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Reuther Urges Fast Change in Auto Schedules To Avoid Unemployment in Second Half of '53

Pointing to the danger of layoffs during the second six® months of the year, UAW-CIO President Walter P. Reuther urged auto industry heads this month to 'level out production over the remainder of the year to avoid the consequences that will inevitably flow from present production scheduling."

(See Text of Reuther Letter to Managements of Auto, Truck) and Parts Industry on Page Five.)

Reuther cited industry sources as estimating that the employment in the third and fourth industry would complete by the quarters of 1953. end of June better than 60 per workers in the plants of your comcent of the year's estimated pany, the UAW-CIO feels it is letotal production of 5,500,000 gally and morally entitled to the passenger car units, leaving less above information so that we can make an intelligent and constructhan 40 per cent of the total to tive contribution toward meeting be produced in the second half this pressing problem on a basis of the year.

TO FORCE UNEMPLOYMENT

"The UAW-CIO feels that management's policy of crowding an He pointed out that a substantial abnormally high percentage of the layoff in the auto, truck and parts total annual production in the first industries in the second half of six months of the year is irrespon- 1953 would have a very serious imsible and anti-social and will result pact upon the total American econnot only in disrupting the lives and omy and would create widespread security of individual workers and fear and uncertainty as to the futheir families, but it will seriously ture of our economy. affect many communities by plac- "Widespread layoffs in the auto ing upon them costly burdens resulting from economic dislocation and snowball in other basic inand unemployment," Reuther said in the letter to auto industry heads.

Reuther's letter also criticized the hiring policy of many companies in the industry who have carried on extensive recruiting pronon-industrial areas "in an effort extremely delicate mechanism and and continuous employment. Such bility and stable levels of employa policy is unfair to such workers; ment so that together we can

all car and truck producers under in every way "to prevent unemcontract with the UAW-CIO to pro- ployment and the resulting perrent employment and on projected later in the year."

"As the representatives of the that will minimize layoffs and hardships," Reuther said.

NATIONWIDE DANGER

industry would tend to spread dustries and could assume such serious proportions as to contribute to the recession which Communist propagandists claim is inherent in our free economy," Reuther said.

grams in the deep South and other "The American economy is an

The UAW-CIO president asked full cooperation of the UAW-CIO



SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS in securing advancement to the top of the wage structure was reported at the UAW-CIO Engineering Conference in Solidarity House. Delegates from 40 organized engineering units asserted that the program for advancement laid out in a previous engineering conference paid off right down the line. At the speakers' table in the session are: Novella Hamlar, UAW Skilled Trades Department secretary; International Representatives Sam Blackburn and Joseph Tuma; and UAW Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey, who was the chief speaker.

to attract workers into the automotive centers in numbers far beyond the reasonable possibilities of maintaining such workers in steady it is the responsibility of all of us, both free labor and free management, to cooperate in every way possible to achieve economic staa policy is unfair to such workers; it is unfair to the regular workers in your plants and it is unfair to the communities." ment so that together we can disprove the Communist propagandists." Goes UAV-CIO at Rochester President Reuther offered the

ROCHESTER, New York-Workers in the last unorganized? tory is clear indication that the vide the Union with data on cur- sonal and community hardships General Motors plant made it 100 per cent April 30 when they Rochester Products workers see the chose the UAW-CIO as their bargaining agency.

> UAW-CIO Vice-President John®-W. Livingston, who directs the Un- the organized GM plants," said therefore emphatically chose to asion's General Motors Department, Livingston. announced the two-to-one victory "Under such conditions, the vic- CIO," he added. for UAW in an NLRB election at

manufacturing plants throughout the United States and Canada," Livingston pointed out.

A MAJOR GOAL

Livingston announced one year ago, when he assumed the director-Thank you very much for your ship of the UAW-GM Department, goal. The Rochester plant has ex- a worker's right to be promoted attempts from UAW-CIO as well as color. another CIO union.

Establishment of the new Local Union will bring to 108 the number of General Motors local unions within the International. At the Union's recent convention in Atlantic City, there were 436 delegates from General Motors plants, with Rochester Products the only plant not represented at the convention from the General Motors chain.

Local 106 Members Run Although I do appreciate the sin- For Home Town Offices

of the National Conference of ter of April 9, in view of my candidates for City Councilmen are ciple that any worker entitled to tutional work stoppage can only Christians and Jews, I respectfully strong convictions on this matter, three members of UAW-CIO Lo- promotion on the basis of seniority create further difficulties which invite you to join with a group of I cannot join in the lobbying group | cal 106, one of whom is running and ability to handle the job shall will result in hardship to all the for re-election. And a retired mem- not be denied promotion because workers and disciplinary action ber of the Local seeks to become of race, creed, color or national against those responsible for pro-Mayor.

UAW-CIO as a force for good throughout the entire community, the nation and the world, and sociate themselves with UAW-

al Executive Board voted unantesting the promotion of a Ne- grievance machinery to defend a gro worker, and to live up to a perienced previous organizational regardless of race, creed or Memphis, Tennessee.

> The following telegrams were sent by Walter P. Reuther, presi-Caffrey, president of the Internacal 988 in the International Harvester plant in Memphis, Tennes-

Union officers and members was creed, color or national origin. "The real significance in this vic- sent to McCaffrey and, likewise, a tionships lie deep and beyond the tory lies in the fact that the Corpo- copy of the wire to McCaffrey was reach of any code of law or set of ration, as a matter of policy, in the sent to the Local Union officers and

moral values in the individual- National Agreement covering all of International Harvester Company, the Memphis International Har-Chicago, Illinois.

origin.

DETROIT—The Internation- I am instructed to advise you further that if any member of our Union in any of your plants atimously here April 29 to direct tempts to obstruct such promotion, International Harvester Local you may feel free to take discipli-988 in Memphis, Tennessee, to nary action in the full knowledge end an unauthorized strike pro- that the Union will not invoke the

UAW-CIO.

The International Executive Board of the UAW-CIO by unanimous action directs the members of Local 988 to return to work and dent, UAW-CIO, to John L. Mc- to cooperate with the International Union and the management of the tional Harvester Corporation, and International Harvester Company to the officers and members of Lo- in implementing the provisions of the UAW-CIO-International Harvester Agreement, which provides for promotion based upon seniority A copy of the wire to the Local and ability without regard to race,

America cannot be a symbol of freedom and equality in the struggle against Communist tyranny, and at the same time tolerate double standards in employment op-The responsibility for instilling secured by UAW-CIO through its Mr. John L. McCaffrey, President, portunities. The work stoppage in vester plant is unauthorized and is The UAW-CIO International Ex- in direct violation of our contracecutive Board in session here in tual obligations and the Interna-Detroit has voted unanimously to tional Constitution of the instruct me to advise you that our UAW-CIO A continuation of this LIMA, OHIO (LPA)—Among the Union completely supports the prin- unauthorized illegal and unconstivoking this unauthorized action.

BENSON FORD REJECTS PLEA TO SUPPORT FEPC

DETROIT—Benson Ford, Vice-President of the Ford Motor Company, was invited by UAW-CIO President Walter P. "The overwhelming victory, which saw 2222 votes cast for Reuther to join in the campaign to secure enactment of a fair which saw 2,222 votes cast for employment practices law in Michigan. President Reuther acted after Mr. Ford had attacked racial prejudice in an address union, completes the full circle of the Michigan of Clarific and Conference of Clarific a at Miami before the National Conference of Christians and Jews. UAW-CIO organization in all GM

In a return letter, Mr. Ford refused the invitation. Excerpts from both letters are reprinted below:

Dear Mr. Ford:

a report of your recent address in gan. the Detroit Free Press to the National Conference of Christians and Dear Mr. Reuther: Jews at Miami. Your attack on racial prejudice and the denial of opgate which our Union has experienced in plants in Michigan and Jews. across the country, many of them holding defense contracts with our government.

I am sure you will agree that, at a time when our economy is mobilizing to meet the challenge of Communist tyranny and aggression in the world, we cannot afford to permit a continuation of these basic violations of human and civil rights in our society. Moreover, your address indicates that you subscribe to the principle that we cannot maintain our position as leader of world democracy unless we are able to close this dangerous gap between the slogans of democracy and its everyday reality.

As an outstanding leader of industry and in view of your contri- cerity that motivates you to suggest bution as Protestant Co-Chairman the action you outline in your letcivic, church, fraternal, labor and you propose to form. community organizations who are working to secure a state Fair Em-

I have read with deep interest ployment Practices Law in Michi-

letter of April 9. I am greatly en- that the organization of the Rochportunities to minority groups is couraged to have you comment so ester Division would be a major contract clause which protects of Local 988, extremely timely and welcome in favorably and to subscribe so wholethis period of increased practices of heartedly to the views I expressed discrimination at the employment in my recent address to the National Conference of Christians and

> Such activities on my part stem from the personal conviction that racial and religious prejudice can best be eliminated by individual action on the part of all Americans. To me, this is the positive approach to the problems that exist.

I feel that you cannot legislate good human relations which are essentially spiritual in nature. The roots of difficulty in group relaregulations, short of the Ten Com- past has placed into effect for the members. Texts of the wires folmandments and the Golden Rule. Rochester Products workers gains low: and that's what we are talking about - rests with the home, the church and the school.

Very sincerely, /s/ BENSON FORD.

GM Raises Floor Under Escalator; Ups Improvement Factor to 5 Cents



"CIO EDITOR MEETS THE CRITICS" at the CIO Editors' Training Institute in Ottawa, Illinois, finds Don Jelley of Local 543, UAW-CIO, on the "hot seat." Panel of critics who pointed out flaws in THE SOUTHERN FLYER published by Fairfield, Illinois, local union were, l. to r., Harold J. Newton, publisher of Kenosha, Wisconsin, LABOR; Paul Iaccino, CIO representative on Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, and Bob Bollard, editor of the state CIO publication in Illinois. This panel is a feature each year of the CIO Editors' Institute and drew applause from 60 editors, reporters and hand-bill writers who attended the Institute at the UAW-CIO Region 4 union center.

Ike Promises To Fight Mass Unemployment; Backs Principles of Full Employment Act

President Eisenhower has told UAW-CIO President Walter P. Reuther that he "firmly subscribes to the principles" of the reflects a determination on the Full Employment Act of 1946, which he says "reflects a determination on the part of the American people to see to it that employment never again visits this the stupidity of mass unemploy-

land."

Eisenhower made this statement in a letter responding to a letter adequate and timely planning for the transition from peak defense production to sustained civilian production "at levels that will continue to provide full employment in the critical months and years ahead." (Reported in the April issue of The United Automobile Worker.)

WALL STREET AGAIN

The UAW-CIO president also had pointed out the fact that at the first possible sign of peace in Ko- "We sincerely hope and trust Labor Men Win rea, "the profit hungry men on that his leadership will prevail over Labor Men Win took a serious nose dive."

"The men of little faith and little vision in Congress," he said. "reacted at once to the Communist peace feeler by irresponsible and reckless proposals that would undermine our national security and create widespread dislocation and unemployment."

He urged President Eisenhower to call a broadly representative fundamental importance. It is a conference at the earliest possible matter which is very much in date to "draft practical plans needed to facilitate an orderly shift in our economy and to insure full employment and full production of civilian goods if peace should come."

With regard to President Eisenhower's reply, President Reuther said:

SOLITARY OPINION?

"While the President's letter exnaked political facts that many vember.

ment never again visits this people in key positions in the pres- principles of that law, as I have ent Administration, both in Con-said more than once in the past. gress and in the executive branch I intend to see that every useful of government, have opposed and measure, private and public, is continue to oppose every reason- taken to create conditions that fosfrom Reuther early in April urging able and practical step by the gov- ter economic stability and a rising ernment necessary to planning ef- standard of living for our people. fectively to meet the threat of economic dislocation.

shall have our full and undivided | goodwill." support.

Wall Street found the future less those obstructionist elements with-promising and the stock market in his party and his administra-

Following are excerpts from President Eisenhower's letter:

"I want to thank you for your ties in the recent city election. letter of April sixth focusing attention on the question of maintaining the American economy at a high level of employment and produc-

"This, of course, is a matter of our thinking. Administratively, I look to the machinery set up by the Employment Act of 1946 to bring together the analyses and planning of the Executive branch and of the Congress in this vital field.

"The Employment Act of 1946

Voting Legal Here

part of the American people to see to it that the stupidity of mass unland. I firmly subscribe to the

"The achievement of a steadily growing and a prosperous economy "The national CIO has pledged | requires continuous thinking and | full cooperation to President | planning for the future. Towards | Eisenhower in all matters in this end, we shall consult actively which he acts in the public in- with private citizens and groups. terest. In this matter of plan- | We will need to draw on the acning for full employment and | cumulated experience and knowlfull production in peacetime, he | edge of our people as well as their |

BERWYN, Illinois - Four trade unionists in Berwyn, suburb of Chicago, rolled up substantial majori-

Mayor William J. Kriz was elected over determined opposition of |Congressman Richard Hoffman (10th District), whose ambition to "build a political machine" in order to run for election as Republican candidate for chairman of the Cook County Board is well known.

Kriz was supported by the 10th District CIO-PAC, with headquarters at Madison and Harlem in suburban Forest Park, Illinois. Also supported and elected were:

Joseph Vrany, member of PAC Committee of Local 471, UAW-CIO (Ford Aircraft Division, Chicago, Illinois), alderman; Karel Marsicek, man.

The UAW-CIO scored the first victory in amending its current contracts on Friday, May 22, when General Motors agreed to...

