

Business, Labor Put Up Bulk Of Money To Back, Fight Right-To-Work Laws

By NORMAN WALKER
WASHINGTON (AP)—Business and labor are putting up the bulk of the money to finance the expensive campaign for and against state right-to-work laws. The laws, already in effect in 18 states, will be an issue on the ballot in at least five and probably six states in the November elections.

Such a law bars employers and labor unions from negotiating any labor contract arrangement requiring compulsory union membership of workers. Voters will ballot on the issue in November in Washington, California, Colorado, Idaho and Kansas, and probably Ohio.

Heading up the opposition to spreading right-to-work laws is the newly formed National Council for Industrial Peace, with former Sen. Herbert Lehman of New York and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt as its chairmen. Jack Redding, former public relations director of the Democratic National Committee, is its operating chief.

Main Proponent
The main proponent organization is the National Right-to-Work Committee, with W. T. Harrison as executive secretary. Former Rep. Fred Hartley, co-author of the Taft-Hartley Law, served for several years as chairman, but Harrison now says "we've dropped him off our stationery."

Redding was reluctant to talk about financing of the opposition group. "We've had contributions from individuals, from some management organizations, and in some instances from international labor unions," he said.

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Quarter Million Budget
Redding's group reportedly has a budget of a quarter million dollars.

Harrison says his pro right-to-work organization has no budget, but "just spends all the money we get" printing and distributing material.

Harrison says his group gets not a dime from the two big employer organizations, the National Assn. of Manufacturers and U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Nor does it get money, he said, from such big business as U. S. Steel, General Motors or Ford. All three of those firms incidentally, operate under compulsory union membership provisions.

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U. S. NURSES LAND IN LEBANON—Three U. S. Army nurses, members of the first medical unit to land in Lebanon to serve the U. S. forces stationed there, study documents after their arrival at Beirut. From left are Capt. Margaret Hanley, Lawrence, Mass.; Capt. Margaret Shea, Port Henry, N. Y., and Lieut. Sharon Johnston, Bangor, Maine. (AP Wirephoto)

Election Of Shehab May Give U. S. An Opportunity To Face Middle East Facts

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Election of Gen. Fuad Shehab as president and prospective peacemaker in tormented Lebanon gives the United States an opportunity to face some Middle East facts of life and possibly to rescue some of its sagging fortunes there.

Gen. Shehab is in a position to help turn Lebanon into a sort of Switzerland of the Middle East—a neutral in the quarrels between Arab and Arab, Arab and Western and the two great world blocs.

The role is logical for Lebanon. Indeed, there has been reason to believe that the United States was somewhat embarrassed by the ardor displayed by President Camille Chamoun in embracing the Western cause. It was a case of Lebanon supporting and defending the United States, or something akin to the tail wagging the dog.

A large number of Lebanese, both Christian and Moslem, aspire to a role of neutrality. Many in the rebel opposition, too, have indicated that such a role would satisfy them. They see Lebanon's future contribution to stability in her service as a bridge between extremes in the Middle East. For Lebanon, the role would be in keeping with tradition.

Apparently Gamal Abdel Nasser's intention with regard to Lebanon was to exercise control over her foreign policy. This will come about if the extremists among the opposition have their way. But if Shehab can steer Lebanon into an enlightened neutrality, the country stands a chance of remaining independent.

The United States, many Lebanese argue, would be shortsighted in insisting upon stamping Lebanon indelibly with the Western brand.

Protest Not Serious
The announcement that Premier Sami Solh wants to contest Shehab's election should not be taken seriously. The premier has little real authority.

Shehab is repeating his 1952 role—taking over as a sort of caretaker president to offer a chance for compromise of a deep political quarrel. He is unlikely to want to remain in the presidency for long. Thus, what will concern Lebanon's politicians now is the extent to which Chamoun will exercise influence in choosing the man who will succeed Shehab.

A middle of the road Maronite Christian acceptable both to opposition and government forces is the answer.

Perhaps American troops will remain in Lebanon while this issue is being settled. If they leave before it is settled, the little country is likely to explode all over again.

Wholesale Food Prices Edge Slightly Higher

NEW YORK (AP)—Wholesale food prices edged higher this week, continuing the recent pattern of minor fluctuations within a narrow range. Dun & Bradstreet Inc. reported Wednesday.

At \$6.53 the organization's food index was up a cent from last week and up 4.1 per cent above the \$6.37 in the similar 1957 week. The index has not moved more than three cents a week since the first week in June, with a range during this period from \$6.60 to \$6.86. The overall 1958 spread is \$6.41-\$6.72.

The index represents the total cost at wholesale of one pound each of 31 foods in general use. Higher this week were beef, hams, eggs, steers and hogs.

Lower were flour, wheat, oats, sugar, milk, coffee and potatoes.

Rising Construction Costs Postpone Tunnel

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rising construction costs probably will cause postponement of the Waldo Lake tunnel and regulating works on Oregon's Willamette River.

The House voted this week to re-extend federal authorization for the project. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore) and supported by the Lane County Chamber of Commerce in an attempt to save the lake for recreational purposes.

The House Public Works Committee reported that rising construction costs have boosted the estimated cost of the project to \$1,010,000.

Vital Statistics

Divorce Suits Filed
Evelyn vs. Delphin Sutphin, on grounds of cruelty. Plaintiff seeks real property and furnishings, a 1958 car, defendant to be awarded 1949 auto. Married at Crescent City, Calif., July 3, 1934.

Dorothy Dawne vs. Valdar Rayne Linn, on cruelty grounds. Plaintiff asks custody of two children and \$77 a month support. Defendant discharged from service, then \$60 a month support. Married June 27, 1954, at Portland.

