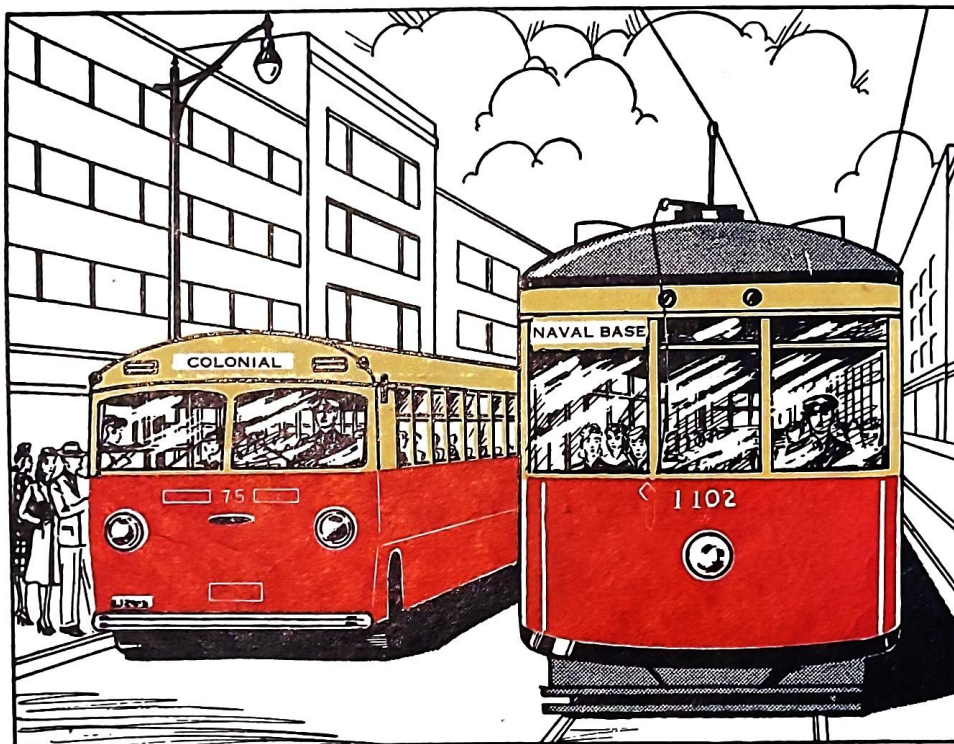


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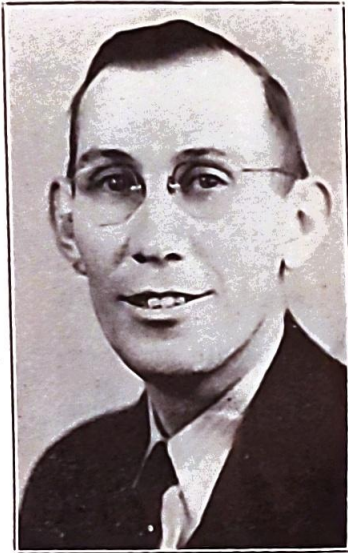
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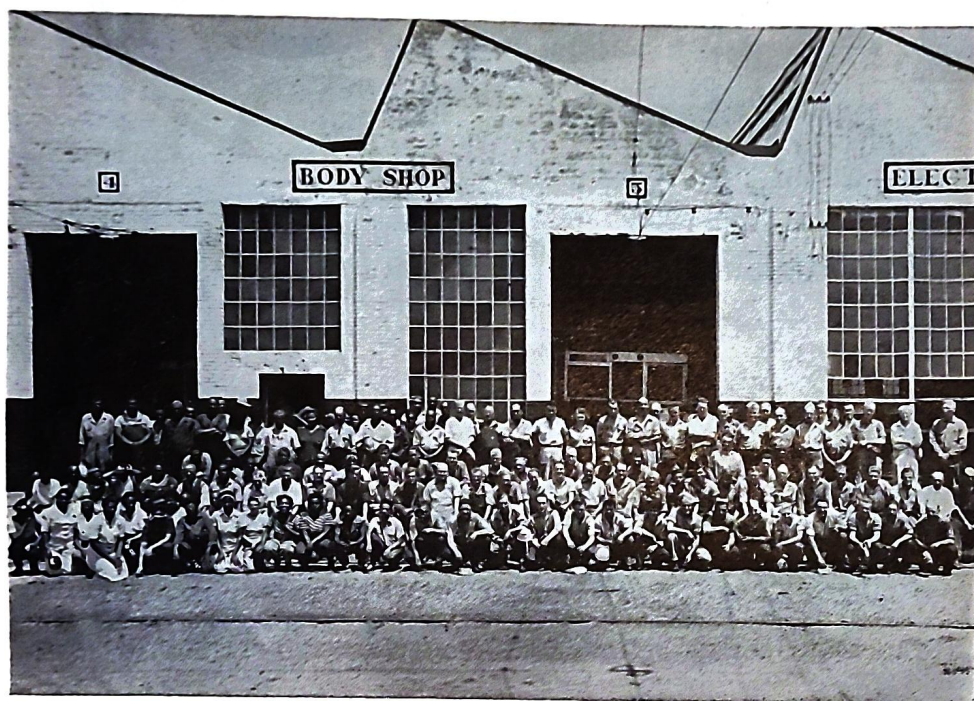
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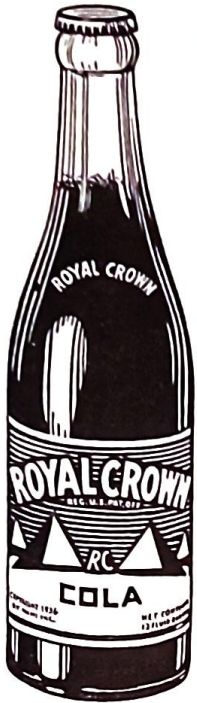