I. Increase the annual improvement factor to five cents an hour;

II. Add 19 cents of the current 24 cents an hour cost-of-living allowance to base wage rates;

III. Change to the "new" BLS Index to govern the operation of the escalator clause;

IV. Increase the wages of skilled trades workers by 10 cents an hour.

"We in the UAW-CIO are gratified that we have been able to work out with the General Motors Corporation these amendments to our present contract that were necessary to make it a workable document," President Walter P. Reuther and Vice-President John W. Livingston said in a formal statement. "We are pleased that the General Motors Corporation has accepted the principle that a collective bargaining agreement must be a living document under which the worker's equity is maintained in the face of circumstances im-

possible for the parties to fore- GM 1952 Sales see when the contract was originally negotiated."

FORMAL STATEMENT

up the Union's negotiating team in its discussions with the Corpo- was the nation's biggest money ration. He and President Reuther maker in 1952, with sales of \$7,issued the following statement:

Corporation reached an agreement first in 1951. The 1952 GM sales today on amendments to their cur- figure was \$84 million above 1951 rent contract, as follows:

"I. The annual improvement fachour as previously provided.

24 cents an hour cost-of-liv- lion. ing allowance will be added Despite a steel strike and governing goes down.

sumers Price Index to govern | try." that it will require less up- | versa. the 'new Index' 0.68 is the retained in the business. equivalent of 1.14 in the 'old' | The Company's 44th annual re-Index. Under the previous port went to 487,624 stockholders. formula, wages were adjusted cent for each 1.14 move- tive bargaining agreement must be in the old Index.

SKILLED TRADES RAISE

of all skilled trades workers. | tiated. This increase is in recognition bing shops.

Union and which formed the basis for the agreement were formulated last fall by the National UAW-CIO GM Council. They were further endorsed by the unanimous action of the UAW-CIO 14th Constitutional Convention in Atlantic City in March of this

president of Czechoslovak Local 30, gratified that we have been able to Corporation from Norman Mat-ST. PAUL (LPA)—A municipal International Typographical Union, work out with the General Motors thews, director of the UAW's presses general agreement with the judge here has found International city treasurer; Rudolph Rolanek, Corporation these amendments to Chrysler Department. Preliminary objectives of planning to insure Harvester guilty of breaking the member of Local 16, International our present contract that were nec- meetings have been held with both full employment and a rising living state law for docking 15 members Typographical Union, alderman; essary to make it a workable docu- concerns. cepted the principle that a collec- major automobile manufacturers.

Made It Nation's Vice-President Livingston headed Top Money Maker

NEW YORK-General Motors 549,154,419, replacing Standard Oil "UAW-CIO and General Motors of New Jersey, which had been and \$18 million above the previous record of 1950.

tor shall be five cents an \$52 million better than in 1951, but quite a drop from the record-setting profits of \$834 million in 1950. "II. Nineteen cents of the present Total 1952 tax bill was \$1.579 bil-

to the base wage rates as of ment curbs on materials, despite a June 1, 1953. This means that drop in its commercial output, GM amount of wages subject to rolled up the record because of a downward adjustments from sharp rise in defense deliveries. GM present levels is now limited holds a vast portion of U.S. defense to 5 cents an hour, no mat- contracts. Secretary of Defense ter how much the cost of liv- Charles E. Wilson formerly headed GM, and when he appeared before "III. The Union and the Company a Senate committee for confirmaagreed to a transition from tion, said, "What's good for Genthe 'old' to the 'new' BLS Con- eral Motors is good for the coun-

the operation of the 'cost-of- | The report showed that since living' escalator clause. This 1945, GM has committed \$2.5 bilagreement provides for the lion on plant and equipment, aradjustment of wages above ranging its facilities wherever pospresent levels at the rate of sible on a dual-purpose basis—that 1 cent for each 0.6 points in is, plants that can be turned from the new Index. This means civilian to defense work, and vice

ward movement of the Index | The report said that of its inthan formerly to bring about come, 48½ per cent went to supincreases in the cost-of-living pliers, 28 per cent to employes (inallowance. Adjustment below cluding its high-priced executives). present wage levels will be at 14½ per cent for taxes, 1¾ per the rate of 1 cent for each cent for depreciation, 4% per cent 0.68 points in the Index. In for dividends and 2½ per cent was

ment, upward or downward, a living document under which the workers' equity is maintained in the face of circumstances impos-"IV. There shall be an increase of sible for the parties to foresee when 10 cents an hour in the wages the contract was originally nego-

"We believe that our agreement of the inequities that have de- on these contract amendments veloped, because of the Ko- shows that free labor and free rean conflict, as between management, exercising their skilled trades workers em- rights and privileges, facing up to ployed by the Corporation their responsibilities and using their and those employed in job- common sense can, in our kind of democracy, work out their prob-"The proposals advanced by the lems across the bargaining table."

OTHER MEETINGS

As the Auto Worker went to press, meetings were being arranged with other major automobile manufacturers. The Union's position on long-term pacts was outlined in a letter to the Ford Motor Company from Ken Bannon, director of the UAW's Ford Department. "We in the UAW-CIO are very and in a letter to the Chrysler

standard in peacetime, we cannot of the UAW-CIO who took time off and Rudolph Docauer, member of ment. We are pleased that the The appropriate Union officials in good conscience overlook the to vote in the election last No- AFL Milk Drivers' Union, alder- General Motors Corporation has ac- addressed similar letters to other

An Editorial on...

JUDAS OR JOE?

Senator Joseph Raymond McCarthy, of Wisconsin, became a bit too "strong" for three of his fellow Republicans in the Senate recently, and they repudiated him. The three Senators are Cooper, Wiley, and H. Alexander Smith.

They recognize that Senator McCarthy, who keeps trying to demonstrate his hatred for Communism, actually is helping Communism to weaken democracy.

Suppose, therefore, we investigate McCarthy.

Where was McCarthy on Thursday, May 14, 1953? What was he doing? He was on the floor of the United States Senate shouting, "The United States can go it alone!" He was doing his cynical best to turn a normal disagreement between allies into a break and an excuse for isolationism.

That's a dangerous statement for an American to make and a dangerous game for a Senator to play in 1953.

McCarthy did so much damage with his reckless remark that General Matthew B. Ridgway, former supreme commander in Korea, now supreme NATO commander, went before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to warn that any attempt by the United States to "go it alone" would lead to "inevitable national disaster."

Here's the background. After the death of Stalin, the Russians, who had been threatening the world with war, began threatening us with peace. Everybody wondered if the dove was a real bird or a decoy. The way to tell was to see if the bird moved.

On April 16, President Eisenhower listed three steps the bird could take: 1. Korean armistice. 2. Austrian treaty. 3. Elections for a free, united Germany.

On May 11, Prime Minister Churchill called for high-level Windsor Star Says east-west talks without a fixed agenda.

The Pope supported Churchill's initiative. The Germans were cool, the French annoyed. Former Prime Minister Clement Att- servative Windsor Daily Star, sellee, leader of the British Labor Party, rose in the House of Com- dom regarded as a friend of labor, mons to voice agreement with Churchill.

Attlee made the kind of speech that a smart high school stu- torially support the UAW-CIO's dent might make in a social studies class. He pointed out that plans for a guaranteed annual under the American system of checks and balances it is some- wage. times hard to tell where effective power lies as between the President and the Congress. He said, specifically, "Sometimes teed annual wages approved by the UAW-CIO Convention in Atone finds that Congress takes the bit between its teeth and one lantic City indicates sooner or later sometimes wonders who is the more powerful, the President or this will become the pattern in in-Senator McCarthy."

A lot of Americans have been wondering the same thing.

The American Department of State announced that it might lenge—to labor and management be a good idea to wait for some evidence of Communist readi- the industry will have to learn how ness to reach agreement in Korea and negotiate an Austrian to level sales "so as to maintain a peace treaty before attempting high-level talks. Neither Presi- steady and even production." dent nor State Department sought to exploit the difference and turn it against the British.

What did Senator McCarthy say? While Senators stayed on both sides, the Star went on: away in droves to indicate their displeasure, McCarthy rose on the Senate floor to deliver a slashing attack—on the Commu- of the finest brains on this or any nists? No, Silly! On the British and Harry Truman.

McCarthy went easy on Sir Winston Churchill. Sir Winston of tackling, and solving, the toughused to visit with Stalin in Moscow, but his Tory standing is est of problems. secure. So after accusing Harry Truman of treason, McCarthy went after Attlee, who leads the labor opposition.

After McCarthy re-fought the Battle of Bunker Hill, Senator Dirksen of Illinois, said we ought to get even with the Redcoats by cutting economic aid to the free world, another way of saying what McCarthy said—that the United

Then Senator John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky, restored Packard Worker sanity by pointing out that you don't fight Communism by dig-ging ditches between allies. And the next day, Senators Wiley To Donate Blood and Smith followed Cooper's lead.

The New York Times of May 16 placed the whole episode in On UAW TV Show its proper setting with a single headline, "Reds Make Propa- Miss Barbara Margraf, a worker ganda Hay from U. S.-British Differences." Communists all over at Packard Motor Car Company the world took great satisfaction in the McCarthy and Dirksen and a member of Local 190, UAWattacks on Great Britain. It is our considered opinion that if CIO, will give a pint of blood on McCarthy isn't a card-carrying member of the Communist party, the UAW-CIO Television program then he's cheating the Kremlin out of dues.

Tom O'Brien, labor member of the British Parliament and president of the 8,000,000-member Trades Union Congress, or a special program on the success- 19, 1945, as second-class matter under the Act of August 24, 1912, as TUC, said, "Senator McCarthy is a greater gift to Communism ful labor-management blood bank a monthly. than Judas Iscariot was to the high priests and Pharisees."

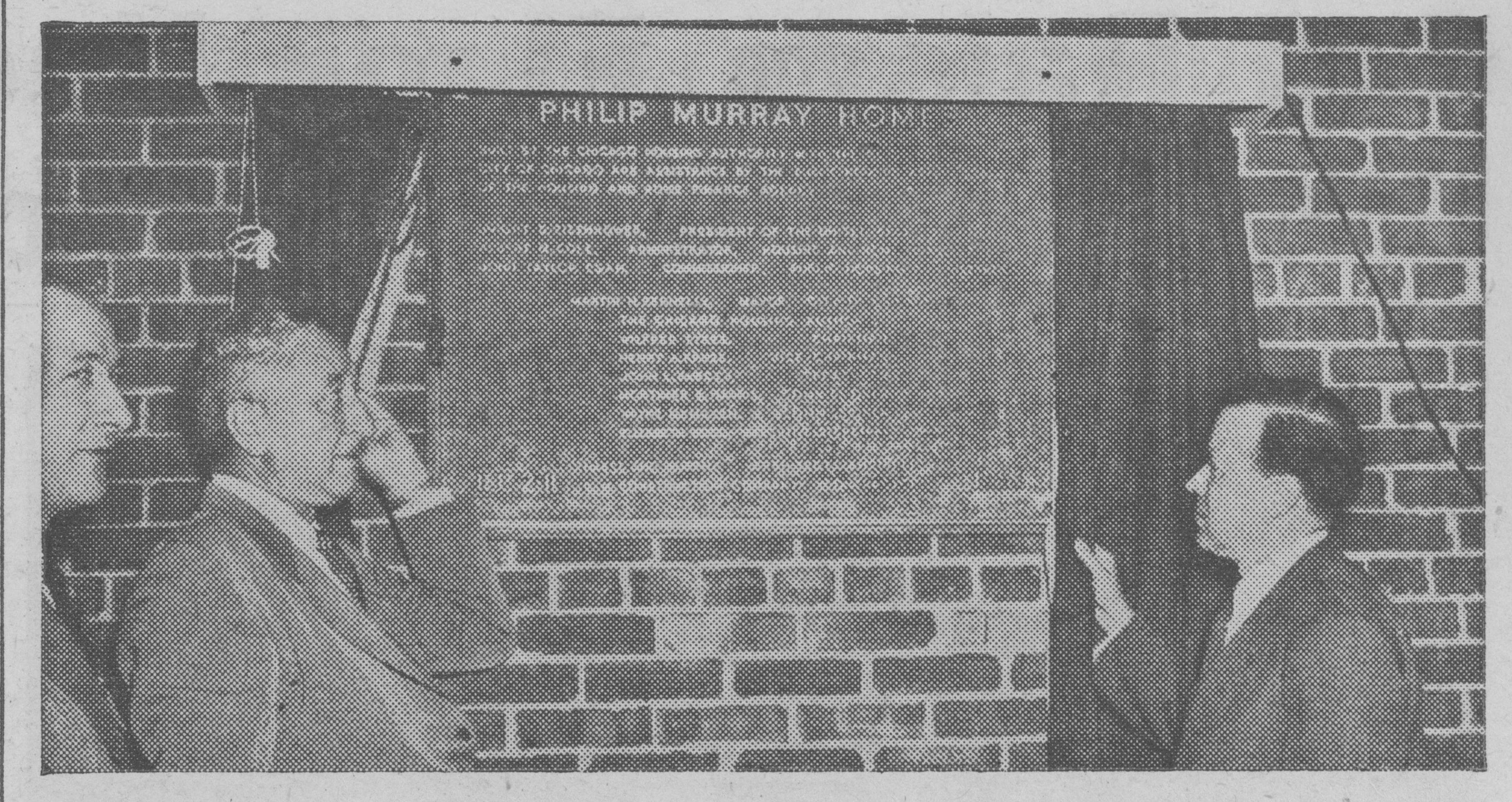
Hitler and Mussolini. By the time the world woke up to the truth about Hitler and Mussolini, the blood bath was drawn and waiting. The time to get McCarthy is while he's still just team, Thomas Cuite, National Coma Senator. Three Republican Senators have spoken up. The mander of the Catholic War Vet-Democrats have held back because they haven't wanted an at- erans, will present Local 190 and tack on McCarthy to develop into a partisan issue.

