made it plain to the Italian people that a democratic revolution was the order of the day. They should have given encouragement to Italy's democratic and peace forces. This might well have been the added push necessary to destroy those at the top of Italian political and military life who were playing with the idea of continuing in the war as a partner of Hitler.

The United Nations did not do that. On the contrary, they gave encouragement to the King of Italy and to a general who despite his surface disagreements with Mussolini had always served him and frequently given him sycophantic praise. The United Nations military command broadcast words of praise for the King of public, the only end which is Italy, while President Roosevelt | consonant with the ideals for publicly rebuked the Office of which we are fighting.

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Pampered Husbands Should Be Educated

Edith M. Stern, writing in the Nation, offers a sound and simple solution to difficulties of women performing the double role of homemaker and wage earner. She suggests that working wives kick over traditions and insist upon help form their husbands in doing the housework and taking care of the children.

"If a woman can learn to run a drill press, why can't a man learn to run a washing-machine?" asks Miss Stern. "In short, if

women must by war necessity work outside the home, isn't it equally a war necessity that men work inside?"





Women's Bureau tor The Woman Worker

Women working in industry today owe a salute to the Women's Bureau of the United States, which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

This service was established during the last war, in 1918, as an emergency measures, but it filled so great a need and functioned so efficiently that Congress, June 5, 1920, voted the Women's Bureau a permanent government organization, as part of the Department of Labor. Twenty-five years ago women hadn't the recognized place they have taken in the industrial structure of our country. Employed at low wages, worked anywhere from 12 to 18 hours a day, frequently under dangerous conditions, women were generally considered unimportant in the economic scheme.

Think it over. Actually, is there any reason why you should continue to do all the work about the house and be a wage earner as well, while your husband carries the burden of only one job?

STOP PAMPERING

So put your husband to work. Stop pampering him. If you explain your new plan he will probably see the justice of it and be willing, if not eager, to make amends.

Educating husbands will not be easy for those who have considered it their sacred and feminine duty to extend themselves in the matter of well-cooked food, fresh clothing and a clean house for father. But if you pitch in with the energy normally used in preforming in one day a thousand thankless household. tasks, you can accomplish your purpose. Result: time to rest. cultivate your new interests, relax and enjoy your family. Don't jump to the conclusion that your husband is going to be slaving away in the kitchen while you sit on the front porch. The idea is to share the work, so two people will have time to do something other than work, not just one.

In Big Type Promised

Shoppers who have strained . their eyes in an effort to read the small type used by OPA on their ceiling price lists have been promised relief by W. E. Fitzgerald, Detroit district director of the Office of Price Administration, as a direct result of complaints made by Walter P. Reuther, UAW-CIO consumer division director.

According to Fitzgerald, instructions have been issued that all future lists be published with larger type "that can be readily seen by the consumer when he enters the store."

RESIST TEMPTATION

The big danger, of course, is that you will become discouraged and impatient with the old gentlemen. You will see him whacking himself out over something you know you could do in less than half the time and with less effort. Right there is where your greatest temptation lies. In exasperation, or even out of fondness for your husband, you will want to take over the job. But steel yourselve against temptation. Resist it with everything in you. If you live through a week or two of being patient, the havoc won't last long and you will be repaid for your trouble and annoyance by hours of freedom.

An Army Cook's Recipe

Dear Women's Editor:

I have a recipe that I would like very much to be published. I have tried this recipe and find it very satisfactory. I don't know if it will suit anyone in civilian life, but it is very satisfactory in the army.

Hot Potato Salad 6 medium-sized potatoes salt and pepper

1/4 cup celery, finely chopped

WOMEN'S STATUS RAISED

However, the Women's Bureau had the vision to see employment of women as a practical instrument in the development of our mass production industries. Working together with labor unions and other progressive organizations, the Bureau has so changed the status of women that 1943 sees them paid wages equal with those of men for equal work. Federal and State laws have been legislated so that working conditions have improved tremendously in the last quarter century; standards have been established limiting the number of hours women may be employed.

