

Sound Labor Standards In States Urged

Secretary Tobin Opens Drive Against Tide Of 'Anti-Labor Statutes'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 — (AP) — Secretary of Labor Tobin today opened an administration drive against a "tide of anti-labor legislation" in the states.

He told delegates to the annual conference of State Labor Commissioners that some state laws are "worse than Taft-Hartley," and he urged them to unite in a campaign for "sound labor standards."

While Tobin was opening the three-day session his aides were busy drafting a substitute measure for the 1947 federal labor law President Truman has pledged to repeal.

The secretary said in his address that the state labor groups had scored most gains in the four years after the first such conference here in 1933. But since then, he said, "the drive for sound labor legislation has slowed to a walk."

"Indeed," he said, "a counter-trend has developed, of attacks on the rights of organized workers, of diffusion of labor functions among various agencies of the federal and state governments, of successful attempts to weaken the federal and state labor departments through cuts in funds or withholding of increased appropriations."

"The energies of labor officials and organized labor have necessarily been diverted to defending their gains rather than to pursuing new goals. You have literally been fighting with your back to the wall."

Election Verdict Cited

Now, Tobin added, "the tide of battle has turned."

"We may take encouragement," he said, "from the recent rejection by the people of Maine, Massachusetts and New Mexico of referenda on anti-closed shop proposals. This is certainly a cheering reversal of the trend in 1946-47 when 34 states passed anti-labor laws."

"But by far our greatest encouragement comes from the reaffirmation by the American people just this month of their belief in liberal, progressive principles."

Noting that there are 1,500,000 idle today, mainly between jobs, Tobin urged that the state commissioners work to eliminate mass unemployment.

"The fear of unemployment," he said, "ranks right behind the atomic bomb in the minds of the American people."

He proposed also that the state officials strive to boost the minimum wage from 40 cents to 75 cents an hour, and to write fair labor standards acts where there are no present wage laws.

Stressing the need for more factory safety codes, Tobin said: "Certainly the greatest industrial nation on earth cannot justify injuring a worker every 36 seconds and killing or maiming one every four minutes."

Truman Asks 'Teamwork'

President Truman meanwhile

The Weather

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Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Mostly cloudy with showers today. Partly cloudy to night. Cloudy with rain showers Wednesday.
Highest temp. any Nov. 76
Lowest temp. for any Nov. 42
Highest temp. yesterday 45
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called today for better "teamwork on the domestic scene" to promote world recovery and lasting peace.

In a message to the state labor commissioners Mr. Truman said: "Much still remains to be done."

"In the years ahead you have need for the same will and determination that you applied to your early tasks. We face grave problems in our states and in our nation. Only as we maintain and improve our teamwork on the domestic scene can we meet our world commitments and build teamwork to achieve recovery and lasting peace."

Revived Moose Lodge Plans Slated Tonight

A meeting of all members or persons interested in joining the Moose Lodge is scheduled for tonight at 8 o'clock in the Vets Lounge, with plans to be made for the initiation of new members and installation of officers at a ceremony Sunday.

The Moose Lodge, in process of reorganization here after being defunct for many years, has a large list of candidates for membership, as well as members in good standing living in the Roseburg vicinity.

The meeting tonight will be for men only. Refreshments will be served.

Additional Verdict For White's Trial Drawn

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were asked, "Would you return a verdict (of guilty) only if convinced beyond a reasonable doubt on the basis of evidence introduced in this court?" others were questioned.

White sat with his attorneys in the courtroom in a white shirt and suspenders. He wore a pair of dark glasses and there were no noticeable changes of expression on his face as he sometimes glanced at the judge, then at the row of jurors in the jury box while questioning went on. Not many spectators were on hand—hardly more than 12 or 15 outside of the large jury panel.

White is being tried for the death of 80-year-old Willis Moffitt, who was robbed and beaten and left in an alley last Aug. 13. Moffitt died two days later in a Eugene hospital. White was arrested by city police about three hours after Moffitt was found, and his alleged accomplice, Elmer Moser, was arrested on Sunday, Aug. 15, the date of Moffitt's death.

