

Doublecross Gets Smith Bill by House

By C. W. Fowler
WASHINGTON, June 15.—Passage of the Smith ripper amendments to the Wagner Act...

Others who recalled John L. Lewis' exposure of the original AFL amendments as having been written by the agents of the National Association of Manufacturers...

The most biting attack on Green's latest betrayal came from George G. Lynch, president of the AFL-affiliated Pattern Makers League...

'Hamstringing Labor'
All of the Smith amendments were designed for one single purpose: to hamstring the legitimate efforts of organized labor...

'June 7, 1940 (the day Green endorsed the Smith Bill) will be remembered as a dark day in American labor history...

From CIO headquarters, President John L. Lewis issued a call for immediate action by all CIO organizations and members to block passage of the Smith ripper bill...

'I cannot impress you too strongly with the need of initiating the campaign with the utmost dispatch and the need of obtaining the maximum degree of support from all of our local unions throughout the country...

Mrs. Norton Bitter
Lynch's condemnation of the president of his own parent body was echoed in Congress by Rep. Abe Murdock of Utah...

'What you are doing today you are doing in response to the request of the president of the AFL, the Natl. Association of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. That is a beautiful group,' she said.

'If the Smith amendments are adopted, the workers of the country will have been sold down the river, and those voting for this bill will have to do the explaining.'

Rep. Murdock, speaking on the floor of the House, declared 'I am rather shocked this morning at the smooth-working machinery that appears to have been constructed and evolved between the majority of the Smith Committee and apparently the president of the AFL.'

'My opposition on labor is not, nor is my mind, so venal that I can keep up with the fast-moving changes of the president of the AFL and the majority of the Smith Committee. I do not believe that the laboring man approves of such tactics.'

Lewis Asks Defeat Of Amendments

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Anti-labor amendments to the Wagner Act in the Smith bill, passed by the lower House of Congress after personal endorsement by Wm. Green, president of the AFL...

These provisions, as analyzed by Lewis, are:
1. Forced certification of craft workers in any industrial plant...

2. Full license to employers to agitate and propagandize unionists, which "under the guise of freedom of expression, would give back to employers their license to destroy all unions."

3. All orders of the old Labor Board may be revoked which would "permit anti-labor corporations to further delay their compliance on all outstanding orders which now protect our unions."

4. Limitation of back pay awards to 12 months and a time limit of six months on filing complaints. Under this section, according to Lewis, "Labor is treated as a Pariah with the short statute of limitations, with property rights on the other hand receiving full protection."

5. Excluding workers guilty of petty law violations from the benefits of the act. "This is nothing short of an attempt to sentence to economic death peaceful pickets who would be at the mercy of labor spies, provocateurs, and hired thugs of the employers," he said.

Workers Lose
6. Exclusion of agricultural processing workers from the act, which would cut out many thousands of workers now protected.

7. Draastic reorganization of the Administrative machinery of the Act, described in the Smith Committee minority report of Reps. Murdock and Healy as "The Ripper Amendments."

'The Senate is to be congratulated for virtually every case handled by the Board, which would "make strait-jacket rules and permit the courts, with their reactionary tendencies, to scuttle the entire Wagner Act."

Lewis' analysis of the Smith Bill was accompanied by an urgent appeal to CIO affiliates to rush protests to the Senate Labor Committee and to their own Senators.

Time to Save the Wagner Act

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(2) That CIO unions should enlist the support of AFL unions and progressive organizations of all kinds in making representations to the Senate against the proposed amendments to the Wagner Act.

(3) That employers enjoying stable collective bargaining relations should be warned of the industrial chaos which will result from adoption of the craft amendment and other changes proposed in the Smith bill, and urged to make their own protests to the Senate.

In other words, the present threat to the Wagner Act is a threat to all labor unions, to all fair employers and to all good Americans who desire to see industrial peace preserved on the basis of industrial democracy in the present national emergency.