The function of the Women's Bureau is to investigate and report on the problems and conditions of employed women in all types of work, to formulate policies and standards of women as wage earners, and to see that they are given a fair break by they employers. This agency advises government, management and labor as to working conditions conducive to efficient and safe employment in war establishments.

TEACH HIM TO IRON

Take washing and ironing for instance. Half the responsibility of this chore should belong to your husband now that your are away from home eight hours (at least) a day. He can learn to wash and it is also possible for him to become an expert at pushing an iron. Remember, you haven't always known how to do these things-you've just done them so long, it seems like always.

Housework can be arranged in shifts, if you prefer it that way. You do the cooking and marketing one week, perhaps, and your husband the next. Let this work include planning the meals, too; otherwise you will not free yourself completely from the job during your week "off," and your purpose will be defeated.

MEN CAN LEARN

Bear in mind the fact that dusting, scrubbing, washing and ironing, and cleaning the house is not work understandable only by women. Explain what work is to be done and how to go about it.

Do your share, but by all means permit your husband to do his.

How do you feel about this plan? Are you in agreement or not? Is it just an idea that seems simple and just and workable. Write your reaction to the Women's Editor, 411 West Milwaukee Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. Perhaps you can turn up a better idea.

ated with this Russian composer. Rather it was written, according to Prokofieff, in an attempt "to catch the spirit of Mozart and to put down that which, if he were living now, Mozart might put into his own scores." The result is a symphony in four short movements, three of them delicate and precise in the Mozart manner, and the last movement extremely vivacious and Russian in color. Superbly performed by Vladimir Golschmann, conductor, and the St. Louis Symphony Ochestra.

Victor Recordings-

Sergei Prokofieff's Classical

Symphony in D Major, published

by Victor (Album-942) is not

entirely in the explosive and

dissonant form usually associ-

Swing and Serious

On the tuneful side, Victor offers Goodbye, Sue and There'll Soon Be a Rainbow, (20-1538) with Perry Como, the new romantic baritone and mixed chorus.

Also, All or Nothing at All, with Freddy Martin and his orchestra., and Now We Know, with clarinetist Artie Shaw and his orchestra, the vocal refrain by Martha Tilton. (20-1537.)

- 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 4 tablespoons olive oil or bacon fat

1 sliced lemon 1/3 inch thick Cook potatoes, cool and slice thinly into baking dish. Season and sprinkle with celery and parsley: Mix vinegar and oil or fat; add lemon, and heat to boiling point, pour over potatoes. thoroughly heated. Serves six.

> E. B. Roberts, Army Cook, Fort Bragg, N. C.



PEACE PLANS

The Women's Bureau functions Cover and let stand in oven until in peace as well as in war time. In its program for the peace, the Bureau announces it will "reveal reasons and methods for including women in the special program of adjustment of workers during the transition period from a war to a peace time economy." Their obpective is to guarantee to women as well as to men full opportunity and freedom from want.

> During the 25 years of its existence, the Women's Bureau has contributed more than any other agency in bettering women's position in industry, and confidence is felt that its valuable service will continue.

Russian Stuffed Cabbage Delicious and Timely

Dinner Menu for Four Russian Stuffed Cabbage Tossed Vegetable Salad Hard Rolls and Butter

Baked Pears with Poached Meringue

You Victory Gardeners who have grown cabbages can make the following recipe for almost nothing. But even for those of us who must buy our vegetables, this is not an expensive main course dish, as only 1/2 pound of ground meat is used.

Russian Stuffed Cabbage

Select a rather large head of cabbage, with the leaves a bit loose. Wash and clean cabage and place in boiling water to cover. Turn off the fire and let stand about 15 minutes. Remove cabbage from water and allow to drain upside down.

Prepare stuffing as follows: Chop

a large onion fine and fry in butter with a sliver of garlic and 1/2 pound chopped meat. (Beef is good, or beef and pork, or ham may be used.) Fry until well browned. Add salt and pepper and a little finely chopped parsley. Add a cup or more of flaky cooked rice, as desired. Mix well. To fill the cabbage, fold back the outer leaves carefully, without tearing them. When you come to the harder center, cut it out and chop fine.