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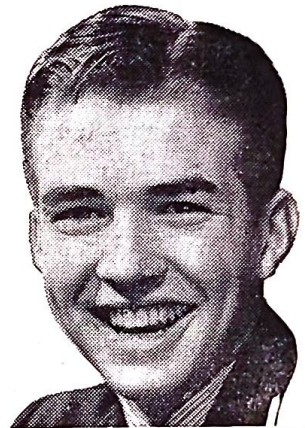
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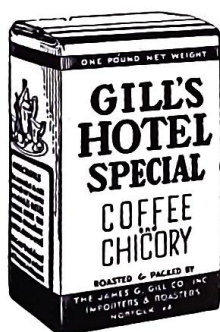
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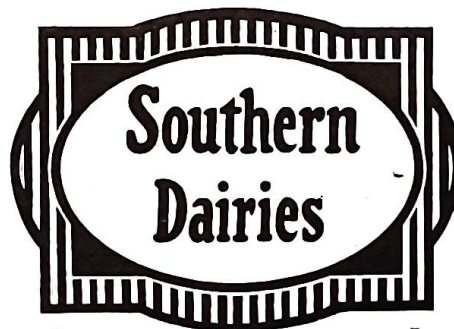
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## INDIANAPOLIS STREET CAR CASE

By MARTIN A. DILLMON

A review of old battles faced by Organized Labor show to the newer members of our movement that what the working people enjoy today is a new deal—in fact as well as in name.

In April of 1926, General Organizer Robert B. Armstrong, of the AFL Street Car Men's Union, a St. Louis man, arrived in Indianapolis, Indiana, to start an organized drive among that city's traction employees. He registered at a hotel and was later joined by Organizer John M. Parker, of Niagara Falls, New York.

Local police and other authorities worked against the organizers to an astounding extent. Years previously, in an unsuccessful unionization effort, a drastic injunction had been issued. Later, when the company involved changed management and name, the injunction was vacated and had been legally dead for well over a year when Armstrong and Parker arrived.

One morning the two labor men were visited at their room by two city detectives, who served them with the dead writ. Somebody had taken the old document from the court files, altered the date and company name, and the writ was served as a valid court order. Who committed the forgery was never made public, but the bogus injunction was soon dropped like a hot potato.

Armstrong and Parker were arrested for "vagrancy" every time they ventured upon Indianapolis streets. Soon they had paid out a sizeable sum in fines and bond fees. One day the two laborites were nabbed by detectives who told them: "The chief wants to talk to you." When taken to headquarters, the police chief gave Armstrong and Parker until 2 p. m. that day to leave town. "We want none of your union in this city," the chief asserted. The two organizers defied the fiat and the arrests continued.

In less than two weeks, the organizers had been arrested 53 times, to be mugged and fingerprinted in true dime novel style.

Armstrong and Parker applied to Federal Judge Baltzell for an injunction to restrain the lawless police. Baltzell denied the writ with the remark: "I will not lower the dignity of this court by interfering in a labor dispute that should be arbitrated." The same judge, however, a few days later, issued a sweeping injunction against the unionization drive.

The Labor leaders did find relief in Superior Judge Solon Carters' court. At a hearing, the city attorney admitted that the police had been "a bit indiscreet," and Judge Carter thundered: "Indiscreet? Why such police activity is criminal, almost impossible of belief in a civilized country. If violence occurs, these officers will be to blame."

So, the union campaign went forth; men joined the union by hundreds. The union asked the Indianapolis Traction Company for recognition, for temporary wage increases pending negotiations and reinstatement of men fired for being union members.