Both Moser and White were indicted for the aged welfare recipient's death by the Douglas County Grand Jury. Moser signed a confession, according to the police, and later pleaded guilty to a second degree murder charge.

He was sentenced to a life term in the state penitentiary by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

Labor Act Revision Favored by Hartley

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 — (AP) — Rep. Hartley (R-N.J.), co-author of the Taft-Hartley Labor Law, said today he favors repeal of the present requirement for an employees' election to determine whether there should be a union shop.

Experience with this requirement, he explained, has demonstrated that it is "costly and unnecessary."

He said union shop agreements could be made a matter of bargaining directly between labor and management.

Hartley told reporters he also believes that the present requirement for labor union officials to file non-Communist affidavits should be extended to management. He said the present law is one-sided.

The retiring chairman of the house labor committee predicted that the new Democratic-controlled Congress will repeal the act's ban on closed shop contracts.

The law now prohibits contracts which would deny employment to non-union workers. However, it does not ban union shop contracts, which require workers to become union members after accepting employment.

Hartley said he is against repealing the closed shop ban because it has not been given "a fair trial."

Activists to Meet—The Roseburg Active Club will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Del Rey Cafe. A program and initiation of new members are scheduled. This will be the monthly business meeting of the club.

The location of the nesting grounds of the whooping crane, North America's rarest and tallest bird, is still a mystery despite intensive search by prominent biologists.

Social Dated to Raise Funds for School Grounds

A pie social to raise funds for the purchase of gravel at the new school grounds will be held Friday at 8 p. m. at the Dixonville Community hall. All the ladies are requested to bring pies, which will be auctioned off during the evening. Coffee will be furnished. A program is scheduled, starting at 8 p. m.

The new school for the combined Dixonville-Deer Creek district, as well as a large portion of Smick district, added this summer, has been completed sufficiently to be occupied by the students, but considerable work remains on the grounds and some finishing work on the building.

Loyalist Garrison At Suchow Evacuated

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through Jehol province.)

Meanwhile two minor signs appeared in Nanking. (1) There was a total absence of war news in the afternoon papers. (2) The government's military spokesman remained away from his office. In the past both of these have indicated reverses of considerable importance to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's armies.

Nervousness was reflected in both diplomatic and government circles in this capital. Various diplomatic missions joined the American embassy in evacuating Embassy and consular staff dependents to safer areas. The U. S. Embassy announced Navy planes Thursday would start flying 100 American dependents from Nanking and Shanghai to Manila. Americans in Central China have already been warned to "move to areas of greater safety."

Several other foreign embassies and legations have already evacuated their women and children. Others were preparing to do so as quickly as facilities became available.

Chinese Officials Flee

The flight of National Government officials from China reached such proportions that the control Yuan was reported to have adopted a resolution that passports be given only to those under "special orders." The Nanking Evening News said the control Yuan would investigate the large number of legislative and control Yuan members who have asked for passports.

The same tendency to flee was reported from Suchow, key to government defenses in central

China. Reliable reports said many able bodied men were trying to crowd into planes flying out the wounded.

Suchow is about 65 miles north of the spot where the government's Twelfth Army Group has been trapped.

East Fowler Street Rezoning Disapproved

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erty was present and stated he intends to erect multiple dwelling units on the property.

Sundale Village annexation was recommended for residential class 1 zoning. G. N. Siefarth, of 1038 South Hamilton, was present and requested this type of zoning.

The commission recommended for final approval the platting of Housley Heights, and gave tentative approval for the subdivision of the Deer Creek-Orchard tract, lots 1, 3 and 4, plat A.

Berlin Reds Set Up Puppet Government

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would be a violation of my constitutional oath. These men (the Communists) are making themselves guilty of illegally assuming offices and should be tried under . . . the penal code."