Fill center with meat-rice mixture, fold over the next leaves, and so on until the cabbage is back to its normal shape. Fold tight and spread stuffing evenly. Tie with strong white twine and remove toothpicks.

Place in a baking dish, surround with chopped cabbage and pour a cup or two of broth or hot water around the cabbage. Butter the top of cabbage well, sprinkle with grated cheese. The chopped cabbage can also be seasoned with butter and

cheese and a can of tomatoes may be poured over it if desired. Bake in a slow oven (300 degrees) until very brown. Undo strings and slice in pieshaped sections.

Baked Pears

Peel, halve and core pears. Place cut-side up in a buttered baking dish. Fill centers with brown sugar and spices, add 1/2 cup hot water and bake at 300 degrees for 30 minutes, or until pears are tender. (Since the oven temperature required is the same as for the stuffed cabbage, bake at the same time.) Baste several times during baking and serve hot with:

Poached Meringue

3 egg whites 2 cups milk or ¹/₄ cup sugar 1 cup evaporated dash of salt milk and 1 cup water

Beat egg whites frothy. Add salt and beat stiff but moist. Gradually beat in sugar. Heat milk or combined evaporated milk and water just to the boiling point.

Drop meringue into the hot milk, a tablespoon at a time and poach, over low heat, for about 2 minutes, or until meringue is just firm but very tender. Remove from milk, drain on paper toweling or unglazed paper and then place on baked pears. Do about 4 or 5 tablespoons at a time. Overcrowding will make the meringue stick together and difficult to handle.

Left-Overs

Don't throw anything away that can possibly be used. Use the leftover strained milk and 3 egg yolks to make a boiled custard. Add a little sugar and a dash of salt and cook over boiling water until the custard coats a metal spoon.

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We happened to pick up a leaflet today which was supposed to top off management's labor strategy during the next few months. One of the statements made and the consequences of which management was especially warned to beware of was that since union treasuries were bulging, labor was beginning to experiment with the idea of educating its membership so as to make them more loyal to their union.

Turning from that we picked up a Detroit newspaper and one of the first things that struck our eye was news that there had been a big "upset" in the Ontario Provincial elections. The Liberal party which had been governing the Province for nine or ten years had been overwhelmingly defeated. But what was more startling, the news dispatch said that labor and particularly the UAW-CIO had been largely instrumental in defeating the government in power.

could be instrumental in changing the trend of the anti-labor, anti-war Congress with which we are now saddled. We will not have the opportunity of casting our ballots for over a year, but in the meantime we can work on those legislators who have forgotten that they were elected by the people. If, in spite of all our efforts, these men continue to block constructive legislation, the opportunity will come to us as it did to the people in Ontario yesterday, to register our protests at the ballot box.

THE PEOPLE ARE TALKING AND WORKING

Yes, the unionization and education of the workers is truly something to be watched and

Secretary Addes Says WELL DONE, CANADA WELL DONE, CANADA TROSULET, UAW-CIO Reporting on Education

by WM. H. LEVITT, International Education Director

NO VACATIONS FOR CONGRESSMEN

Congressmen who are now home for their vacations are being greeted in a fashion they have never been greeted before. Expecting to come home as conquering heroes, met by cheering crowds, they are actually facing the scorn and contempt of thousands of labor and civic minded people. Delegates all over the country are visiting their Congressman at home and are calling him to account for his voting record. Local Unions are having Congressmen attend meetings at their halls and are not sitting back listening placidly to the Congressmen expounding on how they did their patriotic duty. They are firing questions at their Congressmen—reading their records to them and demanding to know whether they are supporting a program of all-out effort to win the war, or whether they are playing party politics with a national emergency.

EVERY MEMBER DOES HIS DUTY

Frankly, we know very little about the political setup in Ontario, but we do know this-that our brothers and sisters in Canada have been apparently well enough educated along union lines to know that at election time they should cast a ballot and for whom that ballot should be cast.