There's no reason why McCarthy should be a partisan issue. McCarthy is a community problem, like cancer. Mc-Carthy strikes more than one out of five. He's a menace to every man, woman, and child in these states.

McCarthy is using the Communist issue to ride to power in of the Detroit Red Cross Center, ROBERT CARTER the United States just as Mussolini used the Red issue in Italy will be in charge of the blood do- ED COTE and Hitler used the Bolshevik menace in Germany.

Does that sound ridiculous now? Let's keep it that way, and Margraf. not turn it into prophecy. Let's ask our Senators not to walk out of the room the next time McCarthy gets on his feet. Let's ask them to stand their ground and talk back.

There's nothing like a good, lively, democratic quorum to settle the hash of a totalitarian.



CHICAGO—The new 500-unit, \$4,800,000 Philip Murray Homes project was dedicated by CIO officials this month. Commenting on Murray's desire for better housing, CIO President Walter P. Reuther said, at the ceremony, "If Philip Murray were alive today, he would say this project is just one step down the road to completing the job we have to do in the vineyards of America." Reuther is shown admiring the dedication plaque along with Joseph Germano, left, and James G. Thimmes, district director and vice-president, respectively, of the United Steelworkers of America-CIO.

Almost 'Inevitable,'

WINDSOR, Ontario - The condeparted from its tradition to edi-

"Resolution in favor of guarandustry," the Star asserted.

Terming the proposal "a chalalike," the newspaper asserted that

Conceding that guaranteed wages will require considerable planning

"It can be done, however. The automobile industry possesses some other continent. They are capable

"Humans are capable of doing Trailer Plants many things, previously considered impossible, when circumstances In UAW-CIO Fold make it necessary. And, in the industrial evolution, annual wages probably are inevitable."

2:00 p. m.

program conducted by Local 190, | Car Company.

- As a tribute to the outstanding work of this union - management the Packard Company a plaque for the blood bank donations to the Armed Forces. More than 200 pints of blood have been sent overseas during the past year.

Dr. Earl Harris, medical director GEORGE BURT together with a Red Cross nurse, P. J. CIAMPA nation which will be given by Miss MARTIN GERBER

Curt Murdoch, president of the CHARLES H. KERRIGAN Packard Local, and Peter Ditty, blood bank chairman, together with all the organizers of the blood bank program, will also participate in the program.



Frank Cronin, Midwest director of CIO, congratulates Mrs. Anthony Chenault and daughter, Charlene, as the Chenault family receives the award for being the first to move into the Philip Murray homes. Brother Chenault (not pictured) is a member of Ford Local 351.

in this state.

Largest of the two is the Palace nounced here. Homes, Inc., a runaway operation Both Unions will take action on from Palace Coach of Flint, Michi- the proposal at conventions schedgan.

Body & Trailer Company.

CIO Will Approve Merger of Two Unions

WASHINGTON - The proposed LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas—The merger of the Retail, Wholesale UAW-CIO through its Competitive and Department Store Union, a Shop Department added two trailer CIO affiliate, and the hitherto unplants to its growing string of affiliated Distributive, Processing plants whose workers it represents and Office Workers of America has the blessing of the CIO, it was an-

uled for October. If approved by The other plant is the American both, a unified organization will be chartered by the CIO.

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Doors to Knowledge Open at UAW Summer Schools With 3,000 Union Folks Expected in Student Body

officers, stewards, committeemen and other active members are expected to attend one or participating in workshops where another of the summer schools they will be developing new skills which will be sponsored by the which they will put to use in the UAW Education Department service of their local unions. They Senate and House of Representathis summer.

ambitious ever sponsored by a sin- sent a case in arbitration—to run be billed as speakers and instructgle international union. The season a local union meeting—to make a ors at many of the schools. will open in Michigan on June 7 speech—to analyze a company Three of the summer schools September 18.

region.

CORNELL ADDED

In Indiana, New England, New OFFICERS ALSO TEACHERS Jersey, New York and Pennsyl- While they are developing new vania, summer schools will run for skills or sharpening old ones, they two weeks or more, as they have will also be offered opportunities for many years in the past in to take part in discussions of the Michigan and Canada.

the first time at Cornell University in New York for members of of the UAW in the Syracuse-Ithaca area beginning June 18, and at Ohio University. Athens.

Students and delegates at the schools will, for the most part, be

Union's domestic political program, Schools will be organized for its position on international affairs and in other related subjects.

At many of the schools they will get to meet the officers of

More than 3,000 local union, members from Southern Ohio one or more of the summer Members may get more detailed to 19 for "no union." and Western Pennsylvania. schools. Regional Directors and information regarding each of the The first election was invalidated UAW staff members will partidiscussion leaders at schools all over the country.

> Members of the United States tor, at Solidarity House, Detroit. the election. will be learning how to check a tives, state legislators, governors, company time study—to handle a mayors, leaders of other trade

and will wind up in California on financial report—to mobilize the will be operated at sites which are schools will be held in every UAW a local union education program— 2B schools will be housed at a camp to stage a radio or television pro- owned by Local 12 of Toledo, Ohio Center which is owned by the UAW members in that Region—and the Region 10—Madison, Wisconsin—July 19 to July 24. town, Pennsylvania.

FDR CAMP BOOKED

The Michigan and Canadian the Union. Walter Reuther, Emil | be located at the FDR-CIO Labor Mazey, John Livingston and Center which is owned by the Ohio, beginning August 9 to serve | Richard Gosser will all appear at | Michigan CIO State Council.

Gas Chamber Talk Backfires in Adrian

ADRIAN, Michigan—The UAW-CIO reversed the results of an NLRB election held at the H. W. Tuttle Company last January by a score of 30 votes for the UAW-CIO

regional schools by writing to their by the NLRB, when it upheld the cipate as speakers, teachers and Regional Directors, regional educa- Union's protest of a "captive audition representatives, or to Bren-ence" speech by a vice-president of dan Sexton, UAW Education Direc- the Company a few hours before

UAW Summer School Schedule

The 23-week program is the most grievance—to write a brief—to pre- unions and farm organizations will Michigan School—Port Huron, Michigan—June 7 to July 24. Canadian School—Port Huron, Michigan—June 14 to June 26,

TWO-WEEK SCHOOLS

union's political power—to edit a owned by the UAW—Sand Lake, Region 3—West Lafayette, Indiana—August 2 to August 15. Between those dates, one or more local union newspaper—to organize Michigan, where the Region 2 and Region 2 August 16 to August 28.

ONE-WEEK SCHOOLS

gram—to learn union counselling. —Ottawa, Illinois, where the Re- Region 9—Ithaca, New York—June 17 to June 20. gion 4 school will use the Labor Regions 2, and 2B—Sand Lake, Michigan—July 19 to 24.

Region 9 school will be situated at Region 5-Miami, Oklahoma-August 2 to August 7.

the Pottstown Community center, Region 2A—Athens, Ohio—August 9 to August 14. owned by UAW locals in Potts- Region 9-Yellowhouse, Pennsylvania-August 16 to August 19.

Region 9-Fredonia, New York-August 23 to August 28. Region 8—Black Mountain, North Carolina—August 23 to August 28.

schools will, as in previous years, Region 6—Hot Springs, California—September 13 to September

Region 4—Ottawa, Illinois—September 13 to September 18.

Text of Reuther's Letter to Industry

(The following is the text of the letter sent by UAW-CIO President Walter P. Reuther to heads of the automobile, truck and parts industry.)

The UAW-CIO is deeply disturbed by the prospects that there may be substantial layoffs and widespread hardship in the automobile, truck, and parts industries during the second half of 1953. This threat of widespread layoffs results from the fact that management is planning to produce a disproportionately high percentage of their annual projected 1953 production schedules during the first six months of this year.

According to trade journals, industry sources estimate that total passenger car production for the year 1953 will approximate 5,500,000 units. These same industry sources predict that in excess of 3,300,000 passenger cars will have been produced by the end of June. In other words, better than 60 per cent of the year's total output of passenger cars will be concentrated in the first six months, leaving less than 40 per cent of the total year's production to be produced in the second half of 1953. Even allowing for a reasonable period for model changes, if such model changes take place during the last half of 1953, there will, nevertheless, still be substantial layoffs if the industry continues in its announced plans to crowd better than 60 per cent of the annual production into the first half of the year.

What is true of the passenger car portion of our industry is, in a large measure, equally true of the truck industry. Since both the passenger car and the truck industries determine the levels of production and employment in the parts industry, the workers in the parts industry face the same prospects of substantial layoffs and widespread hardship as do the workers in the passenger car and truck portions of our industry.

Efforts on the part of industry to produce in excess of 60 per cent of their annual production during the first six months is both economically unsound and morally wrong. If management persists in these efforts, it must assume the full responsibility for the unemployment and the hardships that thousands of workers and their families will experience.

The UAW-CIO feels that management's policy of crowding abnormally high percentage of the total annual production in the first six months of the year is irresponsible and anti-social 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.

The UAW-CIO has on various occasions questioned the desirability of the hiring policy of many of the companies in the automobile industry who have carried on extensive recruiting programs in the deep South and other non-industrial areas of our country in an effort to attract workers into the automotive centers in numbers far beyond the reasonable possibilities of maintaining such workers in steady and continuous employment. Such a policy of recruiting workers from other sections of the country is unfair to such workers; it is unfair to the regular workers in your plants; and it is unfair to the communities.

The UAW-CIO's concern in this important matter is shared by the people charged with the responsibility of administering the welfare agencies in the communities in which the automobile and truck industries are concentrated. This concern was reflected in the story which appeared in the Automotive News of March 30, 1953, which reads as follows:

"Social welfare people are beginning to voice strong protests against the recruiting of workers in southern states for employment in such northern points as Michigan, Ohio and Illinois.

"The social welfare people are afraid these workers will wind up as community burdens, should the auto industry's production pace be cut back sharply."

Workers being recruited in the South and in other non-industrial areas are being asked to uproot themselves from their home communities for a few months of work in the auto plants followed by unemployment of unpredictable duration in strange surroundings. They are being brought into areas where housing facilities are already over-taxed. When their jobs end, many will become public charges to be provided for by the citizens of the automotive production centers who will thus be forced to pay the price for the unrealistic and unsound scheduling of the auto corporations. Recruitment of these in-migrants will intensify later unemployment for those workers who are normally attached to the auto industry.

The prospect of substantial layoffs is a matter of grave concern to our Union and its members. We urge most strongly that you take all steps possible to level out production by your company over the remainder of the year to avoid the consequences that will inevitably flow from present production scheduling.

I can assure you that the UAW-CIO will be glad to cooperate in any way we can with your company and with the industry as a whole to prevent unemployment and the resulting personal and community hardships later in the year. We will sincerely appreciate and will give the most careful consideration to any suggestions you may have to meet the situation outlined above.

In order to enable us to assess the gravity of the situation more accurately, and to determine what further steps our Union should take to meet it, I am requesting your company, and all other car and truck producers under contract with the UAW-CIO for data on employment which, I am sure, you can provide without inconvenience. Specifically, we would appreciate receiving the following:

1. Figures on current employment at each of your plants covered by contract with the UAW-CIO.

2. Your projections of employment at those same plants during the third and fourth quarters of 1953, respectively.

3. Employment at the same plants during the third and fourth quarters, respectively, assuming your company maintains the same share of the industry's total output as during the first quarter and assuming further that the industry's output for 1953 is:

Cars Trucks a) 5,000,000 1,300,000 5,500,000 1,400,000 c) 6,000,000 1,500,000

As the representative of the workers in the plants under contract with your company, the UAW-CIO feels it is legally and morally entitled to the above information so that we can make an intelligent and constructive contribution toward meeting this pressing problem on a basis that will minimize the layoffs and the hardships.

I would appreciate receiving the requested information at the earliest possible date.

A substantial layoff in the auto, truck and parts industries in the second half of 1953 would have a very serious impact upon the total American economy and would create widespread fear and uncertainty as to the future of our economy. Widespread layoffs in the auto industry would tend to spread and snowball in other basic industries that supply the auto industry and could assume such serious proportions as to contribute to the recession which the Communist propagandists claim is inherent in our free economy. The American economy is an extremely delicate economic mechanism, and it is the responsibility of all of us, both free labor and free management, to cooperate in every way possible to achieve economic stability and stable levels of employment so that together we can disprove the Communist propagandists.

In this specific situation we of the UAW-CIO feel that management is obligated to plan its production schedules on a basis that more evenly spreads the total annual production over the full year so that more stable employment levels can be achieved.

I sincerely urge your prompt and serious attention to this pressing problem. The leadership of the UAW-CIO is prepared to cooperate in every way possible in achieving the stability to which workers are entitled and which our local communities and our nation as a whole need so desperately in this period of world tension.

I await your reply.

Very truly yours, WALTER P. REUTHER, President International Union, UAW-CIO.