If all who have labor's and the country's welfare at heart will act at once, to impress their wishes on the United States Senate, the Wagner Act can be saved. But the time is short. There must be no delay!

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Schoeffler's Shuffle Ladies' Auxiliary Dinner and Dance
By Fred Schoeffler

The vacuum tube employees were sorry to hear of the passing of Sister Carrie Cramer. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

Brother Earl Schermerhorn's son is playing with the U. S. Navy Band at the New York World's Fair.

We understand Wilson Snyder's boat is still in dry dock.

It sure was a lively birthday cake to Am & Hap. But the wrong bake shop.

As we are all getting ready for our vacations, bear in mind when on it to look for union shops to do our trading.

Well, we are all set for the department outing at Bob Robinson's Camp June 22nd. Many thanks to Brother Bob for having the gang up.

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FIELD DAY A SUCCESS

The Union Field Day was a success. Approximately 5,000 people attended during the day. The gate prize winners were as follows:

Helen Korol, Building 53, 1st prize. W. Schermerhorn, Building 37, 2nd prize. O. Address, Building No. 60, 3rd prize.

The Activities Committee did a splendid job, and congratulations are in order for the following members of the Committee:

P. DeStena, Chairman, Bldg. 53. A. Eastman, Secretary, Bldg. 16. A. Christian, Bldg. 16. D. Beloit, Bldg. 17. C. MacNichols, Bldg. 65. L. Bellinger, Bldg. 60. M. Tedesco, Bldg. 17. J. Corsetti, Bldg. 53. W. Sanders, Bldg. 85. W. Mastrianni, Bldg. 12. H. Rector, Bldg. 37. C. Campbell, Bldg. 52. R. Anderson, Bldg. 17. P. Carvesso, Bldg. 53. R. Coleman, Bldg. 65.

WHEREAS, the Company has agreed to give all its employees affected, vacation pay additional to their regular pay; and to make arrangements to allow vacations to those employees who have obligated themselves financially or otherwise on vacation plans, and

WHEREAS, we, the Turbine employees, although we feel that cancellation of vacations is a hardship upon ourselves and our families, who have been looking forward for months to these vacations, we also are loyal and patriotic citizens of our country who fully appreciate the freedom enjoyed by us under our American democratic form of government, and are ever prepared to lend practical, wholesome, and feasible cooperation in any undertaking to protect our nation and prepare for national defense; however, we do not feel that at this time due to the large number of idle able-bodied workers, it is necessary to sacrifice any of the major gains we have made, such as the forty-hour week, time and one-half for overtime, etc., through our hard-earned collective bargaining agreement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Turbine Employees, wholeheartedly cooperate with the Company on their request for vacation cancellation, and be it further,

RESOLVED, That throughout any national emergency, labor's rights as embodied in the National Labor Relations Act, the Wage and Hour Act, the Walsh-Healey Act, the Guffy Coal Stabilization Act, the Social Security Act and other legislation must be preserved. The rights are:

- 1. The right of wage earners to organize into Unions of their own choosing.
2. The right of organized labor to bargain collectively with their employers.
3. The right of wage earners to freedom of speech, assembly, action and worship.

This declaration of labor's rights is designed to stabilize industrial relations and promote industrial peace. It does not contemplate industrial strife. It seeks to improve the relationship between wage earners and their employers; to increase the productive efficiency of industry; to maintain labor's existing wage and hour standards and to improve these standards with changing economic conditions.

Any national defense program, to be successful, must contemplate this kind of cooperation.

Turbine Department Vacations Cancelled!

WHEREAS, the G.E. Company has notified our Union that due to the great influx of government orders for the defense program of our country, it has become necessary to cancel vacations in the Turbine Department in order to effectively take care of these orders during the next nine months, anticipating an increase in the present turbine production schedule by 40 per cent; and

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Delegates Elected To Convention

The Sixth Annual Convention will be held in Cleveland starting September 2nd.

Local 301 elected three delegates: President E. Wallingford; Leo Jandrea, Business Agent; and Michael Tedesco, Executive Board member.