It is a splendid tribute to the UAW-CIO in Ontario that the press of the nation should give us credit for having sufficient strength to sway the results of an election. It is an even greater tribute when one stops to consider that only two or three years ago our Canadian organization was admittedly very weak. But, although the members were few, the spirit was there and that same fighting spirit has succeeded in building up a region of which we are all proud.

Then too, those of us in the United States must not forget that practically all of this growth was achieved without the support of friendly legislation. It was only a short time ago that the Ontario legislature passed a law somewhat similar to the Wagner Act in the United States and until its passage, workers were not guaranteed by the Government the right to collectively bargain and join a Union of their own choice. Contracts were in the vast majority of cases obtained the hard way, but despite these and other difficulties our sister local unions in Canada continued to grow at an amazing rate.

to beware of. From the results of the Ontario election, politicians as well as managements should take warning that the common people are coming into their own. No longer are we going to be content to work in the shops day after day and let somebody else decide for us who will run the affairs of government. No longer are we going to be content to slave for a meager pittance while industry or those for whom we work pile up the profits.

It requires no college education for a worker to know whether his pay check each week is large enough for him to buy food, clothing and shelter for himself and his family. It requires no special training for him to figure out whether management is giving him a square deal or whether the elected Congressman in his district is voting the way he should for the common interest. These and many others are things on which every UAW-CIO member as an opinion of his own, yet they are the things that anti-labor people don't want us to get together and talk about.

A UNION OF THE RANK AND FILE

These people are fearful that if we do we will become too loyal to our union. Let us not forget that being loyal to our union does not mean supporting some outside group of which we know little or nothing. It simply means being loyal to our fellow workers in the shop—a planned meeting of minds, as it were, to better the economic and social standards of us all. Our union is no bureaucratic institution, but a group of men and women brought together, shall we to arrange for a couple of days most important political action say, by the adversities of war or peace, with or a week for registration either document that has been issued up policies and a program dictated by the rank and at the local hall, or at a booth im- to this time. It contains the comfile.

A GIANT STIRS

All over the country there are definite visible signs of a giant new folder dealing with the labor movement stirring from the sleep it took during the 1942 elections. The political action campaign of the National CIO and of the UAW-CIO is starting the wheels rolling for the fullest and most comprehensive participation of labor in the forth-coming elections in the history of our Nation. As it has been so often said, "the most important trade union job | for 100; \$3.00 for 1,000. a member can do at this time is to exercise his right to vote." Again and again we must remember that the first step in carrying out our voting responsibility is to get down and get registered to vote.

REGISTRATION BOOTHS

Many local unions have been successful in getting the cooperation of city and county election | Department or by writing to officials and have set up registra- the British Information Servtion booths right in the Iocal | ices, 30 Rockefeller, Plaza, New union halls. The procedure that | York City. has been found most successful is mediately opposite the plant. plete voting record of every Con-These arrangements are made at gressman and Senator—analysis least a month in advance of the of all the main bills voted on by actual start of registration. During this Congress-and gives suggesthat month, every possible effort tions and ideas as to how to oris made to organize complete re- ganize the legislative program in gistration at the designated time your local union. This Supplement and place, department by depart- should be given the widest posment, building by building, plant sible distribution in every local by plant. Hand-bills are distrib- union. Copies can be ordered uted regularly-the shop paper through the International Educacarries full information—stewards | tion Department at the following sponsible for the workers in their \$4.25 per 100; \$18.00 per 500; departments.

New Publications

We now have available a question of the poll tax. This folder-PRICE TAG ON THE BALLOT—explains in simple fashion how the poll tax operates and what we in the local unions can do to see that this afront to our democratic principles is wiped out of existence | in our Nation.

Price for this pamphlet: 35c

The British Information Services have provided several interesting pamphlet which many local unions might find useful. These include: "50 Facts About British Women at War." "Eve In Overalls"; "Another 50 Facts About Britain at War.