Office and Technical

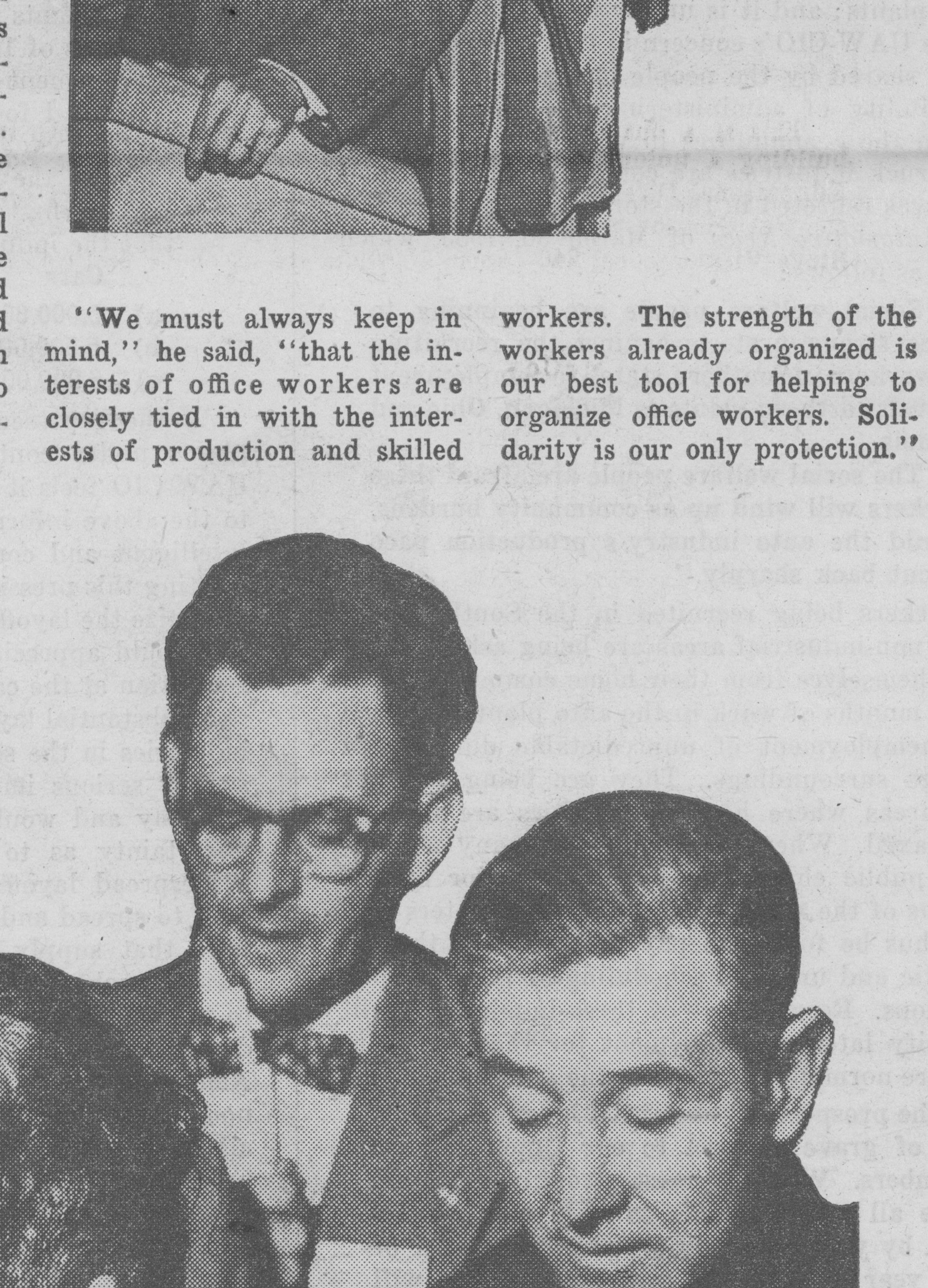


Joseph J. Keenan, from the office workers' unit of Local 32 in Cleveland, Ohio, pictured at left, was one of the first delegates to speak up from the floor during the discussion on organization at the Friday morning session, following the welcoming address by Secretary-Treasurer Mazey.

RIGHT, President Reuther tells the delegates that we have won 40 out of 49 NLRB elections conducted for office workers since April of 1951.

"You don't have to be a graduate of the Harvard School of Business to figure out who is on the short end of the paycheck," he said. Office workers need organization, and UAW-CIO will lead the way in finding methods to get the job done.

One thing needed most, he explained, is a good, basic contract covering a substantial number of office workers. He pledged that UAW-CIO would negotiate such a contract, and that it would provide us with a foundation upon which to build an intensified organizational program.



ABOVE, interest in the proceedings was lively, intense, boiled over into questions and discussions that continued during periods of recess and adjournment. Chairman Bob Shebal, back to camera, is busy answering questions after the vote to recess for lunch on Friday.

RIGHT, Olga Madar, UAW-CIO Recreation Director, leads a buzz session. Members were: John Genna, Raymond Radcliffe, John Cicala, Local 889; Melvin Schoeppach and Emery Prieur, Local 659; Joe Keenan, Local 32; Earl Carruthers, Local 240; E. T. Michael, Local 842; Herman Willick, Local 65—some of whom are shown in this picture.

The 14th Convention of the UAW-CIO resolved on March 27: "That this International Union, recognizing the tremendous numbers of unorganized office workers still remaining within our jurisdiction, instructs the incoming officers and Executive Board to increase the organizational activities among office workers wherever possible."

The need to organize office workers becomes more pressing with each passing year. As skilled and production workers come under the protection of unions, and the number of unorganized manual workers steadily decreases, the problems of the office workers become more acute.

When the workers in the factory are organized, they have the union on the job to block wage-cutting and other chiselling tactics by management. If the office workers up front are not organized at the same time—they have to bear

> AT LEFT, Joe Kenny, President o and another delegate urge that org BELOW, members of the Briggs Circus Park during lunch recess. I Merlo, Peggy O'Hara and Jimmy Bla



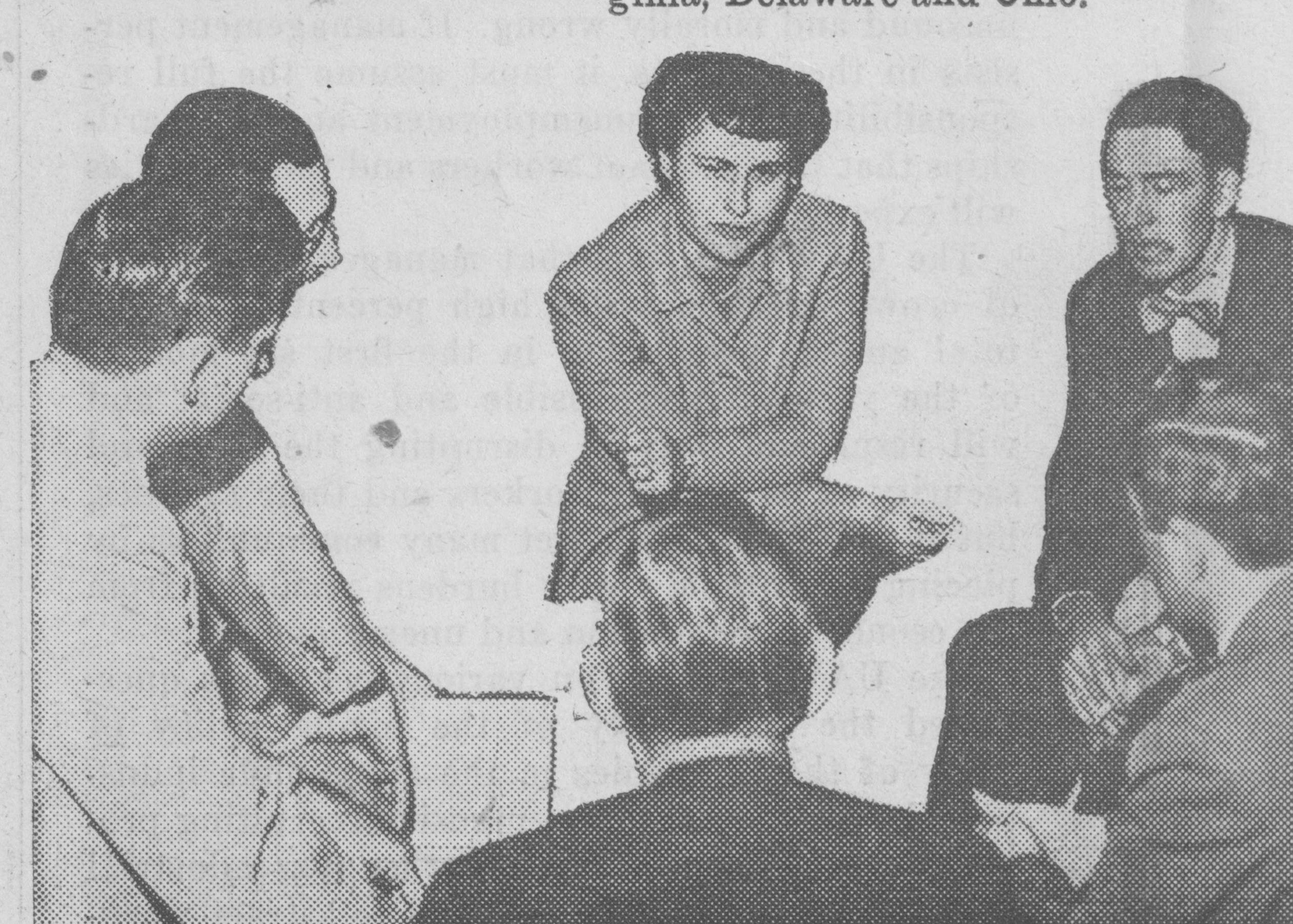




LEFT, Fred Noel, from Local 305, which covers office workers of the Fort Wayne, Indiana, plant of International Harvester, pops a question before the delegate assembly.

AT RIGHT is Robert Shebal, Assistant Director of the UAW-CIO Office Workers' Department. Brother Shebal presided over the conference for both

He reported that 24 local unions had sent a total of 67 delegates to the conference. Delegates came from Canada and nine states, including: Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Maryland, Texas, West Virginia, Delaware and Ohio.



Workers' Conference

the brunt of the economic squeeze from then on. It is easy for employers to hold down living standards for the unorganized office workers—and they are doing it down the line and across the nation.

Instead of economic gains that stick to the ribs, office workers usually get handouts of soft-soap and pie in the sky. They are promised that they may someday get promoted to the position of third assistant supervisor or two-bit junior executive. This kind of malarky, plus the glory of breathing the rarified front office atmosphere, is supposed to sustain them through the years.

UAW-CIO is following through on its Convention resolution calling for increased organizational activity among office workers. These two pages present a pictorial report of the UAW-CIO's first Office and Technical Workers Conference, held in Detroit on May 15 and 16.

President of Ford's Windsor, Ontario, Office Workers Local 240, ge that organizational work be stepped up across the border. the Briggs Organizing Committee took a stroll through Grand h recess. Left to right, are: Joe Bocci, Joe Bernhardt, Teresa Jimmy Blackwood.





Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey took an active part in both days of the conference. On Friday he told the delegates that 7,000,000 unorganized officer workers offer the CIO its greatest potential for growth. Above he meets with (left) Don Earl and John King of Local 889, Detroit, and (right) Art Scholl of Local 1212, Chrysler Tank, Newark, Delaware.



This is a busy session of a buzz group getting its teeth into some of the problems of building a union educational program for office workers. Ed Coffey, Assistant UAW-CIO Educational Director, led the group. Members were: Walter Bawol, Doug Bauer, Steve Cancic, Pat Gleason, all of Local 889; Fred Rockstroh, Local 305; Roger Hodgdon, Local 190; Steve Virgia, Local 240—some of whom are in above picture.

RIGHT, Carrie McCoy of Oliver Local 1096, South Bend, told delegates how her group had battled to get out of "UE" and into UAW-CIO.

BELOW, at work on resolutions, are, left to right; Ed Wilms, International Representative; Barbara Bacigal, Office Workers office staff secretary; Lloyd Watkins of Ford Local 240, Windsor, Ontario; Don Earl, of Detroit Local 889, and Joe Ramski, of Chicago Harvester Local 1012.

The Resolutions Committee worked hard sifting the ideas and suggestions floating in from the buzz sessions and workshops, putting them into concrete form for action and further discussion, forging them into workable shape for immediate use in organizing drives.







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Two recipients of the Page One Awards of the Newspaper Guild of New York appear in serious conversation as they wait to be called to the stage. They are Judge Learned Hand (left), who received the Page One Award in Public Affairs, and Walter Reuther, CIO president, who was presented the Page One Award in Labor, a co-award with George Meany, AFL president.



FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE—The 1953 Community Service Award of the Trade Union Branch of the Detroit Workmen's Circle was shared by Roy Reuther (left), political action director for the CIO Auto Workers, and former U.S. Senator Blair Moody. Presentations were made by Mrs. Margaret Price, chairman of the Governor's Youth Commission and Morton "Pat" Zimmerman, administrator of the Detroit Construction Workers' Welfare Fund (AFL) and a member of the state Employment Security Commission. (LPA)

Evendale Workers Improve Contract Despite GE and Air Force Collusion

CINCINNATI—Workers at the General Electric Evendale Plant wound up their 9-week strike by gaining substantial contract improvements despite the obvious cooperation between the Air Force and GE in the latter stages of the work stoppage.

General Electric forced the strike situation initially by trying the production of hundreds of ento ram down the throat of Local 647, UAW-CIO, a contract two decades out of date. (GE pointed out tained a publicity barrage in an that the same party is in power attempt to start a back-to-work now that ran the show 20 years movement and continued to open told the President that Idaho Powago.)

TAXPAYERS GOUGED

for new style labor policies. Even- ly Cincinnati courts for an injunc- east." dale workers came out of it with an honorable contract, but the taxpayer took a horrible gouging.

(Evendale, the nation's largest financed by the taxpayer through put.)

Before the strike started, the Air Force claimed jet engines were "vital," but after the strike was underway, the Air Force changed its tune.

The Defense Department set and other gains. April 15 as the "critical date," then During the strike, the UAW Infore the strike started and a day sition to any such prying. hand. Although the strike had cost nati.