The company turned the union completely down; the mayor sought to conciliate the dispute but failed; a citizens' committee proposed arbitration, which the union readily accepted and the company rejected. A strike loomed, so, in Judge Baltzell's court, the company secured an injunction against the calling of a strike on the grounds that employees had signed individual "agreements" which would be violated by a strike. Union efforts to have these agreements presented in court were futile. Judge Baltzell simply accepted the company's unsupported word on that point. On July 3, 1936, the injunction was issued.

Then U. S. Deputy Marshals, in an unheard-of procedure, waited until the workers had gathered for a midnight meeting, then served Armstrong and Parker on the platform, before

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the eyes of raw, untrained recruits to unionism.

The two organizers later addressed the meeting briefly, then went to their room to study the injunction. Two hours later the meeting voted a strike. A stenographic record of the meeting, taken by government agents, showed that neither labor man advocated a strike, nor spoke derogatory of the court. Yet both were cited for injunction violation and "inciting a riot."

Armstrong and Parker were sentenced to 90 days in jail, and appealed. Appeal papers were placed at once before Judge Baltzell for his signature, so that the Union leaders might be released. He coldly pushed them aside with a remark that he had to catch a train, though the signature would have taken but a few seconds. As a result, Armstrong and Parker had to spend 11 days in jail before Judge Baltzell returned to the city.

On November 29, 1927, the U. S. Court of Appeals at Chicago sustained the sentences, in an opinion by Judge A. B. Anderson, who, as District Judge on October 31, 1919, had issued an injunction at Indianapolis ordering the coal miners to call off a strike which had been duly voted by the rank and file.

"Reading between the lines, it seemed that Armstrong and Parker wanted the men to strike," Judge Anderson ruled. So, Armstrong and Parker served their terms in the cold old jail at Marion County, Indiana.

Much violence and property destruction featured the strike—a fact which was explained when Harry Boggs, president of the local union, was uncovered as a stool pigeon. Arrested for damaging cars, Boggs confessed that he had been paid \$50 a week to "raise plenty of hell and get the union in 'dutch' with the public." Boggs served 120 days in jail. It was reported and never denied that he received his \$50 a week while in jail, plus \$1,000 when released. At any rate, Boggs promptly got married and took a luxurious honeymoon in plenty of flashy clothes.

The Indianapolis Traction Company has changed management since the above incident took place. It is worth recording that six years ago Armstrong carried a successful campaign to organize these same traction workers. Today the company is under union agreement and industrial peace and harmonious relations prevail in contrast to the old management's bad attitude.

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Washington, D. C.—(ILNS)—With substantial curtailment of war production already beginning, a large-scale reconversion program must be undertaken immediately, to avoid an unemployment crisis this year, the American Federation of Labor executive council warned here, in declaring events had fully justified AFL opposition to labor draft legislation.

"Unless the reconversion process is expedited, mass unemployment will grip America in 1945 and purchasing power will be reduced to such a low point that expansion of postwar production will be blocked," the council warned the nation.

Pointing to production slashes that threaten trouble, the council said:

"Already, the War Department has made substantial cutbacks in airplane production. One of the largest factories in the nation, which formerly operated around the clock, is going back to one-shift, 40-hour-week schedules.

**Drastic Slash Predicted**

"Shipyards are not getting any new orders and the Maritime Commission is planning to wind up most of its shipbuilding program by the end of the year. The end of the war in Europe means that the war production program generally will be cut in half within a few months."

The council commented that "under these circumstances, it is imperative that a large-scale reconversion program be undertaken at once," and added:

"American industry must be given enough advance notice of cancellation of war contracts so that it can proceed without unnecessary delay to put into effect plans for peace-time production which will provide jobs for displaced war workers and returning servicemen."

The council urged more liberal unemployment compensation and reiterated in strong terms previous recommendations for revision of the Lit-

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the Steel formula to allow needed wage increases. It said:

"Immediate action is also required by Congress and by Federal agencies to protect human needs during the reconversion period. President Truman, while serving as a senator during the last session of Congress, sponsored reconversion legislation which provided far more adequate unemployment compensation to disemployed workers than is available at present. This measure was defeated, but the executive council feels that it should be revived at this time and that it would be most fitting for the President to recommend it to Congress.

**"Immediate Revision" Urged**

"Production cutbacks are bound to eliminate the overtime pay on which most workers have relied during the past two years to offset increased living costs. The National War Labor Board must take cognizance of this critical situation and order immediate revision of the Little Steel formula, so that frozen wage rates can be adjusted to make up for the loss of overtime pay."

Further delay on wage increases "will be dangerous to the nation's post-war economy," the council declared in conclusion.