Free copies may be obtained either through the Education

A TONIC FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS

The success of our Canadian brothers and sisters should act as a stimulant to those of us in the United States who have a job to do on the political front. By concerted action we too

It was on these principles that our union has grown and prospered. Only by continuing them will we be able to maintain our strength and go forward to still greater accomplishments.

UNIONS THELOCAL rection of George Southart, chair-returned from a reconnoitering New Local Unions man of the education committee. trip with 31 Germans he had cap- and committeemen are made re- prices:

Corp., West Allis, Wisconsin.

Standard Sanitary Co., Baltimore, his local has purchased \$4,750 Maryland.

Cleveland, Ohio.

348—General Aviation Equip- to members of the local now stament Co., Ashley, Pa.

Indiana.

cision Development Co., Salisbury, their generous contribution and Maryland.

356-Winters & Crampton

344—American Radiator & CIO, Chevrolet, Flint, announces Guerre with Palm, in March, 1919. worth of cigarettes for the men 346 — Van Dorn Iron Works, overseas. This means 2,090,000 LIBERTY LIMERICKS leveland, Ohio. tioned in Africa, Australia and

353—Plant Protection, Muncie, other parts of the world. The local has been congratulated by the 354-Martin & Schwartz Pre- Navy Dept. and Army officials for expression of loyalty.

Local 283 — Wisconsin Motors 659 Terrell Thompson, presi- tured. For this he received from dent of Local 659, UAW- General Petain the Croix de

Efforts should be made to get the drivers of "share-the-ride" DON'T "POSTPONE" cars to bring the entire group During the hot summer months, over to register before taking when it is difficult to carry on them home. In many plants the regular educational activities in stewards and committeemen can the local unions, many times we bring the whole department out tend to "postpone" activities until in a body on a designated day.

PLANNING THE JOB

committees should consider the made to develop a real under-

\$30.00 per 1000.

cooler weather arrives. This is done when we can least afford to "postpone" any of our activites. Education and political action Every possible effort must be

 357—General Aviation Metallic Link Co., Wilkes Barre, Pa. 359—Ford Motor Co., Clarkston, Michigan. 361 — M i l w a u k e e Foundry Equipment Co., Milwaukee, Wis. 363—Pump Engineering Service, Cleveland, Ohio. 374—Pittsburg Forging, Jackson, Michigan. 381 — Stinson Aircraft Div., Grand Rapids, Mich. 382—Massey Harriss, Weston, Ontario. 383—Strom Brass Foundry, Elkhart, Indiana. 387—B e n d i x Aviation, Norwood, Massachusetts. 490 Vice-president James Dunn Chrysler Local 490, UAW-CIO, Detroit, has again led this local over the top in the Servicemen's Cigarette Fund. To date, total colection is \$1280.13, with District 8 contributing \$203.97, Michael J. Standley, recording secretary reports. Also announced is the forthcoming fifth edition of the 	952 Alec Le Gault, president of Local 952, UAW-CIO, Ford Motor Co., Iron Mountain, Mich., is a veritable "Sergeant York," according to news of his actions in World War I, supplied by George	<image/> <text></text>	Ladies Auxiliaries can do a tre- mendous job in contributing to both the welfare of the Union and the war effort by getting the fam- ilies of those in the shop regis- tered at the same time We have to register not only all our mem- bers but also all those in their families who are of voting age. LEGISLATIVE SUPPLEMENT A Supplement to our regular issue of the Education Depart- ment's magazine, "Ammunition," is off the press and has reached those who regularly get the mag- azine. This Supplement, which	bership and the general public as to how crucial the issues we are facing today have become. Tied up with our efforts to get this war won in the shortest possible time, are all the gains that labor has made in the past. All the ben- efits we have worked and striven so hard to get—all the conditions we have improved, in the shop— all these things will go up the flue if we don't put out the fire that reactionary congressmen have been building under the la- bor movement. Everything that affects each and every one of us today and in the future is now being "made in Washington." During peace time if one Cor- poration tried to do just one-half of what reactionary congressmen have been putting over on us, we would have that plant shut down for so long the machinery would be out of date when they got back into production. We have got to face the facts of the day and we have got to tell it to Congress in every way possible at
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Helicopter Plant Votes

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. -- The UAW-CIO has scored a smashing election victory in the increasingly important field of helicopter manufacturing.