GOT INJUNCTION

Throughout the strike, GE maintion limiting pickets to six to a

Evendale workers withstood GE's anti-union barrage and secured a contract providing for a six- to eight-cent increase; arbitration (a) manufacturer of jet engines, is key issue); other improvements in the grievance procedure; accumuthe amortization program, and lation of seniority during periods the Air Force buys all its out- of illness, injury or layoff up to two years (replacing a clause) which would have enabled GE to abandon workers idled only six months); two additional steps in automatic progression taking some groups to a top of \$1.901/2; big improvement in layoff procedure, including interdepartmental transfer

abruptly postponed the date to ternational Executive Board passed April 30. When the deadline passed, a resolution calling for an investithe Air Force refused to submit an gation by the Senate Labor Comimpact report on the strike. In- mittee of the use of public funds stead, without warning it took out in an attempt at strike breaking. a few dozen engines stockpiled be- Senator Taft announced his oppo-

later released a statement saying That was expected. Taft's law that it had plenty of engines on partner represents GE in Cincin-

Plunder of Public Power Rivals Off-Shore Oil Grab

WASHINGTON—Hard on the heels of the off-shore oil giveaway, the give-away of low-cost public power to private electric companies comes up next in the Eisenhower Administration's Give-Away Conga Line.

First step to give away power was taken by the President's thrown out. Budget Director Joseph M. Dodge. He made major slashes LOSS IS PERMANENT in the low-cost public power program when he sent up his request for Department of Interior appropriations.

Big Business 'In'

power companies on the con- our farmers need. trol and operation of public Large remaining power possiprojects.

Third step was taken by President Eisenhower when he appointed as new chairman of the Federal Power Commission Thomas C. Buchanan, a man who can be counted on to turn over to private power companies the exclusive right to develop important hydro-electric projects.

all arms of government to give the utility monopolies a stronghold on low-cost power, it appears likely that within six months or a year the three greatest undeveloped

Snake River in the Northwest. Ni- endorses this move. agara Falls and the International This Power Authority is a public

HELL'S CANYON TO PAY

ate was voting to give away the intention of carrying out the estaboff-shore oil resources, Interior lished government policy (written Secretary McKay told the Federal into the laws for more than 40 Power Commission that he was years) of giving public-owned elecwithdrawing the objections which tric companies and rural electric his Democratic predecessor, Oscar co-ops first crack at power pro-Chapman, had voiced to giving the duced with public funds. Private Idaho Power Company a license utilities will get this St. Lawrence Indiana Auxiliaries With the President's new appointee sitting as chairman of that Commission, no one here has any doubt who will grab the enormous power potential of the Snake River.

The President backed up Mc-Kay in a press conference, saying the people of Idaho came to him during the campaign and said they wanted Idaho Power Company to have Hell's Canyon. No reporter present reminded him that on Election Day the people of Idaho voted to send to Congress Mrs. Grace Pfost, who had based her campaign on public development of Hell's Canyon, and defeated her Republican opponent who campaigned for the private power company.

Some reporter might also have the gates to 7,000 unorganized non-er isn't even an Idaho company. production workers since their It's owned in Boston. It grazes on wages could be paid on cost-plus the people of Idaho but the milk-The strike turned into a test run contracts. And it ran to the friend- ing end of the animal is "down

> This Hell's Canyon give-away is permanent. It cannot be taken back

The Idaho Power Company's plan for the Snake River falls short by a wide margin of the power potential that would be developed under the government's plan. A large part of the river's power will be lost forever. High electric rates charged Second step was taken by the by the private company will hold back industrial development and House when it chopped off an- new jobs in the area. They will other big slice and adopted a also prevent development of the policy of cutting in private great potash beds nearby which

> bilities of Niagara Falls will be turned over to private power

hydro-power sites will have been rence River power is about to be refused to provide electric service. stolen from the public and deliv- turned over by the Federal Power | The same purpose is being ered cost-free to private interests. Commission to the New York Pow- served by the man Eisenhower These are Hell's Canyon on the er Authority. The President also chose to head up the Rural Elec-

Rapids of the St. Lawrence River. body but, loaded with Dewey ap-On the afternoon when the Sen-license it stated frankly it had no

Danish Co-op Beer Floats School Fund

For more than 50 years, a cooperative brewery in Denmark owned by the labor movement has devoted substantial funds to workers' education.

The Star Brewery, entirely owned by the trade-unions, got two-thirds of its initial financing from the bakery workers, onethird from the rest of the labor movement. Now Denmark's third largest brewery, it supports a Youth Study Fund that sends union members' sons to engineering schools and to agricultural, commercial and technical colleges.

The union brewery also contributes to the Workers Schools that train union leaders. It may make additional funds available to ICFTU training schools for free labor organizers in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean area.

tinue to pay through the nose.

IMMEDIATE PAIN

These three power give-aways will begin to take their toll of the public some years from now as the projects are completed. But the House action in gutting Interior Department appropriations will hit fast and hard.

The device used here by the give-away gang was to deny funds for building public transmission lines in many areas where publicly-generated lowcost power is available. As a result, the power will have to be transmitted from the generators to where the consumers are by private utility lines. Municipal electric companies and the electric co-ops will get the power only on the private companies'

In 1952 rural electric co-ops of companies by the Capehart-Miller the country paid, on the average, Bill on which a House Commit- 4.9 mills per kilowatt-hour for the tee is now holding hearings. juice they bought from govern-Again the result will be high ment dams. They paid 8.6 mills for rates for household consumers | the power they bought from private and industries, holding back the lutility companies. The House acindustrial development and the tion is calculated to make sure job opportunities of that area. that the additional power they get CIO is appearing against this from here on will be bought from Under this combined drive by deal, demanding instead that Con- private companies. Ultimate purgress enact the Lehman-Roosevelt pose, obviously, is to destroy the Bill which would develop Niagara | co-ops and let the private com-Power for the benefit of the public. panies take over this rural market Our country's share of St. Law- where for years and years they

> tric Administration, Archer Nelsen, and by the slashing of REA loan

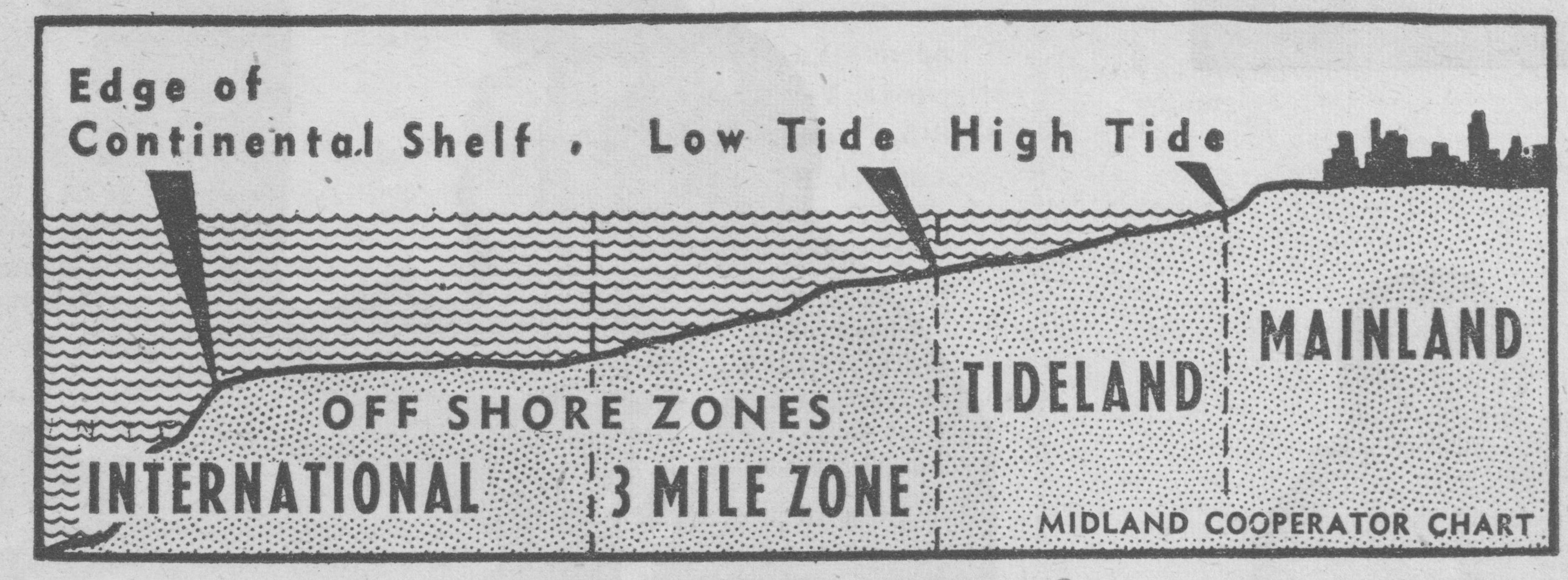
First determined stand against pointees, it is no friend of the this power give-away plan of the public. In asking FPC for this new Administration is expected to be made when the Interior Appropriation Bill hits the Senate floor. Like the off-shore steal, it may be put over, but the public will get full and adequate opportunity to find out what's being taken from them.

To Push Politics

NEW CASTLE, Indiana — Eighty delegates, representing eight Indiana UAW-CIO Auxiliaries, set their sights on increased political action at a conference held here this month in Local 371's new hall.

Speakers at the conference included Lavon Harding, president of the Local 59 Auxiliary; Leroy Bauldin, president of Local 371; Region 3 International Representative Bill Cauldwell; Jennie Myers, president of the Indiana State Auxiliaries Council, CIO, and Catherine Gelles, secretary of the International Auxiliaries, UAW-CIO.

The following auxiliaries were represented: Auxiliary 41, South Bend, which won the \$25 top prize for the Region's auxiliary membership drive; Auxiliary 59, New Castle; Auxiliary 45, South Bend; Auxiliary 57, Fort Wayne; Auxiliary 48, Muncie; Auxiliary 203, Anderson; Auxiliary 243, Evansville, and Auxiliary 285, Kokomo.



THE REAL STORY—This chart shows what the so-called "tidelands" oil fight in Washington was all about. No one was trying to take the tidelands area away from the states. It is the "off-shore" zone, beyond the tidelands, which the Supreme Court has ruled three times belongs to the federal government. But, in spite of this, the Eisenhower Administration and the powerful oil lobby have pushed a bill through Congress to give the off-shore area to three states, where it will be easier to exploit the rich natural resources in the zone. Both the AFL and CIO still ask a bill to use revenue from these resources for improvement of public schools in all 48 states. (LPA).

Congress Rams Through Off-Shore Oil Steal; Plans to Give Business Other U.S. Resources

WASHINGTON—First installment of the gigantic give-away program of ? the Eisenhower Administration was put on its way to the White House May 5 when the Senate voted 56 to 35 to approve the Off-shore Oil Bill giving three states valuable gas and oil resources that belong to all 48 states.

The House promptly voted by better than 2 to 1 to approve the Senate Bill.

CIO President Walter P. Reuther wrote to President Eisenhower urging him to give most serious consideration to vetoing the off-shore oil bill.

The bill turns over to coastal states all oil and gas resources under the sea for a distance of jority Leader of the Senate which has been substantially cut down leagues, or $10\frac{1}{2}$ miles.)

OVERRIDE SUPREME COURT

Beneficiaries of the grab are California, Texas and Louisiana. coasts.

Each of these three states had brought suit in court to establish its right to these submerged lands. Three times the Supreme Court said they did not now own them and never had owned them. The Federal Government, it said, has paramount interest in the wealth of these submerged lands.

A Republican-Dixiecrat Congress has reversed the Supreme Court. A Republican President is expected, in fulfillment of a campaign prom- Negro Educator ise that won him the electoral votes of Texas and almost captured Lou- Wins in Atlanta isiana, to approve the bill. Twice before Congress had voted this steal but both times Truman stopped it been elected to Atlanta's Board of with his veto.

OIL LOBBY BACKED

lands will be vested in the states his white opponent, J. H. Landers, and the oil companies wield great who held the post for 26 years. they have in negotiating drilling his election wasn't "a personal vic- cation. licenses. Acting through so-called tory. It's a victory for the people. conservation commissions in the I've been feeling for some time every step of the give-away prooil-producing states they fix the that the people of the South are gram as it comes to light will be amount that can be drawn from far ahead of what some think they required to keep the off-shore oil wells and thus maintain the price are." of oil where they want it.

This first major legislative act of the new Administration not only gives away valuable public property; it sets a precedent for giving away to special interests the vast wealth of public lands within the boundaries of other states.

Public lands of western states contain more wealth than anyone has ever been able to measure. The oil shale and coal deposits alone are conservatively estimated to be worth almost a trillion dollarsone thousand billion dollars, that

But there are other valuable minerals, and timber, and grazing rights, and water for irrigation, and falling water for generating power. Theft of this whole national treasure house is threatened by the bill which President Eisenhower is about to sign, for it says that the wealth of public lands within the boundaries of the coastal states belongs to those states, not to the nation.

REVERSE GOP POLICY

The fact that this wealth has been conserved in the public lands of the west is due, strange as it may seem today, to three Republican presidents. When they saw the nation's natural resources rapidly being grabbed up, ruthlessly exploited and destroyed, these earlier Republicans persuaded Congress to set aside permanently large areas of the west which had been retained by the United States when the various states were admitted to the Union.

Theodore Roosevelt was the Republican President who did

most to save this wealth for the benefit of future generations. But President Benjamin Harrison before him had made a move in that direction, and President William Howard Taft after him had carried on in the T. R. tra-

three miles off shore. (In the threatens these public lands. In from what was originally hoped case of Texas and the Florida payment for votes on Election Day, for. west coast the limit is three the first Republican President in PUBLIC PRESSURE HELPED 20 years will sign the bill which carries this grave danger to our national future.

WANTED EVEN MORE

torical boundaries," but did not de- against the grab. fine those boundaries. This was left open for future determination by | Congress. The three states hoped | eventually to get control of the entire Continental Shelf, which reaches beyond three miles and in the Gulf of Mexico goes out 150

Estimates of the amount of oil and gas in these submerged lands

Education for the first time since Civil War reconstruction days.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president The oil industry lobby was be- of Atlanta University (Negro) re-

compared to 92,000 whites.

vary widely. The lowest is fifty billion dollars' worth at present prices; the highest is 300 billion dollars' worth.