In pointing out that the AFL stand on manpower legislation had been justified by events, the council said defeat of compulsory manpower measures in Congress had not injured the war production program and that, on the contrary, production records were broken and schedules exceeded in March.

**"Amazing Success" Cited**

"Voluntary labor has succeeded in backing up the victory drive on the fighting fronts with amazing success," it was emphasized.

The council met in special session to deal with current problems and support of the San Francisco security conference. With ending of the meeting, a majority of the council planned to attend the conference.

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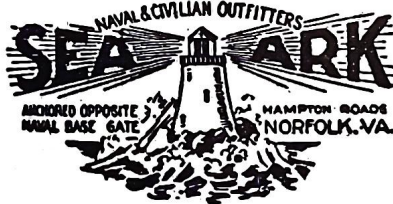
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When he took office, Judge Schwellenbach said he hoped labor unions "will let me be their advocate and adviser." We think this approach will aid in realization of his hope. He is identified with neither of the major factions in the labor movement's unfortunate cleavage, and he entertains no romantic notions about accomplishing a merger which neither faction at present seems ready to embrace. He can be counted upon, however, to deal with both impartially and to work patiently toward a gradual healing of the breach.

To serve as "advocate and adviser" is the precise function of a Secretary of Labor. He is charged specifically with "the duty of fostering, promoting and developing the welfare of the wage earners of the United States, improving their working conditions, and advancing their opportunities for profitable employment." Obviously, this duty can be effectively discharged only if the Secretary of Labor exercises control over all Federal activities in the labor field—over such bodies, for example, as the United States Employment Service, the several conciliation and mediation agencies concerned with the settlement of employer-employee disputes and enforcement of Federal laws guaranteeing basic labor rights. As we have observed before, we think that quasi-judicial agencies such as the NLRB should not be subordinate to the Secretary of Labor, but this does not mean that their administrative duties ought not to be brought within his supervision.

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**Manpower Shortage Will Disappear  
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(From Labor)

Apparently, the newspapers will forgive a public official anything if he will only blame the labor unions for his shortcomings. At the moment we are having a fine example of this technique.

Chiefs of the Army and Navy, the War Production Board and other government agencies made wretchedly poor guesses as to what they would require to win the war. They closed down a number of plants and threw tens of thousands of war workers out of their jobs.

Then they discovered their error, but instead of saying to the American people, "We made a mistake, but we know how to remedy it," they offered alibis of various kinds, called for half a billion dollars to build new plants, and finally fell back on the one "sure shot" and began blaming the workers.

Young Mr. Krugg of W. P. B., shifting uneasily before a congressional committee, finally blurted out a demand for a law to draft labor for private profit. He insisted it must have plenty of "teeth." In other words, Mr. Krug evidently imagines the way to make an American work is to have a soldier back of him tickling the lower end of his spinal column with a bayonet.

Lieutenant General Somervell, who had made most of the bad guesses, rushed away to a convention of the National Association of Manufacturers and delivered a rather hysterical harangue.

Then "Assistant President" Byrnes came forth with an order to "work or fight." He camouflaged his proposal, but that's what it means.

This unfortunate performance is entirely unnecessary. The United States is facing a shortage of certain types of munitions, but it is not facing a crisis. We can and will produce everything needed on every front; that is if these hysterical bureaucrats will only get their feet on the ground and use a little common sense.

The bureaucrats don't seem to know exactly how many men are required. Their estimates run from 200,000 to 300,000.

This force can be supplied almost overnight, if the bureaucrats will tell union labor chieftains the numbers needed, where they should go and

when. The Labor Department should be used as a clearing house. It's well-equipped for the job; in fact, it has performed similar jobs in the past.

General Somervell knows that. He knows that when he recently needed thousands of men for his "secret plants," he didn't go to the newspapers. He went to the unions and the Labor Department, and they delivered the goods.

If he pursues the same policy now, he can get all the men he can use.

The matter of "turn over" in other plants can be handled in the same way. There is no need for a draft law.

Labor makes the above statements without reservations. It repeats: There is no manpower shortage, that the labor unions and the Labor Department can't handle, if officials will just stop scaring the people in the hope they can cover up their own mistakes.

## AFTER V-E

Let us briefly list the most important tasks facing organized labor at this moment after victory over Germany.

1. All our efforts and energies to defeat Japan.

2. The support of every American behind the building of a security organization, based on the cooperation of the Big Three, which is the surest guarantee for a stable and lasting peace.

3. Immediate and urgent moves for reconversion, so that there is no unemployment in the next period.

4. Strong demands for labor unity upon all questions affecting the welfare of workers—which include reconversion, maintenance of decent living standards, support of legislation, etc.

5. Continuance of labor-management co-operation within the country based on the principles of the Peace Charter and jointly with government agencies working towards averting unemployment and crisis in the post-war period.