The alternates are: A. Christian, S. Schreiter, C. Herbeck, and A. Davis.

Unemployment Ins. Benefits Increase 28% in May

ALBANY, July 23.—During June, unemployment insurance benefits amounting to \$13,318,275, in the form of 1,114,778 individual checks, were paid to unemployed men and women by the Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance, New York State Department of Labor, according to a report issued today by Industrial Commissioner Frieda S. Miller.

Compared with the May figures of \$10,376,190, in the form of 862,297 individual checks, the June data represent increases of 28 per cent in the total amount of benefits paid and 29 per cent in the number of checks issued. The average check for a single week of unemployment in the 1940-1941 benefit year was \$11.35 in June, as compared to \$11.45 in May.

June payments for the Schenectady employment office amounted to \$551,459.00 for the 1940-1941 benefit year in the form of 4,486 individual checks to unemployed persons, formerly holding jobs in covered employment. The average benefit payment for a single week of unemployment in the Schenectady area was \$11.18 for the month.

During June, 100,468 persons applied for benefits at local offices throughout the State for the first time in the 1940-1941 benefit year, which began April 1, 1940. This was 19 per cent fewer than those who filed in May. "Additional" claims, which are based on a second or subsequent period of unemployment during a benefit year, totaled 94,835, an increase of six per cent over May.

New York AFL Unions Don't Want Labor Act Amendments

Senator Wagner Petitioned to Oppose All Amendments to the Labor Act by 143 Officials of AFL Unions in New York Area.

One hundred and forty-three officials of AFL local unions in the New York City area petitioned Senator Robert F. Wagner recently to oppose enactment of any amendments to the National Labor Relations Act. Harry Reich, president of Local 89, Chefs, Cooks, Pastry Cooks & Assistants' Union (AFL), forwarded the petition to Senator Wagner yesterday.

Although William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, had urged passage of the Smith amendments to the Labor Act, Mr. Reich's letter stated that the 143 AFL officers "represent the spirit of the rank and file of the American Federation of Labor in New York in affirming that amendments to the Act will work to the detriment of the trade unions."

"The officers who have signed this petition," Mr. Reich's letter continued, "and the thousands of members they represent hope that you will resist any move in the senate to amend the Magna Carta of labor which you fathered in 1935."

Among the 143 signers prominent in the AFL here are:

William Jeromos, business agent, Local 455, International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers; S. Novik, secretary, Local 2090, Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners; Max Wormflash, business agent, Local 2, Plumbers and Steamfitters; F. J. B. Danroy, Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers; Thomas L. Hickey, secretary-treasurer, Local 607, International Brotherhood of Teamsters; William Devorey, president, Local 807, I. B. of T.; Hyman Bernstein, business agent, Local 802, I. B. of T.; Jay Rubin, president, New York Hotel Trades Council; John J. Sullivan, business agent, Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Willy Schulte, secretary, Writers' Union Local 219; M. Obermeyer, secretary-treasurer, Local 6, Hotel & Club Employees' Union.

The petition stated: "The undersigned officers of American Federation of Labor affiliated locals realize that our membership has achieved great benefits as a result of the National Labor Relations Act. We believe that any amendments to the National Labor Relations Act at this time will be disadvantageous to labor and work to the detriment of our affiliated memberships."

The complete list of 143 signers will be supplied to any interested parties upon request.

CIO Outlook Sees 2½ Million Jobs in Defense Work

WASHINGTON, July 20.—From \$15 to \$20 billions a year would be needed to employ all the U. S. unemployed on arm production, the CIO Economic Outlook, released today, declares in its July issue. Unemployment (for May) is estimated at 10,748,000, of which the arms output of 6.4 billions for the present year will absorb directly and indirectly about two and a half million workers.

Eight million will still be without jobs, the Outlook adds, commenting: "The unfolding of the national defense program emphasizes again the fact that the program as now conceived will not wipe out unemployment."