But the estimates generally agree that only about one-sixth of the total will be found within the three-mile limit which the bill, as it finally passed, turns over to the coastal states.

Thus the steal as it now stands

Public pressure caused this shrinkage in the size of the steal. Perhaps it will turn out to be only a delay. But because of the mag-Disgraceful and dangerous as the nificent five-weeks' fight put up So far as anyone now knows, these Off-shore Oil Bill is, it is not all by the stalwart band of liberals are the only states that will find that the plunder boys planned. As in the Senate, the letters began oil in the submerged lands off their first introduced, the House and to pour in on the Republicans. The Senate Bills gave the coastal states volume of letters became a flood the off-shore oil "within their his- and overwhelmingly they were

> As a result, Holland amended his bill to make it limit at three miles provision to have Congress later

In addition, Taft three times during the debate promised to bring in a bill confirming control in the federal government of the submerged lands beyond the three-mile limit.

what the three states had planned Astin's firing until fall. to steal from them.

hind the bill. Title to the off-shore ceived 22,259 votes to 13,936 for Amendment's to the first backer, dope and that Amendment' to the forthcoming plum. Astin happens to be a regis- play of the market place." What Continental Shelf Bill is necessary tered Republican. The reason this means is made clear by some Landers was among the first to to get the revenues from that out- Weeks fired Astin was not politics other things Weeks said. bigger they are, the bigger edge congratulate Dr. Clement, who said er area earmarked for aid to edu- but business.

> Continuing public pressure on steal from setting a precedent for It was obvious that a large num- robberies that will add up to 100 ber of whites voted for Dr. Clem- times the size of this first one. ent, since there are only 18,000 (Second step in the give-away proregistered Negro voters in the city, gram is described in the public power story in this issue.)

Seaman the distance off-shore the states would get title to. He deleted the Weeks Discharges Astin determine how far out their "historical boundaries" lie. For Protecting Customers

WASHINGTON - Secretary of Commerce Weeks shocked even a large part of Eisenhower's friendly press when he fired Allen V. Astin from his job as Director of the Government's Bureau of Standards.

"The United States Congress"

Continuing public pressure on Republicans to make Taft carry to of scientists makes a commit-ATLANTA (LPA)—A Negro has out his promise will save for the tee of scientists make a report on up every so often as "new discovother 45 states a lion's share of the controversy and deferred eries" for putting pep in fading

BUSINESS REASONS

Continuing and unremitting pres- The Bureau of Standards job has tests of this battery dope and that

Weeks fired Astin because the manufacturer of a dope for auto batteries didn't like what the Bureau said about his product. It reported that the tests showed the product was of no help in the normal operation of a battery, and in some cases might do harm.

The product, it appears, is a mixture of Epsom's Salts and Glau-

When the protests piled up, ber's Salts. For many years these batteries.

> Weeks said the Bureau had not been "sufficiently objective" in its

RESEARCH BODY

The Bureau of Standards is strictly a scientific research and testing agency. One of its services to the government is to test products for the Federal Trade Commission and the Post Office Department, both of which are charged by law with protecting the consuming public against products that are misrepresented or fraudulently advertised.

The Trade Commission has been doing this, with the Bureau's help, since its creation in 1914. It survived 12 years of Republican rule between 1920 and 1932, but the newly-installed business-man's government appears to be gunning for it.

Weeks' statements before a Senate Subcommittee show that he thinks the consumer should not get this protection from the Trade Commission. He thinks they should be allowed to buy worthless products, providing they are not downright harmful.

"Never give a sucker an even break" is the plain way to put it.

PERSONAL GRUDGE

Assistant Secretary of Commerce Craig Sheaffer, who played a leading role in the firing of Astin. has a personal axe to grind with the Trade Commission. In 1945 it ordered his (Sheaffer) Pen Company to cease and desist representing its product as a "life-time" pen when in fact it makes a charge for replacing the worn out pen points.

One after another the country's important scientific societies are protesting the damaging effect of Weeks' action on the Bureau of Standards where 400 staff scientists were reported as ready to resign when Weeks pulled back his original order and delayed the firing of Astin until next fall.

Meanwhile a committee named by the National Academy of Sciences is studying the operations of the Bureau.



Labor and all America sufdeath claimed New York's Senator Robert F. Wagner, whose devotion to the welfare of working people is engraved indelibly in the legislative history of our nation.

The CIO Executive Officers, President Walter P. Reuther, Executive Vice-President John V. Riffe and Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey, sent the following message to Mr. Robert F. Wagner, Jr.:

"Please accept the heartfelt condolences of the officers and members of the Congress of Industrial Organizations upon the death of your illustrious father, Senator Robert F. Wagner.

"No man in recent American history more deservedly won a reputation as a friend of the working people of this nation, as a staunch supporter of democratic unionism, as a true believer in the fundamental spirit of democracy.

"He won the people's affection not only through his sponsorship of the National Labor

Relations Act, but through the the New York City Council, fered a tragic loss May 4 when identification of his name with CIO." a whole series of legislative proposals in the fields of health, housing, education and social security. Robert F. Wagner was known to every American working man and working woman as their champion, and as an honest, dynamic and effective fighter for the common good.

> "Our America will be the poorer through the loss of Robert F. Wagner. We mourn his passing, but we know that his name in 1918. He was appointed to will long live as a symbol of the best, the most humane thinking in American life.

"We have designated the following officials of our organization to represent the CIO formally at the funeral services for your father: President Jacob S. Potofsky of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, President Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union, President Emil Rieve of the Textile Workers' Union of America, President President Michael J. Quill of lie life.

A native of Germany, Wagner came to this country with his parents when he was eight. The family was poor, and young Bob worked as a newsboy while attending grammar school and as a tutor at the College of the City of New York.

He received his law degree from New York Law School in 1900. He was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1905, to the State Senate in 1908 and to the State Supreme Court the Appellate Division of the court in 1925 by Governor Alfred E. Smith, who had worked with him in battling for social legislation and government re-

Wagner resigned from the bench in 1926 to run for his first term in the U.S. Senate, where he was among the first to warn of the approaching depression and to introduce legislation to cope with falling employment.

He served in the U.S. Senate Louis Hollander of the New until 1949, when failing health York State CIO Council and forced his retirement from pub-

Banker Humphrey Dusts Off Mellon's Portrait and Ideas

WASHINGTON—Over in the Treasury building, behind the desk of the Secretary of the Treasury, hangs the portrait of Andrew Mellon. When George M. Humphrey came in from his steel and coal empire at Cleveland to take over the Treasury post under Eisenhower, he had Mellon's portrait brought out of hiding, dusted off and hung in the place of honor.

Mellon was a banker. More than that he was Secretary of Because, they say, we are still on the Treasury under Coolidge the inflation side and have to quiet things down. and Hoover. More than that he was the man in the government on consumer spending, making it those days who knew what he harder for business to sell things, wanted to do and did it.

wanted to raise the value of the tion and lay workers off? That may dollar. Dollars are a banker's be, they say, but it's better to bring merchandise. In fact, bankers man- on some deflation than to run any ufacture dollars by making entries risk at all of inflation. on their deposits ledger. When they WANT BRAKES ON lend those manufactured dollars to borrowers, they want to collect high it's a good idea to hold the economy interest rates. That's what makes a little below its highest produca dollar valuable—to a banker.

TO CREATE DEPRESSION

ing the value of a dollar—by boost- pressure and brightening things up ing interest rates—that finally in again. 1930 he helped bring the world tumbling about his ears—and ours. asked why he sat there tapping Like any banker is likely to do, his head with a hammer? His anhe forgot about what dollars are swer was, "It feels so good when good for and thought only about I stop." plain people didn't have enough not the real answer, of course.

He was so sure that a highvalue dollar was proof of prosperity that he didn't see we were hell bent for the biggest crash in our history.

That's how Andrew Mellon became the architect of the great depression of 1930.

Mellon's portrait rides again. The azine, recently expressed the opinnew Under-secretary of the Treas- ion that the banker boys are going their belts. ury is a top banker from one of too far with this "tight-money" our biggest banks. Interest rates policy. are being raised higher and higher. Every time the Treasury puts out a new issue of government notes it raises the rate which it offers to pay to the banks, insurance companies and big investors it borrows from. (The rate it pays to little investors on Series E and F bonds is limited by law.)

BOOSTS INTEREST RATES

Every time the Treasury forces its creditors to accept higher interest rates, the bankers around the country raise the rate on the dollars they manufacture and lend to customers. The cost of interest to home buyers, car buyers, TV buyers, etc., is making it cost more to agreement reached recently bebuy these things and making it harder for people to buy them.

Higher interest rates, coming at a time when business has lost its inflationary vigor, and with reduced defense expenditures not too many months away, begin to look pretty discouraging to businessmen, too.

Why does the Treasury do it?

Cheaper to Fly Than Drive Car

MUSKEGON, Mich. - Miles Chase, a member of UAW Local UAW-CIO fly his plane 52 miles from his home at Walkerville to his own private where landing field near Muskegon, where he then catches a car en route to the Getty Street plant of Continen- IN ARIZONA tal. Not only cheaper, it's quicker -30 minutes.

powered by a Continental 85-horse- ning bargaining rights at the clauses in union contracts providing vote was: UAW-CIO 247; Melders motion to set aside the certificapower engine, of course, uses approximately four gallons of avia- Palmer Manufacturing Com- the U.S. armed forces. synthetic seniority for veterans of void 5. The UAW-CIO had a slim until May 20 to do so. And the tion gas, slightly higher than ordi- pany in an election held April nary gasoline. To take a car to 3, it was announced by Cy Mr. Justice Burton, the high court and from the job would require O'Halloran, director of UAW- reviewed the arguments and reseven or more gallons daily of gas- CIO Region 6. oline, plus the usual inconveniences of rush-hour traffic.

As Chase puts it so aptly, "There are no stop signs in the sky."

Of course, there's a union angle involved, too. The lucky Miles improves UAW-CIO organizing pos- held in favor of the union. cooperation!

But aren't you putting a damper persuading businessmen to reduce Being a banker, Andrew Mellon their inventories, cut their produc-

As a matter of fact—they say tion and employment level because then if trouble develops we will Mellon was so successful in rais- have some leeway for easing the

Ever hear of the man who was

value of the dollar. Dollars come first with them, jobs second.

the value of a man.

But some in the business world are beginning to squawk. Business with their contract in good

It said:

"We are glad to know the brakes ALL-OUT FIGHT work, but we don't want to go through the windshield."

Mr. Humphrey, that is.

Chrysler Retirees Get Vacation Pay

Chrysler workers compelled to retire before the May 1 vacation eligibility date still will get their vacation pay under terms of a precedent-setting tween the Corporation and the UAW-CIO, it was announced by Norman Matthews, Director of the Chrysler Department.

The pact was made retroactive to include workers forced to retire after December 1, 1952.

If a worker has been em-ployed during eight of the 12 preceding months, following May 1, 1952, even though he may have worked only a day in a given month, he still gets his regular vacation payment.

The score was UAW-CIO 127, IAM 7, AFL Sheetmetal Workers 6, and "No Union" 50.

bring its benefits to the workers.



ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA—Roy Busch, president of Local 879, UAW-CIO, turns the first shovel of earth in groundbreaking ceremonies for the Local's \$80,000 union headquarters to be located across from the Twin Cities Ford Plant. Looking on are, l. to r., Don Livingston, chairman of the subcommittee on building; Arne Cline and Bill Praml, unit committeemen; Bob Killeen, building chairman; International Representative Bill Dunford and Frank J. Widerski, the Local's secretary-treasurer.

how good is a dollar. He didn't see, as 1930 approached, that the see, as 1930 approached, that the plain people didn't have enough not the real answer of course. Modine Workers Win 25-Cent Pay Boost not the real answer of course. of his valuable dollars to buy things with. He was so sure that a high The real answer is that bankers have moved in, and, as stated above, bankers like to raise the

RACINE, Wisconsin—A smart aleck personnel man learned They would raise the value of he couldn't kick the Auto Workers around in this town, as requiring the U.S. marshal to the dollar even though it lowers UAW-CIO Local 82 settled its bitter strike with the Modine Manufacturing Company.

After seven months the Modine workers went back to work

Over in the Treasury Building, Week, a strictly from business mag-shape and big pay boosts under increase the base or timing rates shape and big pay boosts under for the incentive workers," explains

Commenting on the Modine victory, Region 10 Director Harvey tried to junk the heart of our con-Kitzman said:

"This was not just a battle between the Local and the Modine dreamed up some legal gimmicks | Besides Kitzman signing the turers."

J. Sahorske, donated their salary died out when the strike ended." increase to the Modine strike fund following the recent UAW-CIO | convention.

break the strike were:

1. Twenty-five cents added to guaranteed earnings all gravy on top. Pieceworkers are now sure of getting anywhere from \$2.05 to \$2.32 an hour.

2. Stronger arbitration which news. Company had tried to water

3. Right to strike during the life of the contract.

come on Saturdays. 5. Union safeguards in disci- tioned above.

"The Union opened the contract to clean up some inequities in the day-rated classifications and also to

Court Upholds Vet Seniority

pline clause.