6. Denunciation of any and all persons or organizations which would divide the nation or divide the Allies. Unity is as great in peace as in war. Division within the nation, within the ranks of the Big Three or within organized labor will mean defeat of our aims and hopes for a world of peace and security.

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**Severance Pay for All War  
Workers Says the AFL**

Washington, D. C.—The principle of severance pay to cushion temporary postwar employment adjustments should be extended to all workers, the American Federation of Labor urged.

The severance pay allowance was embodied in the National War Labor Board's recent decision in the steel wage case.

The AFL views were given in a concurring opinion by George Meany, secretary-treasurer, and Matthew Woll, vice-president.

They welcomed the WLB's dismissal-pay order for steel workers, but contended the entire steel decision did not "represent the full measure of justice due these workers" because nothing was done to grant a requested general wage increase.

"The board has approved the principle of dismissal pay and committed itself to order such payments should the parties fail to bargain on the issue successfully within 60 days," they said.

"By this action all others workers will be able to insulate themselves partially against the shocks of reconversion. The American Federation of Labor members concur in this action of the board, and in the absence of comprehensive Congressional action will renew their effort to make applicable to all workers any decision by the WLB on this issue."

Mr. Meany and Mr. Woll said that, otherwise, the WLB extended to steel workers "merely the benefits of its established policies on certain fringe issues" relating to vacations, holidays and maintenance of membership, while maintaining an "obstinate, ill-advised position" against a general wage increase.

"Despite exhaustive studies of the cost of living and an abundance of corroborating testimony from the workers themselves," they added, the majority of the WLB refuses to consider the prima facie case against the Little Steel formula and to make specific recommendations to the President.

"This entire case was designed to convince the WLB that the 15 per cent maladjustment allowance (Little Steel formula) to offset the rise in the cost of living was unjust and inequitable. The refusal of the WLB to act on this issue again demonstrates clearly that the board has succeeded in freezing wages by delay and inaction."

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## Vast Production Job Faces U. S. Workers

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On many items, he disclosed, more production will be needed for the one-front war than was required for two fronts. Clothing is one of these. To fight the Pacific war, he explained, men need cotton clothing for the tropical Philippine staging areas, heavy woollens for the cold and wet climates of many parts of the Japanese domain.

All materials and supplies having to do with port, shelter and all construction facilities will be needed in even larger quantities for the Pacific than for Europe, the general declared, adding, "The person who said the war in the Pacific is a bulldozer was pretty near right."

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Each Saturday at 6:45 p. m., EWT, for the rest of the year, the American Federation of Labor will present over the Blue network of the American Broadcasting Company "The American Federationist of the Air," a weekly news-magazine. The program will be listed in the radio columns of the newspaper as "Labor-USA."

Each program will feature special reports by AFL staff experts on matters of outstanding interest to labor, as well as covering news highlights. In addition, the AFL plans to present a "guest column" by a high-ranking personality in the nation's life each week. The programs will be conducted by Phil Pearl, commentator for the AFL.

If you are interested in the news of labor and its views on all important national and international questions, make certain to listen to these programs—regularly!

## Two Sleepy Yanks Make Beds on Stacks of TNT

In Belgium.—Darkness caught one group of infantrymen without a place to sleep so Cpl. Curtis Strange of Elton, Miss., and Pfc. Howard O. Cook of Coy City, Texas, made beds for themselves in an abandoned stone house. All night long enemy shells pitched into the fields nearby, rocking the old house with each concussion. Too tired to worry then, the two men had an entirely different view the next morning. Daylight disclosed that the house was packed full of dynamite and TNT—and in front of the building hundreds of gallons of gasoline were stacked up in metal containers.

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Atlanta, Ga.—Appointment of three regional labor advisors to give the South's 10 million working men and women, organized and unorganized, more direct and effective participation in the OPA's anti-inflation program has been announced by Mr. Alexander Harris, Atlanta regional administrator.

The appointees, who were recommended by all the major labor organizations and are working with labor groups and OPA officials in eight states, are:

James P. Etheridge, Jr., regional labor advisor, a native of Perry, Ga., former assistant city editor of the Macon Telegraph and editorial writer for the Tampa Daily Times before establishing his own public relations business in Tampa, where he was a member of the Office Employees' Union and the Central Labor Union, A. F. of L.

W. C. Campbell, of Atlanta, assistant regional labor advisor, who for more than 20 years has been a leader in the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, of which he is a national deputy vice president and general chairman, and for which he has served as Georgia legislative chairman, war bond officer, and OPA advisory committeeman.

Edward T. O'Connell, of Atlanta, a native of Macon, Ga., publisher of CIO newspapers in Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile and New Orleans, and for more than 20 years engaged in newspaper, advertising, public relations and legislative work in Washington and the South.

