

Proposed Labor Act Changes Point To Bitter Fights

By MAX HALL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Truman, fulfilling one of his biggest campaign pledges, asked Congress yesterday to repeal the Taft-Hartley labor law and restore the Wagner Act with "certain improvements."

He didn't say whether those things should be done all in one package, or in two steps as urged by labor unions. The unions want to go back to the Wagner Act right away, with any additions coming along later.

The labor law portion of the president's State of the Union message was brief, general, and strictly in line with his previous utterances.

The "improvements" he listed were the same ones he proposed in his State of the Union message two years ago, before the Taft-Hartley Act was passed. They relate to such things as preventing strikes in vital industries, jurisdictional strikes, and one type of secondary boycott.

Mr. Truman said nothing about a line in the 1948 Democratic platform which advocated some provision to enable unions to resist Communist influences.

Bitter Fights Presaged

All this leaves a lot for Congress to work out. Bitter, time-consuming fights are sure to come.

Most of the Taft-Hartley Act would be wiped out, including all restrictions on the closed shop, mass picketing, and unions' political spending.

Mr. Truman said the Taft-Hartley law unfairly discriminates against working people because it "abridges their rights, curtails their constructive efforts, and hampers our system of free collective bargaining."

The Wagner Act of 1935, stripped of the changes which the Taft-Hartley Act made in it, simply guaranteed to workers the right to organize and bargain through their representatives without employer interference.

'Improvements' Listed

The Wagner Act "improvements" the president requested would:

1. Prohibit jurisdictional strikes. (Caused by disputes between rival unions.)

2. Prohibit "unjustifiable" secondary boycotts. (Union attempts to prevent other companies from doing business with the company involved in a dispute. Two years ago Mr. Truman said boycotts to protect wage rates and working conditions are justifiable, but boycotts supporting jurisdictional disputes are "unjustifiable.")

3. Prevent "the use of economic force to decide issues arising out of the interpretation of existing contracts."

(This implied that these issues should be settled by an impartial arbitrator, without strikes or lockouts; but neither today nor two years ago did Mr. Truman specify whether both parties should be compelled to arbitrate.)

4. Prevent strikes in vital industries. His exact words: "Without endangering our democratic freedoms, means should be provided for settling or preventing strikes in vital industries which affect the public interest."

(Thus the president did not say whether he wants to keep the Taft-Hartley provision which allows an 80-day delay in any large strike that would imperil the national health or safety.)

5. Rebuild and strengthen the Labor Department. The president said, "Those units properly belonging within that department should be placed in it."

The president didn't name those units. Labor Department officials have asked that the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and the National Labor Relations Board be under their administration.

Besides these proposals, the president asked that the minimum wage be raised from 40 cents an hour to "at least 75 cents."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Truman's call to Congress for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and restoration of the Wagner Act received quick approval from both the CIO and AFL.

That portion of his message was hailed by AFL President William Green and CIO Chief Philip Murray as being in full

accord with their views about labor legislation.

Murray said Mr. Truman "has kept full faith with the people who elected him."

Green said the president's recommendations will receive the cooperation of the AFL.

Both big labor federations, with a combined membership of nearly 14,000,000 promised to work toward constructive amendments after the Wagner Act is restored.

It is estimated that 91 per cent of people who live beyond middle develop bone and joint changes characteristic of arthritis and rheumatism.

Wilbur Culp, From Air Base in Japan, Writes of Memorable Experiences

An interesting account of a derelict P-51 airplane crashing into the orderly room of his barracks is related by Sgt. Wilbur G. Culp, now at Itami Air Base, Osaka, Japan, in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Culp, 1117 Harvard Ave., Roseburg.

"They were warming it up when the brakes broke and it just piled into the building," he writes. "It knocked our first sergeant out of the window and the prop hit a typewriter and threw it through the ceiling. Luckily no one was hurt but we just don't have one corner left of our base operations building."

He continues: "It seems like all I have been doing lately is working. I worked the morning of Dec. 24, graveyard the same day, the afternoon of the 25th and again this evening, the 26th."

"This afternoon some of the guys from our outfit went out to an orphanage and helped the

Catholic chaplain distribute a mess of stuff he had collected for the kids. They had a mess of toys, old clothes, candy, gum, four roast turkeys and about 20 gallons of ice cream. The kids had never seen any GIs before and at first they were afraid of us; but after we started handing out the stuff they wouldn't let go of us. They kept patting us and pinching us to see what we were like. We took out a mess of bubble gum and taught them how to blow bubbles.

"The chaplain somehow managed to get three cases of frozen fresh milk. The sister who ran the place said it would be the first milk that most of them ever had. You should have seen it.

One kid would be running around with a pair of shoes, and another with an old shirt just as happy as if somebody had given them a bike. Two girls snuggled a pair of skates, and we had to get them together. After they finished with all of the stuff the sister had them put on a show for us. They sang some songs and did a few dances. It really made me feel good to be able to do something worthwhile. The people who contributed all of the stuff can't realize how such a little insignificant thing like a pair of pants can mean so much to a kid who is in an orphanage where they have light fixtures, but have to spend their money on food and don't

have enough to pay for electricity.

Auto Excise Tax Repeal Sought by Earl Newby

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Secretary of State Earl T. Newby wants the government to repeal its automobile excise taxes and let the states have the revenue.

He said he has written Oregon's congressional delegation, and has urged other states to take similar steps.

Newby said the excise taxes were adopted to finance the war, and should have been repealed at the end of the war.

He said if Congress let the states have the revenue, Oregon would get \$13,000,000 more a year to spend on its highway system.

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