WASHINGTON - The United States Supreme Court has upheld PHOENIX — UAW-CIO by unanimous decision the right of Chase's light Taylorcraft plane, scored a key victory here, win- unions and employers to negotiate

In a decision issued recently by versed the findings of the United States Count of Appeals for the Sixth District. This Appeals Court had earlier reversed the United

Chase just happened to have a de-sibilities in this area, Director The right of the UAW-CIO to gin bargaining for a contract. partmental steward, Arthur Gale, O'Halloran said. There are several negotiate an agreement of this type | The Molders then filed exceptions | case—apparently in fear of Repubwho owns a pasture suitable for other shops, including Grand Cen- with the Ford Louisville plant had to the Regional Director's recom- lican sharpshooters like Shafer. landing purposes not too far dis- tral Aircraft at Tucson, where the been challenged in court by a mendations and also filed unfair who are in a big hurry to rip out tant from the plant. That old UAW | Union now has opportunities to group of veteran labor practice charges against what little guts remain in the Naworkers.

for the incentive workers," explains Local President Louis Raschke.

"A green personnel director then tract."

LEGAL TRICKS FIZZLE

"writ of replevin" from the court and Stephen Held.

enter the strike-bound plant and transport materials out. Federal Judge Robert Tehan let UAW-CIO Counsel Max Raskin step in to argue the Union's side. Raskin maintained the "replevin" doctrine did not apply to a strike situation.

Teamwork among all labor groups in Racine helped Modine workers find temporary jobs during the strike and kept the Mo-"During the strike, the Company dine plant shut down completely.

Neither do we, Mr. Mellon . . . Company. This was a war between aimed at hurting picket-line mo- agreement for the Union was Harthe whole labor movement and the rale. The Company expected this old Thompson, international repre-National Association of Manufac- glorified injunction to empty the sentative, who led negotiations. Modine plant, but instead the issue Members of the Local 82 Bargain-Kitzman and his assistant, Frank dragged along in court and finally ing Committee are: Louis Raschke, James Ress, Adolph Penn, Louis Supplier firms tried to get a Held, Joe Perino, Arthur Dunleavy

Won after many attempts to break the strike were: Congressmen, Union, Employer all base rates, with 25 per cent Ganging Up on UAW at Albion

When a union and an employer and a Republican congressman gang up to do a job on the workers in another union—that's

The story is from Albion, Michigan, where workers in the Albion Malleable Iron Company 4. Full pay when holidays tection because of the die-hard fair labor practice charges against tactics of the three outfits men-

> UAW-CIO is the union that is getting the business.

The employer is the Albion Malleable Iron Company.

The Congressman is Paul Shafer

of the 3rd Michigan District. The union playing footsie with Shafer and the employer is the

AFL Molders Union.

UAW WON VOTE

Here is the calendar of events: On January 16, 1953, UAW-CIO won a collective bargaining representation election at the plant. The but clear majority.

The Molders promptly filed an objection, claiming UAW-CIO did not get a majority, and disputing the citizenship of six of the workers who had voted.

States Western District Court of al Director dismissed the objections plant. Winning of this election greatly | Kentucky, which had originally as groundless and recommended | According to UAW-CIO attorthat UAW-CIO be certified to be- neys, NLRB has retreated into a

UAW-CIO. At this point the Com- tional Labor Relations Act.

are going without union pro- pany pitched in and also filed un-

CERTIFIED ONCE

On April 20, NLRB certified UAW-CIO as the collective bargaining agency for Albion Malleable workers.

The Molders and the Company then filed motions to set aside the certification on the grounds that their unfair labor practice charges were still pending.

On May 7 the NLRB dismissed the unfair labor practice charges filed against UAW-CIO. The Company came back and asked NLRB for permission to submit new evidence in support of its legal merry-go-round is still whirling.

Throughout the history of the case, Congressman Shafer has been meddling, tampering and horsing around, trying to blackjack NLRB On March 12, the NLRB Region- into keeping UAW-CIO out of the

needlessly spineless position on this

Alert Citizens Mobilize To Fight Effort To Destroy Social Security

WASHINGTON-Labor will have the alert and determined support of national organizations of veterans, women, minority, New Secretary Hobby civic, welfare, religious and welfare organizations in a nation-wide counterattack against attempts by the U.S. Chamber of Rewrites Constitution

Commerce and others to destroy the Federal Social Secu- had helped draft the law and had WASHINGTON-Mrs. Oveta Culp rity System under the pretext been in charge of its administra- Hobby tried to rewrite the U.S. of "improving," "extending" tion until a few weeks ago, sent an Constitution in her first press conand "including everybody" on for greater citizen participation Education and Welfare. a "pay-as-you-go" basis.

month when representatives of forward toward our goal." to ax the social security program, 34 such organizations met in an The conference directed a con- Mrs. Hobby said: "In my opinion, all-day Citizens Conference on So- | tinuation committee to report | we are carrying out the intent of cial Security. CIO and AFL Social the conclusions of the meeting the preamble of the Constitution, Security experts assisted the nation's outstanding Social Security authorities in describing the nature and extent of the slick Time-Life-Fortune type of attack on The committee was likewise di- carefully the word 'promote' rather Social Security, including the fed- rected to watch and report develop- than 'provide for.'"

to the nation's aged, dependent, amount. disabled and unemployed.

of the Jewish Welfare Board and of the Conference Steering Com- tution framers she seeks to inter- Federal Civil Service Pension Elizabeth Magee, executive secre- mittee. He and James Brindle, act- pret, who seemed to have had the tary of the National Consumers ing director of the UAW-CIO So- peculiar idea that Americans, par-Dr. Edwin Witte, Professor of Eco- pated in the meeting. nomics at the University of Wis-Act itself.

washing Ton-Nicholas Dragone of the drafters of the origple who have paid into it in a posicontributions are less than half of zona and New Mexico, told the inal Social Security Act, as a tion of asking for a dole to keep that. Senate Agricultural Committee 'Baby Townsend Plan in them alive after retirement. that foreign migrant workers are which Santa Claus is not the being used to create "agricultural government, but the workers" sweatshops and slums" in calling upon the Committee to change laws who have contributed to the which discriminate against U. S. Old Age and Survivors Insurcitizens.

He protested against the law ests to pay cheap imported labor related to previous earnings. for three-fourths of a year while U. S. citizens can be hired just for the peak season and then fired.

earnest warning of "the necessity ference as Secretary of Health,

fare Secretary Hobby, as she had and promote the general welfare." requested in a message to the | She added, "In my opinion, the conference.

The initiative for calling the | took to take the facts developed at | the body of the Constitution (which | ganizations of trained men and formed opposition to attacks on the government said: "The Congress women who know what a return | Social Security system, at the same | shall have the power to . . . PROto pre-Social Security and pre- time urging extension and improve- VIDE FOR the common defense New Deal conditions will mean | ment of benefits in scope and and general welfare of the United

not only in preserving the prog- Apparently in an attempt to This was demonstrated here this ress we have made but in moving justify the security agency's efforts to Health, Education and Wel- 'to provide for the common defense

founders of our government chose

States."

read the whole Constitution.



ARTHUR J. ALTMEYER, former Social Security Commissioner, discusses the threat to Social Security with Mrs. Kitty Ellickson, CIO association director of education.

Social Security, including the federal system of grants in aid for public assistance. The special security, including the federal system of grants in aid for public assistance. The special security, including the federal rected to watch and report developments in the fight. The special security, including the federal system of grants in aid for provide for. The special security, including the federal system of grants in aid for provide for. The special security including the federal system of grants in aid for provide for. The special system of grants in aid for provide for grants in aid for provide for grants in aid for provide the initiative for calling the conference came from the mathematics welfare workers, the ortion's welfare workers, the ortion's welfare workers, the ortion's welfare workers, the ortook to take the facts developed at the body of the Constitution (which the May 14 meeting back to their counts for a lot more than the preamble). In it the founders of our constitution (which the May 14 meeting back to their counts for a lot more than the preamble). In it the founders of our constitution (which the May 14 meeting back to their counts for a lot more than the preamble). In it the founders of our constitution (which the May 14 meeting back to their counts for a lot more than the preamble). In it the founders of our constitution (which the May 14 meeting back to their counts for a lot more than the preamble). In it the founders of our constitution (which the May 14 meeting back to their counts for a lot more than the preamble). In it the founders of our constitution (which the May 14 meeting back to their counts for a lot more than the preamble). In it the founders of our constitution (which the May 14 meeting back to their counts for a lot more than the preamble). In it the founders of our constitution (which the May 14 meeting back to their counts for a lot more than the preamble). In it the founders of our constitution (which the May 14 meeting back to their counts for a lot more than the preamble of the may 14 meeting back to their counts for a lot more than the preamble of the may 14 meeting back to the may 1

WASHINGTON-"Mr. Social Security"-former Social Security Commissioner Arthur Altmeyer—has not been soured by the shabby treatment given him recently when, at age 62, he Paul Sifton, UAW-CIO Legisla- Mrs. Hobby's opinion apparently was reorganized out of office three weeks before he would have Co-chairmen were Philip Schiff tive Representative, is a member was not the opinion of the Consti- qualified for full survivorship benefits for his wife under the

System. Altmeyer's interest in fight for it are undampened. League. The principal speaker was cial Security Department, partici- ticularly cabinet officers, should Social Security and his quiet The day Altmeyer was leaving

determination to continue the fare Secretary Hobby sent word to Altmeyer that, because of his circumstances, he could stay on as "consultant for the time needed to qualify for full benefits for his wife."

REFUSES TOKEN JOB

A few weeks later, Altmeyer had sold his home here and was lecturing at the University of Minnesota.

Here are excerpts from the letter Altmeyer sent to the Citizens' Conference on Social Security which brought tears of anger to the eyes of some who had been with him in the early days of the fight for Social Security and who knew the circumstances of his "retirement."

"The quest for Social Security is an ancient quest and a never-ending quest. It is by no means a frill, or a social worker's dream or a demagogue's delight. Those who say that people cannot have both liberty and security do not understand the meaning of these basic concepts. In our democracy the positive idea of liberty in the sense of true equality of opportunity must prevail. Liberty in the negative sense of being let alone can simply mean, as some wag has expressed it, a 'state of ragged individualism with every one being free to work out his own destitu-

TEXT OF DREAM

"Social Security does not mean as pledged by President Eisen- | that everyone shall be guaranteed all the good things of life without Cruikshank pointed out that the any effort on his part. Its goal is

words" to attack the program. | Harvard University, as long ago as Mrs. Ellickson also warned of 1911, pointed the way. He said:

"'A declaration of independence, if it were written now, would among other things set forth that every citizen in a free state has an inalienable right to that amount of employment which will yield for him and his family a deecnt living, that every worker has a right to be insured against the personal losses due to acute sickness, chronic invalidism, injuries through accident, and the inevitable disabilities of old age.'

"The Social Security we now a part of the American dream."

of President Roosevelt's 1933-34 Committee on Social Security, helped draft the Social Security

Former Social Security Administrator Arthur Altmeyer, who also

Chamber of Commerce big economy-size package of "peneconomy-size package of "penistrator Arthur Altmeyer, who also economy-size package of "peneconomy-size package of "pene ance Fund."

It would, he showed, scuttle the which requires big farm inter- idea or pensions as an earned right

WOULD DRAIN FUND

Witte told the Citizens' Confer-

The Chamber proposes, he said. to use the social security fund to give a \$25-a-month pension to people over 65 who now receive old age assistance grants and ditional people drawing on the fund, which would mean the \$18 billion reserve in the fund would

WASHINGTON-The U. S. ence on Social Security that the soon be exhausted, Dr. Witte

Dragon Speaks Against sions for everybody" on a in on a "pay-as-you-go" basis, was per cent of payroll contribution by cure and he wouldn't start now. "pay-as-you-go basis" was de- in reality a "hand-to-mouth" sys- the year 2,000, when the people Agricultural Sweatshops pay-as-you-go basis was de scribed by Dr. Edwin Witte, tem which would drain the present now entering industry would be scribed by Dr. Edwin Witte, Social Security fund and place peo- eligible to claims benefits. Present Social Security fund and place peo- eligible to claims benefits. Present

PLAN BACWARD STEPS

Dr. Witte warned that unless effective action is taken to beat back such proposals, the nation faces the very real danger of not only failwho have not paid into the So- ing to make necessary progress in cial Security fund. Contributions | the welfare field, but of losing a into the fund would not be in- good part of the gains made in the creased to cover the 5,000,000 ad- social security field in the last 15

Similar warnings were voiced by a panel of experts including Mrs. Ellickson, Cruikshank, Dr. Davis and Mrs. Marie Lane, of the American Public Welfare Association.

Mrs. Ellickson and Cruikshank are labor representatives on the Chamber - of - Commerce dominated commission appointed by Mrs. Hobby to study the social security system. Mrs. Ellickson declared that the Chamber of Commerce view definitely is dominating commission discussions and that she and Cruikshank have been the only commission members "indiscreet" enough to suggest expanding social security hower.