The three men are working out of the Atlanta regional office of OPA and are serving as liaison officers with Labor advisory committees and OPA district directors in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

They joined Administrator Harris in a statement urging all labor groups to set up active "Cost of Living" Committees in cooperation with OPA programs, for the protection of all working men and their families, including the many war veterans who are returning to civilian jobs.

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The President was asked to express his views on abolition of the poll tax and on other issues. He replied, as he did to many similar questions intended to establish new Administration policy, that the reporter should read the Senate record of Harry S. Truman.

The record shows that Truman, as U. S. Senator from Missouri, voted for cloture (to invoke the rule of limitation of debate) in 1942 and in 1944 when the anti-poll tax bill had been called up for consideration. A vote for cloture was counted as a vote for the bill by supporters and opponents. Truman was a member of the informal Senate Steering Committee for HR 7, headed by Senator Mead, in the 78th Congress.

The President's Senate record on the anti-poll tax bill accents the contention that poll tax repeal is a national franchise issue, the National Committee to abolish the Poll Tax said, adding that payment of a poll tax as a condition of voting disfranchises 10,000,000 citizens in seven Southern states, of whom 7,000,000 are white, and proportionately disfranchises voters to the other 41 states.

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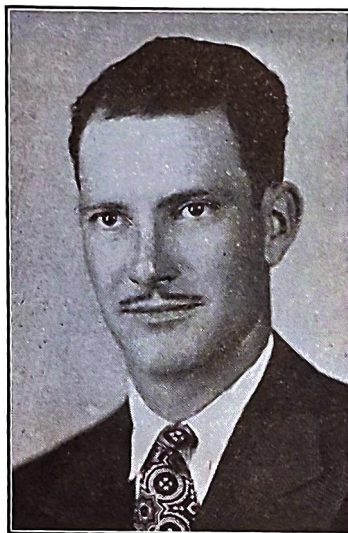
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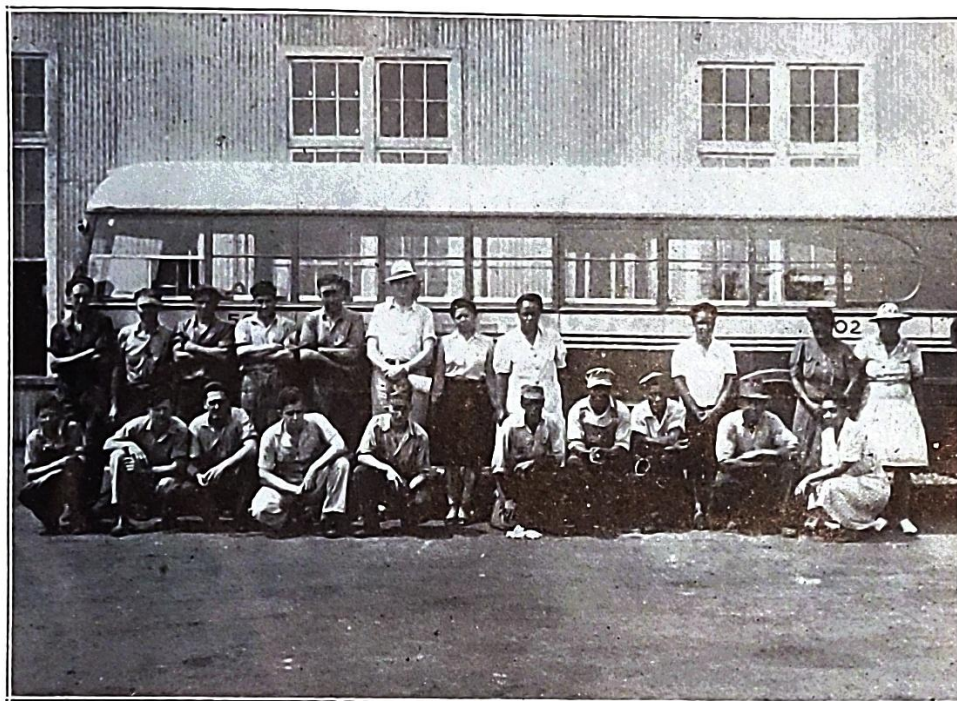
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"I am going to see if a major department of the government cannot be operated on the same basis as a court," he declared here recently. "I don't see any reason why the courts should have a monopoly on justice and I intend to see if the Labor Department cannot be based on the same principles of justice as is a court.

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### **Executive Council Follows Out Mandate of Federation Convention**

A bulletin outlining how Central Bodies, State Federations of Labor and International Unions may aid returning veterans has been issued by the AFL's Labor League.

Prepared by the Community Services-Veterans Department, the information has been sent to 900 Central Bodies, 48 State Federations of Labor and 107 International Unions.