Not much expansion in plant capacity is needed to take care of the present arms program, huge as it is, the Outlook points out, since the 12 to 15 million tons of steel required in the next two years can be produced by present plants in two or two and a half months. Plant expansion in aircraft and other industries where present capacity is not large enough "so far has only been sufficient to offset the drop in government financed public works," it adds.

Ample Labor Supply
Labor supply for all-defense needs is ample, the Outlook declares, citing a U. S. Government report of 4.1 million registered jobless workers in 43 states, of which almost half are skilled or semi-skilled workers.

"In most of the cases where employers have reported shortages of labor, it says, "investigation has shown that such shortages could be quickly filled if: (1) employers paid union rates; (2) if employers would provide some slight retraining; and (3) if workers were sought outside the immediate vicinity of the plant."

The Outlook criticizes the current tax program as a burden on consumers, and calls for an excess profits tax which "would substantially improve the tax structure of the country and would be in line with labor's program."

Munitions Makers Strike for Suitable Tax Law

(BY FEDERATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON (FP)—Munitions makers are stalling on the production of vital national defense materials until they are assured that their patriotism will have a dollar return, it was disclosed here.

Letters have been drafted by the war department and sent all manufacturers scheduled to receive business under the air corps program urging them to go into production immediately and hinting that legislation concerning profits will be satisfactory.

Airplane manufacturers, it was learned, have been on strike until they learn the intention of Congress concerning amortization schemes and excess profits taxes.

They are concerned with accounting practices to be required rather than the rate of the excess profits tax, it was stated. Indications that they would be allowed to make charge-offs sufficient to pay for their plant expansion within five years have been given.

Under such a ruling, airplane manufacturers would be allowed to add to the cost of the plane enough to (Continued on Page 4)

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## EDITORIAL

## OUR DEFENSE PROGRAM

When necessary, the American working people, the true Americans, have always been found ready to make sacrifices for the defense of our country. Our working people always rally to the defense of our country voluntarily, they never hesitate like some big business people, who make sure they are guaranteed a fat profit before their patriotism comes to the fore.

A good example of this true patriotism was given by our Union Brothers of the Turbine Department, who gladly sacrificed their vacations for the American Defense Program.

The need for a strong defense program for our country has been heralded by organized labor for several years, and this is where our unemployed problems come in. We have been crying from the house tops that a country with the most natural resources of any country on earth, and eleven million unemployed, is a dangerous situation for the general health of our nation. This is the real vulnerable spot where the Fifth Column can best strike and penetrate—this is the weak spot in our defense.

History has proven—that the mass of unemployed, who have the least to lose, are more conducive to the arguments of subversive elements. A people who are well fed, well housed, and well clothed, with a voice in their government, have a stake in their country; they are an integral part of their country, and such people cannot be lured, either from the inside or the outside.

There are a few optimistic economists who claim that the present defense program will clean up our unemployment problem; these rantings are far from the facts, for at best the defense program will absorb approximately two million of the unemployed, and that still will leave many millions more.

Organized Labor has offered a solution for this problem, by urging a shorter work week without a reduction in pay or purchasing power. This, of course, would entail a new approach to our economic set-up and some sacrifice on the part of big business, and not the customary way of tacking the cost on price which is not a sacrifice; and is not conducive toward consumptive and productive expansion. This sacrifice could be started by whittling down some of the huge salaries paid large corporation officials and the coupon clippers' shares could be cut down; this would be a true patriotic move and a real contribution to our Defense Program.

However, regardless of how others feel about these matters, speaking for our broad Union membership, we are good Union members, but first, and foremost, working people of these United States, who are ever ready to make any sacrifice to defend our country against those who would destroy our democratic form of government, and take away from us freedom of speech, freedom of religious worship, and the freedom to join a Union of our own choosing.