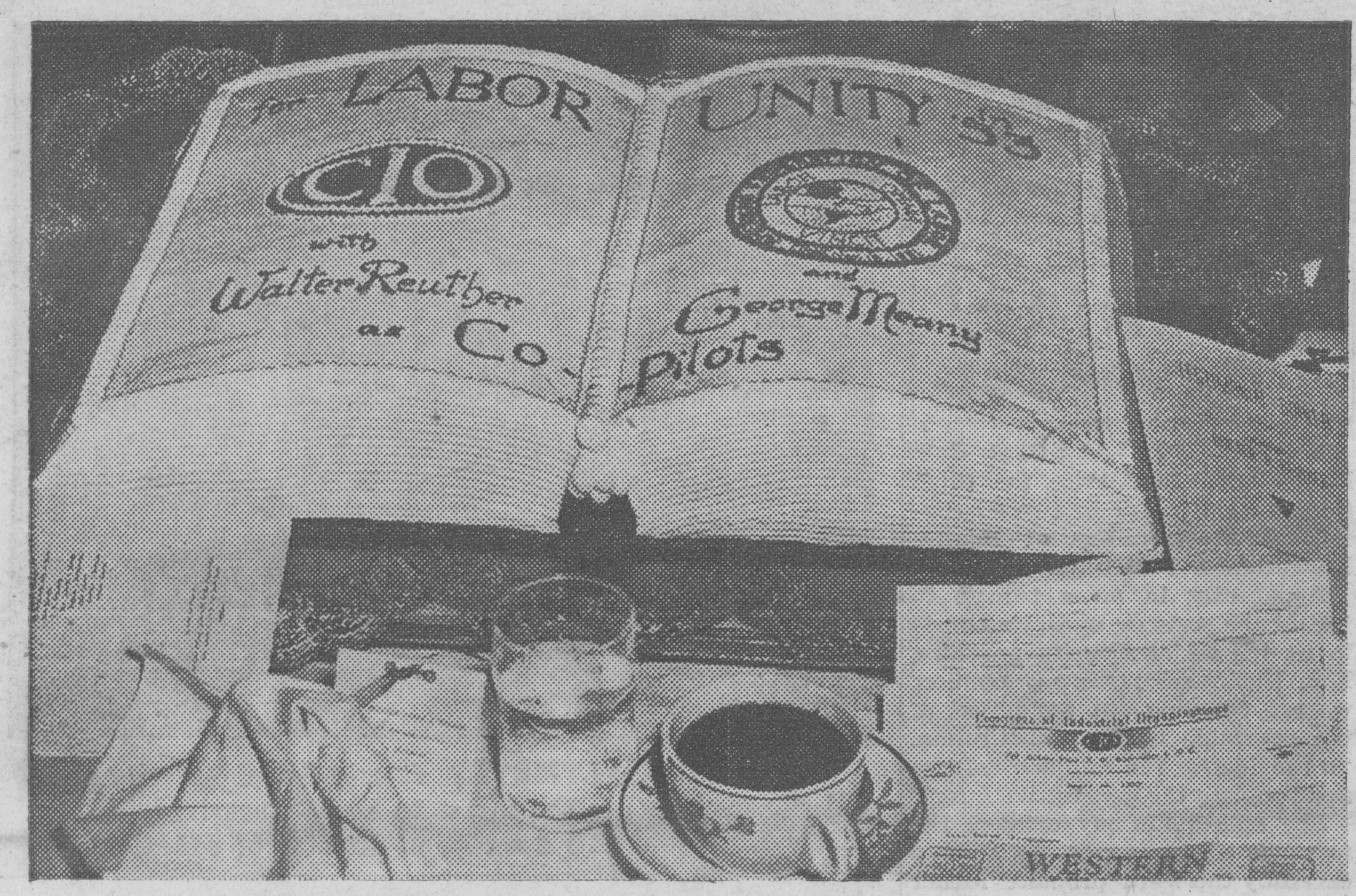
interests always opposed to social not a dead level of uniformity but security have learned they cannot a minimum basic security upon win by direct frontal attacks be- which all Americans can build cause the "American people like more effectively the standard of the program," so they are now re- living they desire, through the sorting to a slick, high-pressure well-known devices of savings, inpublicity campaign in which they surance and home ownership. use "liberal, New Dealish sounding | "Charles W. Eliot, President of

attempts to whittle away at state unemployment insurance programs and cut down on federal participation in these programs. She said the purpose of this drive was also to provide employers with a large group of unemployed and undermine wage standards.

Renewing the charge that the medical advisor provided for Mrs. Hobby in the reorganization of her department "grew out of the American Medical Association's contribution to the last election," Dr. Davis questioned whether such an advisor, if he feels responsible to have is already a part of the Amer-AMA, could "carry out his oath of ican way of life. Let us also make office to serve the interest of all the Social Security we should have the people of the country."



CINCINNATI—K-D Lamp Company workers confidently await results of NLRB election, and their confidence was justified. Despite the long GE strike at nearby Evendale the K-D Lampers voted 3 to 1 to cast out Communist-dominated UE and affiliate with the UAW-CIO. Helping with the advance celebration are UAW International Representative Joe White (center, with the bow tie), who opened the cokes, and big Steve Chevalier, executive secretary of the Greater Cincinnati CIO Industrial Union Council, who is handing a sandwich to Mertie Baird. Region 2A Director Ray Ross master-minded the drive.

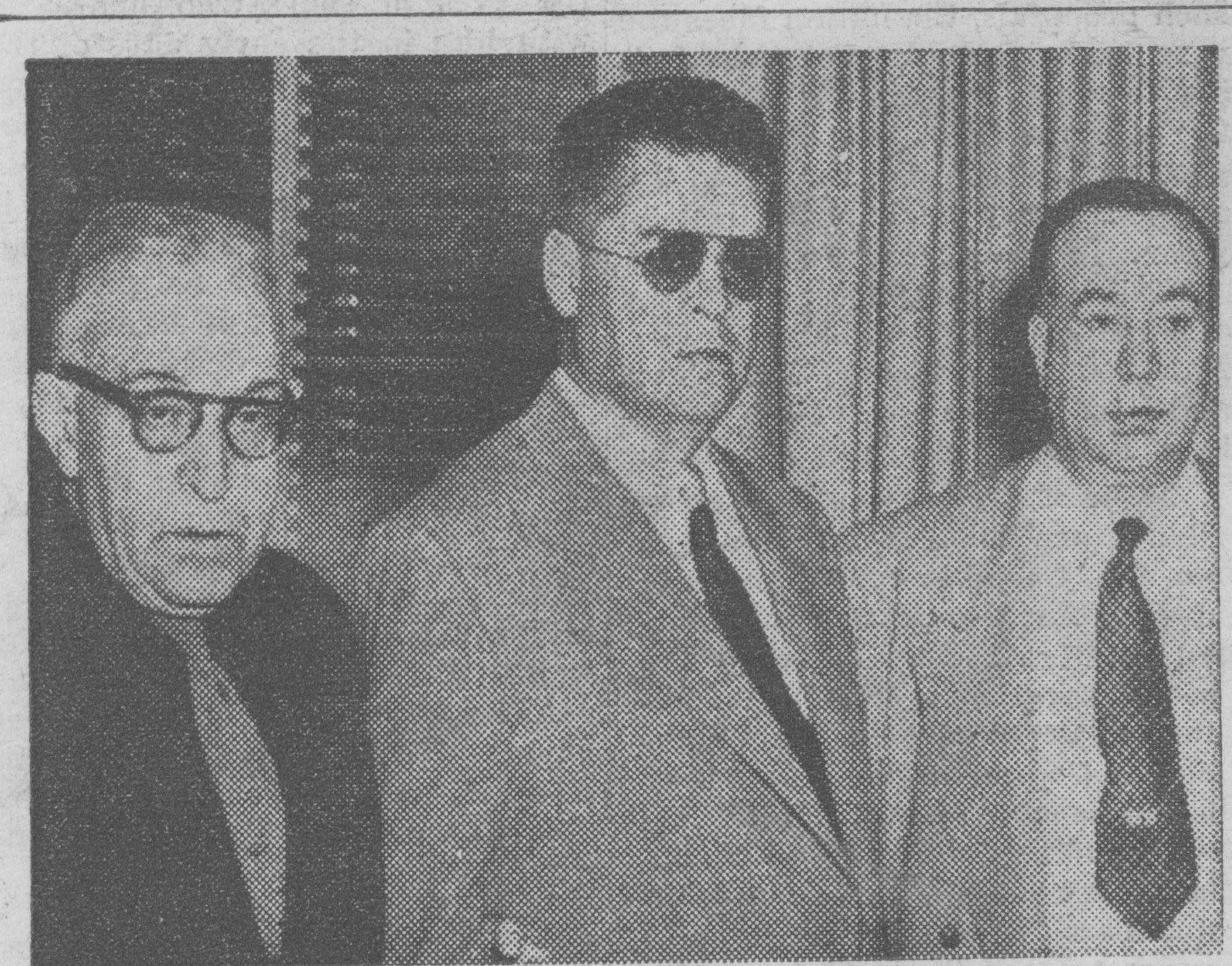


Labor can "have its cake and eat it, too," according to this artistic creation baked by the AFL Bakers' Union in Detroit. The cake was presented to President Walter P. Reuther at a testimonial dinner held in Detroit on May 2. He said he would take it to Washington, so that he could ask AFL President George Meany to join him in cutting it.

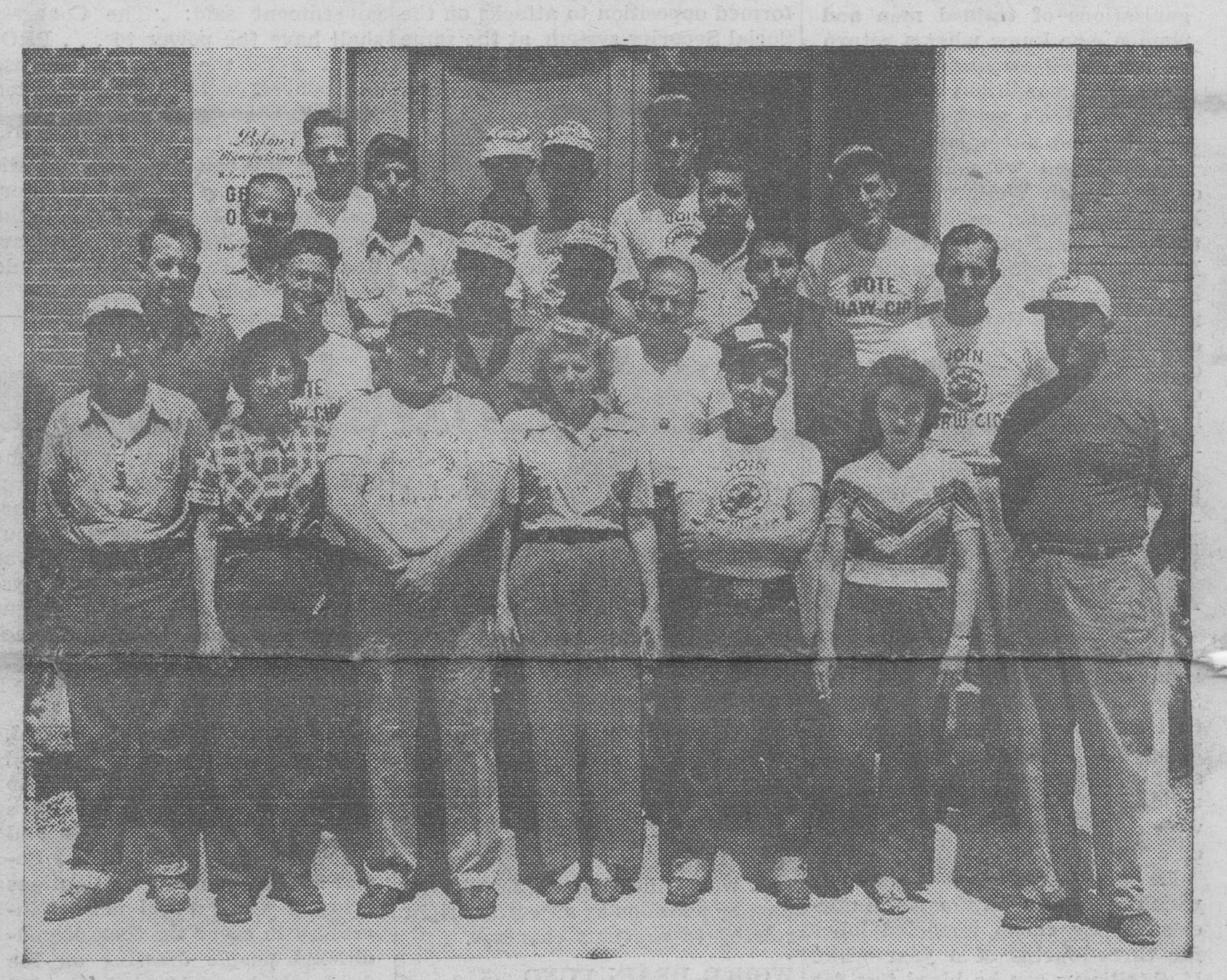




DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS former President Harry S. Truman and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt chat happily after agreeing to serve on the Public Advisory Board of the Philip Murray Memorial Foundation, Inc. The 13-member board will meet with the Board of Trustees, comprising CIO officials, in Washington next month.



JOINT ACTION PLANNED—A committee to work out mutual problems was set up by the CIO and Mexican Confederation of Workers (CTM) at a conference in El Paso, Texas. Among the delegates were (left to right): Dr. Ernst Schwarz, director of the CIO Latin American Affairs Committee: CTM Secretary-General Fidel Velasquez, and R. J. Thomas, assistant to the CIO executive vice-president. (LPA)



Pictured here are some of the charter members of UAW-CIO Local 1119, the newly-organized local at the Palmer Manufacturing Company in Phoenix, Arizona. Left to right are as follows: (front row) E. M. Riddle, Dora Lopez, Dan Pumpin, Betty Good, Ralph Bernardi, Erma Powers, Henry Fowles; (second row) Fred Hess, Jr., Edmond L. Riddle, Victor Kemper, Jessie L. Brooks, Herman Carlson, Daniel Garcia, Al Fenton; (third row) William A. Gillespie, International Representative Don Ehlers, Woodrow McCoy, Francisco L. Torrez, Raymond Revait; (back row) Charles Supon, James Anderson, Raymond Branson. Two other charter members, Monroe Bonner and J. J. Patrick, were absent when the photo was taken.

Retired UAW Member Gets \$600 Pension Check



PENSION HIGHLIGHT was one of the highlights of the life of Alice Vander Cassyn when she gave the Local 771 pension program a good boost, as the pension fund gave her a \$600 check. Left, to right are: Howard McGregor, Jr., President of National Twist Drill; Retiree Cassyn, President Claire D. Phillips of UAW-CIO Local 771, and H. A. Mitzelfeld, Vice-President of National Twist Drill.

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