Richard T. Frankensteen, vicepresident of the UAW-CIO and director of its aircraft division, announces that workers at the Sikorsky Helicopter plant here have given the UAW-CIO a twentyto-one- endorsement in an NLRB election.

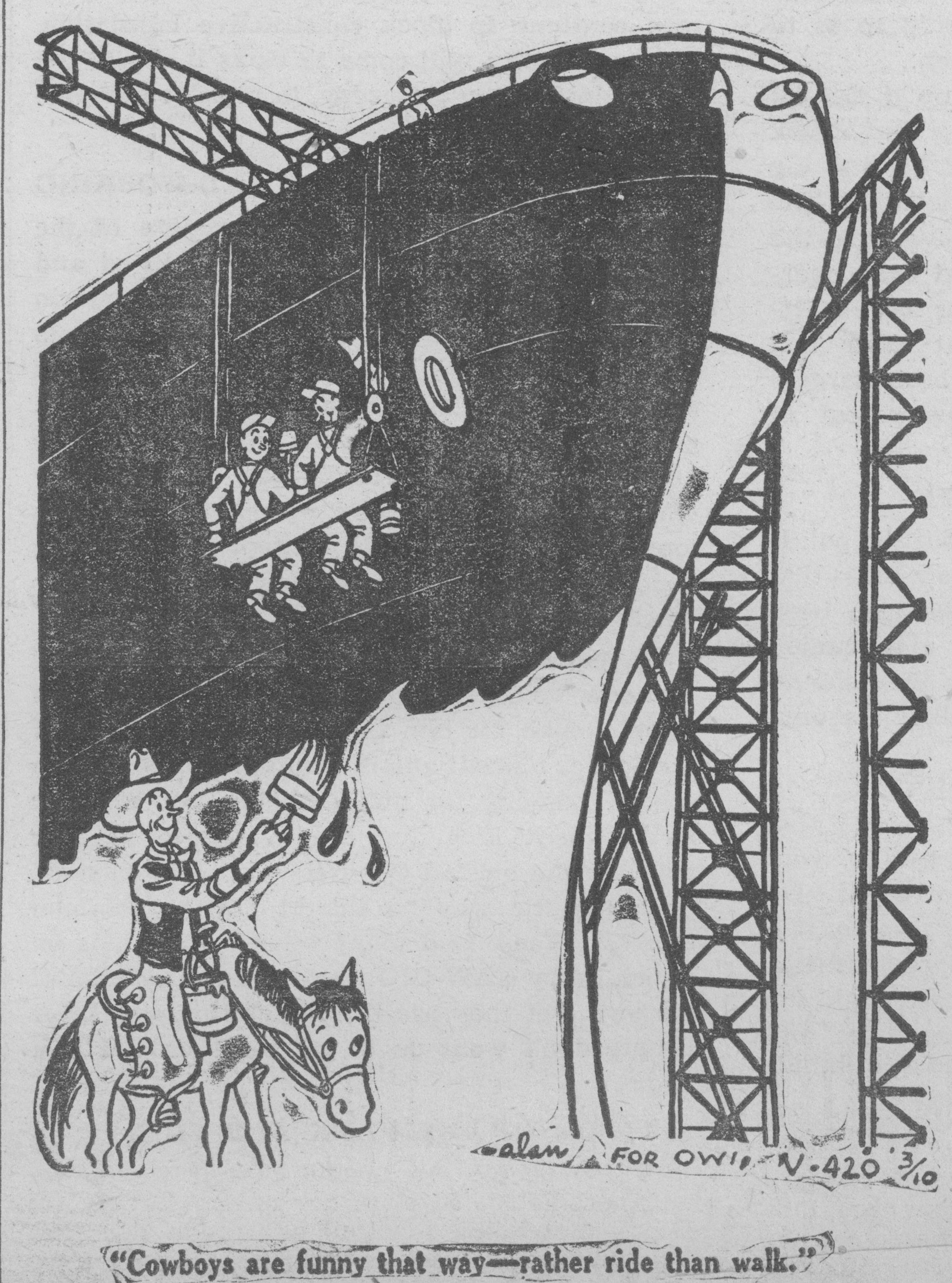
The campaign was under the direction of UAW-CIO regional director Charles H. Kerrigan, with international representatives North American



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DETROIT MICHIGAN

The annual convention of the UAW-CIO has been shifted from St. Louis, September 29th, to Buffalo, October 4th.