William H. vs. Edna Marie Metzger on grounds of desertion, asking decree only. Married at McCall, Idaho, on Aug. 12, 1932.

Theodore R. vs. Tillie Seward on cruelty grounds, seeking decree only. Married May 24, 1958, at Coos Bay.

Robert D. vs. Nancy C. Weems on grounds of desertion. A single child lives with defendant. Decree only wanted. Married at Goldendale, Wash., on July 1, 1952.

Ernest vs. Edith Hoffarber on cruelty grounds. Plaintiff asks custody of one child. Married Oct. 4, 1949, at Stevenson, Wash.

Loretta Christina vs. James J. Plaintiff seeks award of custody of maiden name, Loretta Christina Shuck. Married at Picher, Okla., on Dec. 29, 1954.

Donald P. vs. Gladys Maxine Moseley on cruelty grounds. Plaintiff seeks award of custody of defendant and \$40 a month support payment, and division of proceeds from sale of real property. Married at Dallas, Ore., on Dec. 16, 1952.

Delbert Henry vs. Mary Geraldine Jones on grounds of cruelty. Plaintiff seeks award of custody of one minor child and \$50 a month support. Married at Stevenson, Wash., on Oct. 14, 1944.

Howard R. vs. Valeene M. Nelson on cruelty grounds. Plaintiff father asks custody of two children and award of personal property. Married June 11, 1954, at Roseburg.

Civil Actions
Frances P. Eiden vs. Buck D. Comer, a suit alleging wrongful possession of a trailer house valued at \$750 based on conditional sales contract between parties and claiming default on payments.

Grover C. Woods, dba R & L Shell Service vs. Union High School District No. 13 at Reedsport and Ray E. Rookard, asking \$2,844 judgment for parts and services provided this spring on school bus owned and operated by Rookard.

State Unemployment Compensation Commission vs. Leonard L. and Rose Langley and Roy Francis Smith, dba Harlequin Club, a suit to collect alleged non payment of contributions totaling about \$58.

Vern H. Liesinger et al., dba Veterans Lumber Co. vs. Yoncalla Lumber Co. et al., seeking court decree to stop hauling of logs over right of way through plaintiff's property and alleging irreparable harm.

Umpqua Savings & Loan Assn., four similar suits seeking foreclosures on real property mortgages resulting from alleged defaults on promissory notes issued

Mid-Year Traffic Death Toll Said To Be Encouraging

CHICAGO (AP)—A mid-year death toll of 16,240 traffic accident victims is grimly encouraging to the National Safety Council.

If the rate continues through the coming six months, 1,500 fewer persons will die this year than in 1957 when road mishaps took 38,500 lives.

The 1958 six-month figure was 7 per cent under the 17,510 deaths for the same period last year and was the lowest toll since 1954 when 16,005 persons were killed in the half-year span.

The council also ranked the cities in each population group with the best six-month traffic record. Ranked according to the number of deaths for every 10,000 registered vehicles, they included:

One million population — Detroit, 2.4; Chicago, 2.8; Los Angeles, 3.0.
750,000-one million — St. Louis, 2.0; San Francisco, 2.2.
250,000-500,000 — Indianapolis, 1.4; Memphis, 1.7; Portland, Ore., 1.8.
25,000-50,000 — Boise, Idaho, 1.8; Yakima, Wash., both 0.0.
10,000-25,000 — Kingsport, Tenn., Medford, Ore., both 0.0.

DITCH COLLAPSE FATAL
ST. HELENS (AP)—A drainage ditch collapsed and fatally injured Ben Stocks, about 65, Soil Conservation Service engineer, near here Wednesday.

The dirt piled up to shoulder height. A doctor said Stocks apparently was struck by a boulder. Four other men with Stocks were not caught in the ditch.

The ditch was being cut through a roadway between Muckle Lake and Adams Lake.

to the following: Wilfred and Shirley Ouellette to recover \$1,855; L. Vere Elliott and wife to recover \$761; Clifford M. and Daisy D. Bice et al., for recovery of \$3,412 and \$4,087; and Mildred J. and John Doe Young, to recover \$3,223, all with interest, costs and fees to be added.

James E. Nations vs. State Industrial Accident Commission, asking order to cause commission to reopen claims case because of alleged aggravated condition arising from 1956 lumber mill accident.

James Hardy Files vs. State Industrial Accident Commission, requesting jury to try cause to set aside 1958 commission order awarding compensation for 1956 lumber mill accident, and award of permanent partial disability for arm and back injury.

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Ram Fertility Testing Will Be Demonstrated

A demonstration for Douglas County sheepmen showing methods for testing ram fertility is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 15, at the Fairgrounds. It was announced today by Wayne Mosher, assistant county agent.

Me said Dr. C. W. Fox, professor of animal husbandry at Oregon State College, and S. H. Wu, agriculture department professor, will be here to hold the demonstration.

Mosher said the program probably will be held in the morning, and that the time will be announced later. The demonstration is sponsored jointly by the college and the Douglas County Extension Service office.

"Information of considerable practical value to wool growers should result from the demonstration," Mosher explained.

Vets, Families Urged To Support RC Blood Bank

Veterans and their families were asked by the Veterans Administration today to support the Red Cross blood donor recruitment program to provide an increasing amount of blood for patients in VA hospitals.

Dr. J. A. Doering, Roseburg hospital manager, said today. VA hospitals will rely on Red Cross for 120,000 pints of blood during the coming year, compared with 80,000 pints furnished last year, the manager stated.

Dr. Doering said VA in return will share a portion of the cost of collecting, processing and distributing the blood received from Red Cross. The blood is received by Red Cross from voluntary donors.

The manager stressed that the new agreement will in no way affect the Roseburg VA hospital program in which necessary blood is obtained from a list of donors who are reimbursed for their services.

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