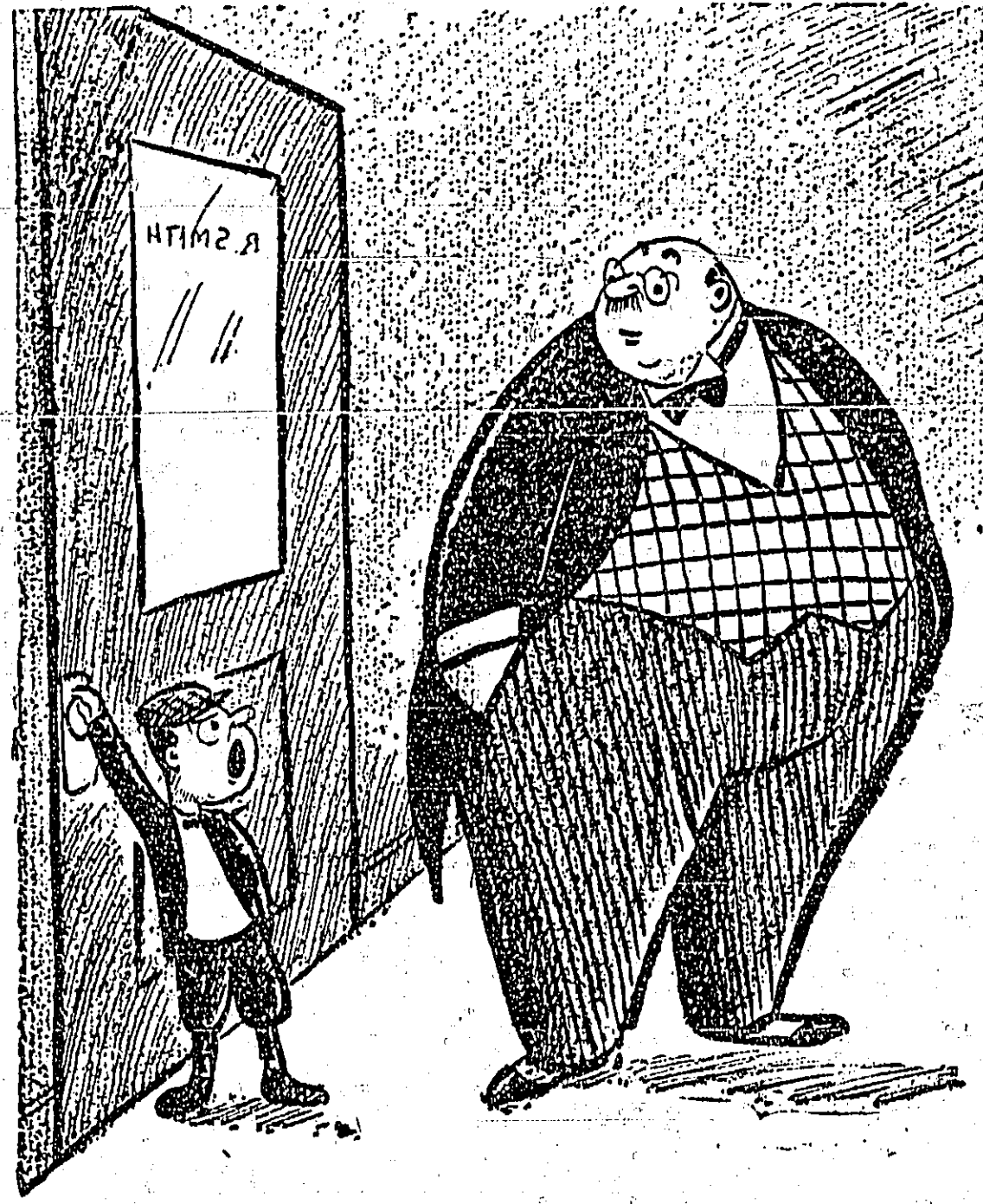
For these principles we are ready to make the supreme sacrifice, if necessary, for without them life is not worth living.

## Horrible Thought

What would happen if the executives of a money-making corporation accidentally sent to stockholders a copy of their hard-luck speeches to union negotiators?