The bulletin begins by quoting the AFL's Executive Council's declaration:

" . . . Conscious of the mandate voted unanimously at the last AFL convention for full labor participation in all programs dealing with rehabilitation of veterans, the Executive Council directs:

"—That the 900 central bodies of the American Federation of Labor functioning in every industrial city and district of the nation, form special committees to help find jobs for returning veterans in their localities and to stimulate concerted action by all groups in each community along these lines."

The Labor League's bulletin goes on to say that adequate services for returning veterans in each community requires co-operation among government agencies, labor, management, agriculture, veterans' organizations, social agencies and all other civic groups interested in their welfare.

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Washington, D. C.—(ILNS)—Plans to institute a 40-hour, five-day week for District of Columbia employees, beginning October 1, have been announced by the D. C. commissioners. Some 6,000 classified employees of the District will be affected.

Effective at once, overtime in excess of 44 hours will be prohibited except by special permission of the commissioners. After October 1, such permission must be obtained for work in excess of 40 hours.

The classified employees of the District have not had a five-day week before, their prewar schedule having been the same as that of departmental employees, 39 hours over six days. The present normal work week in the District government is 44 hours, and the base pay increases contemplated by the general pay bill will give employees in the \$1,320 to \$1,800 brackets about the same for 40 hours as they are now receiving for 44, according to Walter F. Fowler, District budget officer. A few employees will receive slightly less pay.

After October 1 the normal work week will be Monday through Friday.

### AFL Hero, Now Dead, Awarded Highest Honor

Washington, D. C.—Private First Class Earl V. Sheridan, of Baltimore, member of Retail Clerks International Protective Association, Local No. 1315-A (AFL), lies in a hero's grave in Europe. The Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award, has been presented to his father, Charles E. Sheridan, in recognition of his son's final fearless act in blasting an opening into an ancient castle which was strongly defended by German paratroopers.

The 20-year-old infantryman enlisted in the Army on May 1, 1943, and as a member of the 47th Infantry Regiment, Ninth Infantry Division, took part in the St. Lo breakthrough and the fighting through the Argentan sector. He shared in the combat of his division through Belgium and fought through Belgium and fought in Western Germany from September 14 until his death.

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## WAGE CUT SHOULD BE PROHIBITED, GREEN SAYS

Washington—(LPA)—Expansion, not contraction, of purchasing power was called for by AFL President William Green in a memorandum to War Mobilizer Vinson recently. "Take home pay must be at least as high as at present to sustain national income," the AFL head said.

The program calls for:

"1. The wage bracket system should be abolished, since it is based essentially on the preservation of present wage rates. Furthermore, the operation of that system has imposed substantial injustices on American workers and destroyed national wage standards achieved through collective bargaining.

"2. The so-called substandard ceiling should be raised from 55 cents to at least 65 cents an hour for all employees.

"3. Appropriate adjustments should be made for those who may be called 'forgotten workers,' namely, white-collar, government and professional workers.

## No Union Conventions Possible During 1945 Due to Re-deployment

Washington (LPA)—Union conventions are out for 1945 and all other conventions, too, the Office of Defense Transportation declared recently. Conventions of any kind, involving more than 50 people that need transportation to the convention site, are out of the question for the next 12 to 15 months, according to ODT. The next 12-15 months, ODT declared, will mean the tightest transportation situation the nation has ever known.

One of the chief reasons for the expected transportation crisis, it was said, will be the "re-deployment" of U. S. troops from the European zone to the Pacific. Supplies, planes, ammunition, artillery for the final battle against Japan will take up every available bit of train space.

Several unions, however, are planning conventions that will not require more than 50 delegates.

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AFL President William Green, bowing to the convention ban of ODT, said the executive council, which is empowered to act "between conventions," will meet in Chicago August 6 to consider a program of new procedure to meet the emergency situation.

This will be the first time since 1881 that the AFL has failed to hold its annual convention, and Green emphasized in a letter to officers of all affiliated unions that, in order to promote the war-effort, the Federation will not contest the government's decision.

Green's letter to national and international affiliates said that the council will be faced by many difficult problems because of the omission of the convention.

"A report of such action as the council may take, recommendations as it may make and such advice and information as it may desire to transmit, will be communicated to you following its adjournment."

Normally some 600 or more delegates attend AFL conventions and the ODT travel ban has limited gatherings to not more than 50 persons.

## HE TURNED INTO THE WRONG STREET

The Yugoslav Army of Liberation has captured Sarajevo. It's an industrial center of some importance in the province of Bosna. However, Sarajevo's claim to fame rests on something else.

In this little city, on June 28, in 1914—that's more than 30 years ago—the driver of Archduke Ferdinand's carriage turned into the wrong street and a young Serbian assassinated the heir to the Austrian throne.