This action was taken by the International Executive Board in a telegraphic ballot after it developed that St. Louis hotels would not provide satisfactory accomodations for Negro delegates and visitors who may attend the convention.

Joseph Adams and James Gallagher taking an active part.

The plant is expanding to the point where it is expected to employ some 5,000 workers.

5c Raise Given 1,400 At Spicer

TOLEDO. — The Spicer Manufacturing Company has been directed by the National War Labor Board today to grant a 5c an hour increase to about 1,800 nonproduction workers, to correct a gross inequity which had arisen between the rates of these workers and the production workers as a result of a bonus pay plan for the production employees.

The increase is to be retroactive to September 29, 1942, the date of , certification of the case to the WLB.

dissented from the award.

4,000 EMPLOYED

and non-production workers are Washington.

K. C. and Dallas Ordered Raises

KANSAS CITY, Mo.-Workers at the Kansas City and Dallas plants of North American Aviation, Inc., will receive more than one million dollars in back pay as the result of work of the UAW-CIO representing these workers before the National War Labor Board.

Workers in the two governmentowned plants of McQuay-Norris Manufacturing Company in St. Louis have been awarded increases of five and a half cents an hour, paid vacations, seniority rights, maintenance of union membership, and voluntary dues check-off in a decision of the Regional WLB just issued here.

Workers in the privately owned plants of McQuay-Norris in St. Louis have been granted paid vacations, maintenance of mem-Industry members of the Board bership, seniority rights and a number of other advantages in a decision recently issued by the The company's 4,000 production National War Labor Board in

UAW-CIO President R. J. Thomas and Secretary-treasurer George F. Addes said that satisfactory arrangements for all delegates, regardless of color, have been made in Buffalo.

LARGEST CONVENTION

Addes reported that the convention will be the largest in the history of the union. Credential firms forms have been mailed out by his office for 2,100 representatives of unions in the United States and Canada.

. Commenting on the change of the convention city, Thomas said:

"It is a matter of regret that an American city cannot provide facilities for American citizens regardless of color. The UAW-CIO makes no compromise with racial intolerance, and when we found that St. Louis hotels were raising color lines which would bar some of of duly elected delegates we had no choice but to move the convention elsewhere."

represented by the UAW-CIO. In making this decision, the Board majority approved the Drives to organize guards at Labor Trips recommendation of a WLB referee war plants in the greater Kansas Stabilization.

Blind Are Working

now employed in Detroit war vision of John W. Livingston, ing camps on a regional basis. plants. One company has three regional director. blind who assemble 23 separate The payments to workers of the parts into one complete sub- North American plants in Dallas assembly. Packing, sorting, in- are the first steps in applying spection, wire splicing and similar the West Coast Wage Stabilizaoperations are now being done by tion plan to these plants. many blind workers.

Under direction of the local war **RECLASSIFICATIONS** manpower office, a setup was ef-

NEW DRIVES ON

creases to remove inequities bet- and at Alcoa are now under way. tive of the Director of Economic covering workers in Carter Carburetor Company's plant. The tion at this plant.

These are just some of the orin Detroit War Plants ganizational activities which are

When, under Livington's direcfected whereby blind were re- tion, contracts covering these cruited, trained, and placed in plants were negotiated, the comindustry. A Federal course writer pany agreed to join the union in was given the pioneering task of petitioning to have the West devising a training program, re- Coast wage plan applied to these sulting in a 240-hour course. This two plants. The petition was filed is now being taught at the Army with the War Labor Board and ton, D. C. Ordnance School, 13000 Dequin- has just been approved.