As Mayor Friedensburg tried to leave his office in the City Hall, which is in the Russian sector, a German Communist police barred his way and insisted on searching his brief case. The police said he wanted to be sure the mayor was not "removing any city records."

Friedensburg refused to submit to search. When the mayor emerged, he said he had not been searched and was permitted to leave.

The big Communist outdoor demonstration heard speeches from leaders who came over from the rump government meeting. Large sections of the speeches ended. The crowd appeared to have been in low spirits from the start.

Army, Navy, Air Force Fighting Irks Senator

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putes.

The "first danger," he said, is that "we do not have a team of armed forces which Congress felt was necessary for defense. The three separate services are fighting one another."

"The second danger is those

fellows are asking so much money without unification that it is a threat to our economy."

"We simply cannot push up the cost of defense without doing grave damage to this nation's economy."

Hill said the national debt after World War I was \$28,000,000,000 while the next budget may provide about \$15,000,000,000 for defense alone.

"Here we are spending in one year more than half the national debt for 1918 and we still don't have a unified fighting force. It cannot be tolerated."

"It would be interesting to know," he continued, "how much of the money we give the armed services is used in their fight against each other rather than in building a team to give us the defense which the unification act contemplated."

Turkey Show Location Changed to Skating Rink

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key Show will be Dec. 6 through the 9th next week. Exhibits will be received and arranged the opening day and be removed by Friday, Dec. 10.

Close to 500 persons will come here for the show from points in the Northwest, California, and the Midwest. Premiums to be awarded entries in the show total close to \$2,500. Routledge said.

Climax of the show will be the judging of the grand champion birds Thursday afternoon and a banquet at Kennedy's Dutch Mill, to be open to the public, Thursday night.

Draftees Given Taste Of Swank Army Life

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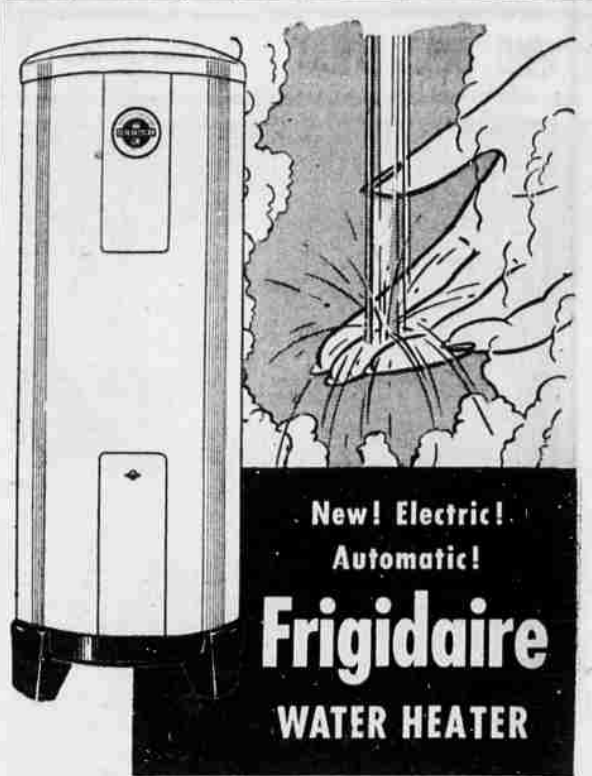
up to the stage and from there to their designated tables."

The men pinned corsages, also courtesy of the Army, on their dates. The girls pinned stars on the men and gave them printed commissions as general for the night.

While 30 sergeants sat on the dance floor and ate C rations, hotel waiters served orange juice, prime ribs, rissole potatoes, peas, salad, rolls and butter, ice cream, cake and coffee.

There was a floor show. Then there was dancing.

At midnight, the band gave out with a roll of the drums and 12 loud bangs with the cymbals. The party was over. The girls went home. Two sergeants lined the men up, shouted "forward march" and took them back to their rooms.



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