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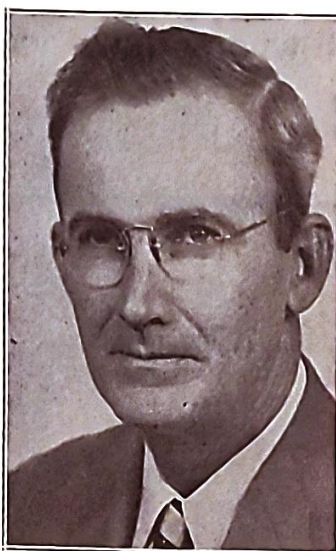
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The most important issue before every nation and every group is how to establish and maintain freedom. It is an old problem which some nations have answered better than others. We in the United States had conditions that facilitated our learning this principle. If we wish freedom for ourselves we must have tolerance for others. Even though we may be convinced of the wisdom of our course, that does not give us the right or the obligation to impose our views on others. Free trade unions, in which membership is based on conviction, is part of this large concept of freedom.

A trade unionist is a worker who realizes he must take the initiative if he is to have a square deal in work relationships and who understands he can get justice by organizing with fellow workers to put their collective strength behind a program for justice.

Trade unionists know that unless they take action to promote their own welfare, they themselves are primarily to blame for low wage rates and the absence of protective machinery.

They furthermore know that unless workers really believe in union enough to pay their dues, attend union meetings and take an active part in helping to develop union policies, they are not contributing trade unionists.

The American labor movement was built up by workers who believed in trade unionism and who were willing to forego security and comforts to spread the gospel of trade unionism. The work of the pioneers has been done and now the right of a worker to join a union of his own choosing is assured all workers and is a public policy. Our progress invites new attacks from those who believe that freedom for wage-earners means their domination over those who formerly oppressed them—or the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Our free trade unionists know that this is wrong—that freedom for wage-earners is possible only as long as others also have freedom. Instead of imposing our domination over others, we must be ready to cooperate with other groups on the basis of mutual progress and reciprocal benefits.

In world affairs the forces of reaction oppose cooperation on an equal basis; they oppose free discussion; they reject the right of petition; they fail to accept in practice the right of every nation to justice—regardless of size or primary strength. But world justice and world freedom must be based upon the right of the smallest nation to equal opportunity—to progress with assurance to its citizens of their rights to determine their own lives.

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Your purchasing power is a weapon that is well respected, by the interests with which we come in contact. Therefore, we should use it to our advantage. The more widespread the use of the label, the greater the strength of our unions. Thus when our leaders ask that there be no cut-backs in our jobs, and enough in the pay envelope to live decently, their words will carry the power of millions of union members behind them.

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The success of the 1944 waste paper drive, when nearly 1,000,000 tons above normal collections were turned in, is termed in the pamphlet "one of the civilian victories of the war." The success is attributed primarily to the great amount of work of the voluntary salvage organizations of the country. The amount collected in 1944 was an increase of 13 per cent over the year preceding. A similar increase will be necessary in 1945.

However, the amount of waste paper available for collection in 1945 will be less than in 1944, by approximately 7 per cent. This is due largely to the amount of paper that is being exported by the armed forces. It is estimated that exports in 1945 will be 300 per cent greater than they were in 1942.

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What kind of people are the German people going to be?

We have plenty of people of German birth in the United States and a lot of them have been in the United States armies, fighting and killing Nazis.

But the German people have never been able to set up in Germany the kind of institutions that make of them men and women like those in the United States.

Are they capable of doing it?

We do not know. But what we do know is that the institutions that make for decency in the United States were neither the concept nor the creation of Germans.

Is it, then, that they can accept, but not create?

Few men have expressed higher sentiments than did the late Wendell Willkie, a man of German blood. If such as he could now but lead the German people, there might be much hope for them, even in the face of a decade of Nazi indoctrination.

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Raye shouted one word: "Joker!" It was enough. The little dog's frenzy of joy persuaded the foster owner to surrender title on the spot.

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The Army's announcement said that its survey found that "probably over three-fourths of all men will again become employees, since many who are tentatively considering other alternatives such as self-employment are likely to take jobs as employees in government or private industry after the war."

Among former employees, only about one-half of the white and one-third of the Negro enlisted men plan to do the same type of work they performed in civilian life. On the basis of present plans, about two-fifths of all the men, according to the War Department are likely to go back to their old employer, "which means that approximately 2,500,000 men who were employees before entering the Army are expected to exercise their rights to their jobs under the Selective Service Act."

There are about 8,300,000 in the Army now, according to the War Department, but that figure is being changed because of the end of the war in Europe and the intensified Pacific campaign.

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