WLB Denies as being consistent with the City area, to organize workers at Board's authority to order in- City area, to organize workers at the Pratt & Whitney plant here to Army Camps Raise at ween inter-related jobs as set out In St. Louis negotiations are going in the May 12, 1943 policy direc- forward to complete a contract to be Repeated Bendix Plant

WASHINGTON - Pressing for-Blind drill press operators are No. 5, UAW-CIO, under the super- by union groups to Army train- wage increase.

> the battle front and those on the the Hold the Line order. production front.

Details of the visits, during which the representatives of the

UAW-CIO recently won an elec- ward its policy of giving workers bor Board has denied workers been obtained in the city of Bufall possible knowledge of the at the Bendix Products Division falo, and the International Execuworkings of our armed forces, of Bendix Aviation Corporation, to change the site of the convenbeing pushed forward in Region the Army is arranging more visits South Bend, a 5c per hour general tion," Addes said.

The trips are being sponsored on the denial of the general in- the UAW-CIO consitution, outby Under Secretary of War Robert crease, the Board held that the lines the basis of representation P. Patterson as a means of pro- 5c per hour general wage increase and cites constitutional clauses moting mutual understanding and demanded by the UAW-CIO was governing presentation of resoluteamwork between the men on "incompatible with the terms of tions.

TOOL & DIE RATES

workers will live in barracks for increased rates for 18 job not less than three weeks prior with the soldiers and share their classifications back to the parties the date for the convention. They training experiences, are being for negotiations with the provision will then be referred to the respechandled by the Industrial Services that any adjustments shall be tive convention committees. Division, Bureau of Public Rela- subject to WLB approval. A retions, War Department, Washing- quest for an increase in the tool board will convene early in Sepand die rates in accordance with tember to elect the committees.

CALL SENT OUT

"The call designating St. Louis as the convention city was sent out in order to comply with the UAW-CIO constitution even though negotiations were still being carried on in an endeavor to obtain more convenient and acceptable quarters. Satisfactory and adequate commitments, free WASHINGTON.—The War La- from all discrimination, have now tive Board has unanimously voted

The convention call, as sent out With labor members dissenting by Addes under the provisions of

Copies of all resolutions, grievances and proposed constitutional amendments must be sent to the The Board referred a demand International secretary-treasurer

The International executive the rates determined by the De- These include committees on con-

LESE 'ON YIULIDATranged for the month of August. AFL, CIO and Railroad Broth erhoods of Baltimore, Md., and AFL and CIO unions of Northerm New Jersey will send delegations to Fort Meade, Md., and Fort Monmouth, N. J., respectively, August 4-6. On August 5-6, the Oil Workers International Union (CIO) will send representatives to Camp Wolters, Texas. Soldiers of Camp McCoy, Wis., will be hosts to two delegations form Wisconsin. The Wisconsin AFL delegation will visit Camping approximately 8,500 work- ers at the plant, had demanded the general increase to restore a "historic relationship" bet- ween the rates at Bendix and the rates at the Studebaker plant in South Bend. Under their contract with the com- pany, one clause provided for the reopening of the wage quest- tion affer October 1, 1942. The clause further specified that the "company shall not be expected"Vote UAW-CIO Re- reports a decisive victory for the International Union the result was: UAW-CIO, 62 per cent of the votes; Machinists, AFL delegation will visit CampLESE 'ON YIULIDATIONAFL delegation will visit CampCompany shall not be expectedDirector Michener, his staff and members in the Avion plant, re-	highest order. These workers are joined in the Allied Blind in War Industry, which encourages its \$2.50 a week from February 1 to	Following the successful visit of 250 shop stewards of the UAW-CIO from the Detroit area to C a m p Atterbury, Indiana, last March, it was decided to	sion in the General Motors case was referred to the Chicago Regional Board. The Board will determine the rates in light of the program now being developed for "district-wide stabilization" of tool and die rates in the area.	Avion Workers
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