

# Teen-Agers Favor Labor Unions But Think Them Often At Fault

By EUGENE GILBERT  
Teenagers are overwhelmingly in favor of the American labor movement, yet about half of them think that in friction between labor and management it is the unions that are usually at fault.

In a nationwide survey of teen-agers' opinions of labor and management, we learned that youth is highly in favor of the ideals and principles of labor but highly critical of some of its practices. At least 93 per cent of the boys and 92 per cent of the girls answered a resounding yes when asked if labor unions were necessary.

"They create good working conditions and help in making fair wages," says Bobbie Blocker of Pompano Beach, Fla. "They represent the people and are part and parcel of democratic government," says E. J. Krampe of College Point, N. J. The slim minority, 6 per cent of the boys and 7 per cent of the girls, had an entirely different impression:

"Labor unions are trying to drive management out of business," insists 16-year-old Lee Johnson of Indianapolis, Ind. **Some Reservations**

Labor's popularity dropped a bit when teen-agers were asked whether they themselves would join a union if working. Eighty per cent of the boys and 75 per cent of the girls said they would. But 19 per cent of the boys and 24 per cent of the girls said flatly they would not. The rest had no opinion.

After voting solidly in favor of the labor movement as an ideal, many teen-agers had reservations and outright changes of opinion about labor as it is practiced. Did they think labor unions were managed honestly, indifferently or badly and corruptly?

About 55 per cent of the boys and 48 per cent of the girls answered that they thought most unions were managed honestly. But 30 per cent of the boys and 39 per cent of the girls held the opinion that most unions were badly and corruptly managed. About 12 per cent of both boys and girls thought they were indifferently managed. Few had no opinions on this question.

Labor also lost considerable ground among young people on the question which side was usually at fault in friction between labor and management. Here, 47 per cent of the boys and 57 per cent of the girls blamed labor; 24 per cent of the boys and 18 per cent of the girls blamed management, and 27 per cent of the boys and 24 per cent of the girls blamed both.

**Boys Pro-Union**  
It is interesting to note that throughout this survey boys tended to be much stronger unionists than girls. Both questions elicited strong comments from the future working class in America. "All that stuff in the papers couldn't be a coincidence," answered 15-year-old Dale Rogers of Seattle. "Some awfully dirty goings-on must be in those unions."

"Union officials get their hands on too much money," observed another teen-ager, who declined to give his name. "It can't be good for them. They have got to turn corrupt even if they start out on the up and up."  
"I'm a strong disbeliever in unions," admitted 17-year-old Dennis Sloan of Chicago, Ill. "We would be better off without them if they can't be honest."

Similarly, young Ted Eland of Winfield, Iowa, found unions "unfair to the workers — the bosses roll in all the money." But others thought that the entire labor movement had been unfairly stigmatized by recent scandalous disclosures in some unions. "Maybe one or two are bad and get in the newspapers," said Mary Jo Small of Midland, Tex., "but most are completely honest, I am certain."

A high school junior in New York City insisted that "no money business goes on in most unions. My dad is a union member for 20 years and nothing shady goes on."  
"People pay too much attention to the supposed frauds written up in newspapers," complained 15-year-old Kenny Clark also of Midland. "Unions are no different from business. Some are successful, others are not. People only notice the unsuccessful ones."

Some doubted that corruption could take place on a large scale in a big union. "If crooked officials got into a union, someone would be sure to find out," said a Detroit pony-tailer. "There are too many people involved," insisted another.

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**DA Backs Up Court In Refusing To Pay**  
PORTLAND — Refusal by the board of county commissioners to pay for two items stemming from the perjury trial of Mayor Terry Schuck drew support this week from Dist. Atty. Leo Smith.

Smith said the attorney general will have to prove need for the expenditures. The items include \$128 for a helicopter survey of Portland's north side and \$98 for photographs of a former after-hours club, scene of the state's charges. The mayor was acquitted.

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## Huntington Family Of Yoncalla Plans Reunion Sunday

By MRS. GEORGE EDES  
The original Huntington family of Yoncalla will hold its annual reunion Sunday at the old Huntington home south of Yoncalla.

**Brother Dies**  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Russell were called to Los Angeles, Calif., last week due to the sudden death of his brother.

Mabel and Molly Lou Kingery of Portland spent last weekend visiting at the Dare Kingery home. Mrs. Sara W. F. Kingery returned home last week after spending a week in Grants Pass. She attended the Gladia Show and River Pageant and visited friends and relatives while there.

Mrs. Don Kingery and children, Mrs. Oscar Butler and son, Ricky, and Mrs. Ellet Turner left this week to visit relatives in Prineville for several days.

Benjamin Huntington of Coquille and Robert B. Huntington of Myrtle Point spent last weekend visiting at the Dare Kingery home. Mrs. Dillie Kerkela of Veneta, Calif., is visiting at the Charlie Kerkela home for a few weeks.

**Visiting Father**  
Mrs. Veneta Kandel of Portland has been visiting her father, Edgar Richards, for the past two weeks while Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merk are on their vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Merk have been attending the Shakespearean plays at Asundale.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Latham and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Billiter of Downey, Calif., and Donna Billiter of Paramount, Calif., spent Saturday at Crater Lake.

Word has been received from Utah of the arrival of a son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Baker. This is the sixth son. They lived for many years east of Yoncalla.

**School Employees Meeting Attended By Tenmile People**  
By MRS. WALTER COATS  
E. M. Degner and Mrs. Alyce Dwight of Tenmile and Guy Davis of Roseburg drove to Salem last weekend to attend a meeting of the Oregon School Employees Assn.

Davis is secretary of the state organization and Degner is on the welfare committee. Mrs. Dwight is on the organization committee. Members of the association for the Douglas County area will meet at Riverside School in Roseburg Sept. 14 to make plans for the training program for the coming year. Non-certified personnel in school work are invited to attend and become members of the association.

**Attends School**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Degner recently spent a week in Portland where he attended a school or Johnsons Service System Controls for heating and ventilation. It was conducted by a director of education from the home office in Milwaukee, Wis. Degner is custodian for Dillard School District 116. Mrs. Degner visited the Lambert Gardens and Multnomah Falls and did some shopping.

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**Douglas Share Largest For Predator Control**  
Douglas County will get the biggest share among 33 Oregon counties to share the \$30,000 of state money allocated for predatory animal control in the year ending June 30. The county will claim \$2,980. This amount must be matched by the county, says M. E. Knickerbocker, animal division chief for the State Department of Agriculture. The appropriations are in connection with the predatory animal control program conducted jointly by the counties, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the state department. The smallest allocation went to Hood River County with \$229.

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