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FOREIGN COMPETITION FINANCED BY AMERICAN BUSINESS

One of industries' pet topics is foreign competition, and especially if it is being conducted by the Japanese.

The truth of the matter is that nearly all electrical firms in Japan are at least partly owned by foreign investors. American firms top the list of those who have either a controlling interest in Japanese electrical plants or extract royalties from the manufacture of electrical products with the use of American patents.

REUTHER URGES PASSAGE OF ANDERSON-KING BILL

Walter P. Reuther has called upon Congress to enact the Anderson-King bill providing medical care for the aged through Social Security.

Testifying before the House Ways and Means Committee, he said the country could be getting on with the job of meeting its basic health needs through the Social Security system if "the insurance industry and the medical profession were to stop ganging up on America's aged people." Reuther pointed out that a recent Gallup Poll indicated that 67 percent of the American people would favor an increase in Social Security taxes for such a purpose.

"LAND OF PROMISE" TO BE SHOWN ON LABOR DAY

A new version of the AFL-CIO produced film "Land of Promise" is being shown on TV during the Labor Day weekend this year. Last year it ran on the ABC network. This year the network of educational television channels will carry it along with a number of commercial stations.

The film includes an interview just made with President Meany outlining the recent achievements of Labor and goals for the year ahead.

WAST, Channel 13, Albany,
September 3rd, at 12 noon.

One of the largest manufacturers of electronic products in Japan, the Toshiba Company is owned and controlled largely by GE. GE is the largest single stockholder in this company with a 12% interest. On May 1, 1959, GE concluded an agreement with this "competitor" to furnish it with the know-how, licenses, etc. The "Japanese" firm is currently shipping out transistors and radios under the GE brand name. Westinghouse, also has a large interest in a Japanese firm--the Mitsubishi-Denki Company.

Almost 500,000 workers in British manufacturing industries are now employed by American-owned corporations.

Figures show that 448,550 British factory workers work for American companies as compared with 100,575 before World War II. The more than 3 billions of dollars of American investment in Great Britain was only one-tenth of all U.S. overseas investments in manufacturing and only one-half of those in Europe. On this basis, some five million jobs would be involved.

The next time a GE official cries on your shoulder about the threat of foreign competition, ask him if it is not a fact, that overseas the sun never sets on GE's foreign operations in 21 countries. Even the once proud and far-flung British Empire can no longer make that statement.

FAMILY PICNIC SEPT. 24TH

Be sure to get your tickets for the Local 301 Family Picnic to be held Sunday, Sept. 24th, at the Niskayuna Club.

All tickets must be accounted for by Monday, Sept. 18th.

LABOR DAY ...

Labor Day is the time of the year when we should take time out to count the many blessings which the Labor Movement has handed down to us and to our families.

Long Bitter Struggle

Things that we sometimes take for granted, have not been gained easily. The history of the American Labor Movement has been a hard, bitter, up-hill struggle... Working men and women like us have been severely beaten, jailed, and yes, some have even lost their lives fighting for the benefits which we enjoy today. Like soldiers they fought for what they believed to be right in order that future generations would be able to enjoy better working conditions and a better standard of living. To them we owe much more than we can ever repay.

Benefits Gained

They fought the battle against child labor, for free public schools, for the right to vote, for health and safety rules in the factories, for workmen's compensation, for better social and economic progress and for a better America.

As a result, we have better working conditions, a better standard of living, a shorter work-week, paid vacations and holidays, health insurance, pensions, unemployment insurance, social security, seniority rights, and in many industries, a program for Job Security.

It is our duty to carry on the struggle to improve conditions for ourselves and our posterity. Much still needs to be done.

Labor Legislation

In spite of the many efforts to restrict the rights of unions to free collective bargaining, the American Labor Movement has been able to carry on. It has become an integral part of the American way of life and it will continue to flourish.

We admit that no organization is perfect. There are dishonest people in all walks of life... in government, in business, and in fraternal groups as well as in labor.

We must remember that unions, just like corporations or banks or social organizations, are run by human beings, not supermen. Mistakes have been made in the past and perhaps more will occur in the future. Some anti-labor people, have implied that all labor unions

UNION CASE RESULTS IN RATE INCREASE

Shop Steward Burke of the Foundry department recently filed a case requesting a rate increase for the Core Mold Ovens. He gave as a reason for this request that other jobs in the Foundry and the plant requiring the same or less skill paid more money.

The company answered the grievance by stating that they would look at the job and re-evaluate it if in their opinion the job was worth more money.

Approximately two months after this commitment, union headquarters received a call from company negotiator, stating that the investigation confirmed that this job was worth more money. They offered to raise the job from R-13 to R-14 at once. They also agreed to pay approximately \$25.00 in retroactive money to the three men involved.

This offer was accepted by the union representative even though the three men involved thought that the job should be raised more than the company offer.

The union representative advised these men that acceptance of the company offer in no way would prevent them from grieving for more money at a later date, and the Union will review this matter some time in the near future.

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should be destroyed because of a few wrong-doers. On the other hand, they do not suggest that we abolish government agencies, because of crooked politicians or that we close all the banks because of some dishonest bankers.

Labor's Honorable Record

Labor has a long and honorable record of dedicated service to the working man to the Community. It has brought about better housing conditions, anti-discrimination laws, better welfare services, and has gained greater security for its members with a minimum of sacrifice of individual freedom. It has gained greater dignity for the working man in his dealings with the company. Labor has also raised the standard of living for those who don't even believe in unions.

Make a Labor Day Resolution, today, to attend all your union's meetings and take an active part in YOUR organization.