## THE UPPER CRUST

by Redfield



"Six years I slave for you and no raise — you take your job and . . ."

## YOUR DOLLAR Vacuum Tube Dept.

By Consumers' Union

Bldg. 37

(By Schoeffler)

Laundry Soap

No one brand of laundry soap is likely to remove dirt faster or more thoroughly than other brands. Consumers Union found in recent tests on 44 brands of soap, reported in the July C.U. Reports. The most advertised pure brands, Lux, Ivory Flakes and Ivory Snow, cost around 90¢ per pound of dry soap, but equally good soaps can be bought at half the price. "Tattle-tale gray" is caused not by poor soap, but by hard water. The minerals in hard water form hard-to-rinse curds in combination with pure soap. The harder the water, the more soap you need to make a suds, and the more "tattle-tale gray" in your clothes. The only way to overcome it is softening the water. If your water is only slightly hard, you can do this by using a soap with a tetradsodium pyrophosphate or sodium metaphosphate builder (like Co-op General Purpose or Oxydol). The builder combines with the minerals in the water and prevents them from forming soap curds in the clothes. If your water is very hard, you need an additional water softener.

For use in hard water, a soap containing the builders named above is cheaper and more efficient than pure soap.

Silk, Nylon and Lisle Stockings

If your stockings regularly wear out at the heel or toe, it may pay you to switch to Nylon, says C.U. But if you get runs ahead of holes, nylon will offer only a very slight improvement over silk, and at a high price as compared with most silk stockings. Nylon's resistance to wear is about eight times that of sheer, good quality silk stockings. But its resistance to snags and runs is only a little better than silk's.

The \$1 lisle stockings Gotham makes to U.S. government specifications are as yet too poorly fitting and too high priced to meet the silk and nylon competition.

In C.U.'s tests, 30 women wore silk, nylon and lisle hose on successive days, until the hose wore out. Questionnaires were filled out daily. Results are summarized in C.U. Reports for July.

## Canned Tomatoes

Only two of 66 brands rate Grade A under government standards, C.U. says in the July Reports. Most of the nationally distributed brands tested were found to be Grade B, a few were Grade C and 18 brands rated as

substandard (too low in solid tomato content, but good for soups or sauces, if the price is low enough). It's foolish to insist on Grade A tomatoes for tomato soup. It's equally foolish to pay a high price for tomatoes which are low in quality. But how are you to know the quality? Until all brands are graded by the government, about the best you can do is to rely on reports of consumer testing agencies.

One interesting fact was the low quality of samples of Cresca and Sanitarium canned tomatoes—most expensive brands tested. Both were substandard.

Referring to the American Flag which the CIO members presented to the Department, our speaker, for some reason, forgot to say: "From the CIO Members to the Department" and from the picture in the Works News there was more picture of feet than of the American Flag.

From the grievances on the small receiving tubes on rates, it looks like a survey of rates will have to be made. It has been suggested by the operators to state the rates in this column.

Happy Hicks' wife is feeding him too good. What a bog he is getting to be (in size)!

Our good brother, Martin Scharbach, in the future will be in charge of all CIO doings. So if you want a clambake or outing, see "Marty," the boy who won't let us down.

Earl W. Schermershorn of the Machine Room sure did pick the lucky number at the U.E.R. Field Day.

That Sleighride of Building 53

The Refrigerator Assembly girls are still wondering if everybody was included in the sleighride.

The affair was quite exclusive judging from the price it cost each one. The girls say it would not be fair if partiality was shown to any, by not including them.

George drove and collected the tickets. Is it possible he could have overlooked anyone, because they were too close to the driver's seat?

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## Timely Topics at Building 10

(By Charles White)

The Refrigerator baseball team, which is composed of good union men, won the first half championship for New York State Semi-Pro League. The team is leading in the second half. The team's manager, E. Weiss, promises some good games. The Albany Eastern League team is expected to play at Central Park shortly. The boys play a better game, says Manager Weiss, when the galleries are packed. Why not turn out and give the team a hand? You will also see some pretty good ball playing.

If you can't catch fish, you'd better see Barburg and enroll in his fishing school so that you will be prepared for the big ones during vacation. The lowdown on the technique of really catching fish is guaranteed by Barburg if you successfully absorb his instructions. A recent report is that one of the students hooked Barburg through the ear while demonstrating in casting. Well, I suppose this is part of the day's work in teaching the fine art of fishing!

You have heard it said that the foreman's job is to take the honey from the hive without disturbing the bees. Well, they have nothing on Armstrong, when it comes to bees and honey.

The boys in the department are sorry to see Woodin and Williams leaving, but wish them the best of luck in their new jobs.

It must be the season for it, because T. Hawley, M. Holland, W. Edgell, F. Chotkowski, L. Ratonde, and S. Barkusis are all tuned in on the strains of the "Wedding Bells Are Ringing." Congratulations and best of luck.

## Seven CIO Leaders Named to Defense Labor Committee

(UNION NEWS SERVICE)

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Six leaders of CIO unions and a representative of the CIO national office have accepted appointment to the newly formed Labor Policy Advisory Committee set up here by Sidney Hillman, CIO vice-president and labor coordinator for the National Defense Advisory Commission.

Their function, according to Defense Commission sources, will be to advise the government on employment and other labor policies with specific emphasis on putting idle workers back on jobs as defense orders come in.

Members of the Committee are:

CIO: Van A. Bittner, chairman, Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee; S. H. Dalrymple, president, United Rubber Workers; Clinton Golden, northeast regional director, Steel Workers Organizing Committee; Allan S. Haywood, CIO director of organization; Samuel J. Hogan, president, Nat'l Marine Engineers Beneficial Ass'n; Emil Rieve, president, Textile Workers Union of America; and R. J. Thomas, president United Automobile Workers.

AFL: Harry Bates, president, Bricklayers Int'l Union; H.W. Brown, president, Int'l Ass'n of Machinists; John P. Coyne, president, AFL building trades dept.; George Q. Lynch, president, Patternmakers League; Charles MacGowan, vice-president, Brotherhood of Boilermakers; George Masterson, general president, United Oss'n of Journeymen Plumbers; and D. W. Tracy, president, Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Railway Brotherhoods: George W. Laughlin, first assistant grand chief, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; and A. E. Lyon, grand president, Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen.

## Here and There In Bldg. 12

Sympathy is expressed by all to our brother, Melvin R. Garrison, on the loss of his mother, who passed away on June 25th. A floral tribute was sent by his co-workers on second shift, C.F. Assembly. Burial was in Burnt Hills Cemetery.

June 26th was one of great rejoicing for the girls of Tray Assembly group as they celebrated the birthday of our fellow union member, Miss Martha Califano. The cake for the occasion was baked by the deft hands of Miss Mary Virgil.

This group outdid themselves the second time when they celebrated the birthday of Catherine Ziegler on July 15th. A bouquet of candy flowers from the handicraft of Miss Mary Virgil was presented Miss Ziegler.

In Building 9—Glass Room—we understand there was great merriment when "Hank" Gering, staunch Local 301 member and former committeeman, made the proud announcement that he was a grandfather. The youngster, born in Gloversville Hospital on July 6th, was named Ariens Ann Barker, and tipped the scales at 6 lbs., 8 oz. Hank can be seen any noon telling the group what a wonderful baby his granddaughter is.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Mrozowski (Murray) are the proud parents of a darling baby girl, Lucille Murray, who arrived in town on June 17th, weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz. Charlie, the proud father, is employed under R. Johnson in charge of evaporator assembly, second shift.

A very pretty wedding took place on Saturday, July 28th, in the Ad-ventist Christian Church, when our co-worker on the OF Line, Alfred Cruickshanks took as his bride, Miss Ella May Goodrow. Best wishes were extended by his fellow Local 301 members, together with a wedding gift. Miss Goodrow is the daughter of Geo. Goodrow, employed on second shift, C.F. Line. A large number attended the reception, which was held after the wedding. The lucky groom is the son of Brother Cruickshanks, Building 9 Committeeman.

The Test Department Group recently gathered at noon to bestow good wishes on their fellow worker Thomas Nealon, whose marriage to Miss Harriet Nemicik took place on Saturday, July 20th, at St. Columba's Church. The boys of his group wish he and his bride many happy years of married life, and as a token of friendship presented Tom with an electric clock.

The story of the month is the one about Joe Raes who recently bought a building lot. Seems Joe was told there was a pair of horses on his lot, so Joe secured two sets of harness and two feed bags, prepared to capture the horses and go in the trucking business. But to his great disappointment when he went to his lot he found only a pair of carpenter's wooden horses. So now Joe has two sets of harnesses and two feed bags for sale cheap. Or he will exchange for a good straw hat.

Sympathy is expressed to our popular Miss Rena Bloom on the death of her sister, Jennie E. VanNatten, who passed away on July 21st. Interment was in Tribes Hill, N. Y. Mrs. Bloom is employed in Mr. Hinkel's department, whose groups sent a floral piece together with deep sympathy.

We have it on good authority that the coolest girl in Building 12 during this hot spell is the one who takes her breath in short pants.

Congratulations are extended to our brother, Mortimer Sheldon, who celebrated his birthday on Monday, July 22nd, and also our brother, Geo. Smith, who celebrated his birthday on July 23rd. Many happy returns of the day to both our brothers.

As we go to press, we learn that the following are confined to their homes due to slight illnesses:

Miss Irene Avery  
Miss Loretta Blackburn  
Miss Lila Hilmer  
Brother Edward Post.

Local 301 wishes them all a speedy recovery.

## Five Years of NLRB Activity

Handled 28,132 Cases to June 1, 1940 — Involving 6,147,593 Workers

To discover by secret ballot the bargaining agencies of American employees involved the holding of 3,157 elections in which 1,153,319 valid votes were cast during the past five years, the National Labor Relations Board reported today in a summary released on the Fifth Anniversary of the National Labor Relations Act.

Figures released by the Board also show that during this period a total of 2,768 strike cases were handled involving 441,086 workers. Of this total, three-fourths of the cases were settled and 272,136 workers reinstated following strikes and lock-outs. An additional 20,370 workers were reinstated after discriminatory discharges for union activities. Preventive action of the Act's machinery was effective in averting 838 threatened strikes involving 192,997 workers.

Throughout the five years a total of 23,132 cases was handled, including charges of unfair labor practices and petitions for elections. The cases involved more than 6,140,000 workers.

Of the total number of cases handled, 25,030, or about 89 percent, have been closed as of June 1, leaving 3,102 cases pending.

Ninety-two percent of the closed cases were disposed of through agreement of employer and employee representatives, dismissal by the Board, or withdrawal by the complaining union or individual. The remaining 8 percent were closed in some other way, including compliance, certification, intermediate report of no violation, and cease and desist orders.

The data show Board activities up to June 1. During May 577 new cases were filed, as against 614 during the previous month. Of the cases filed in May, 274 were filed by AFL unions, 208 by CIO unions (one case being filed jointly by AFL and CIO), while unaffiliated unions and individuals filed 81 cases.

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(By James Willde)

California has its "Wrong Way Corrigan" but the Toolroom has its "Wrong Way Baum". At the Union Field Day, Carl on his way home, got mixed up with the sodium lights on the Dunnesburg road and came near going to his old homestead in Arleta, Ohio.

Ed Wallingford, our dependable President, could addition for a whirling-boy soprano after "barking" at one of the concessionaires at the union field day last Saturday.

Democrat Frank Gilchrist thinks he has Republican Ted Hess converted as he had him drinking Democratic beer at the Field Day. Maybe the recent Republican Presidential nominee, who was a former Democrat, has something to do with it.

The boys of the Department wish Sam Perrone the best of luck in his coming marriage.

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