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## Labor Reform Laws

The United States badly needs new laws aimed at labor union reforms. But the indications now are that in 1958, as in 1957, it will not get them.

A month and a half ago the Senate passed the Kennedy-Ives bill, a moderate measure directed toward compelling full disclosure of union financial affairs, curbing racketeer control and producing democratically chosen leadership in labor organizations.

Evidently that is the end of the line. For a long time the bill hung in the air while House leaders tried to decide what to do with it. In view of the lateness of the day, its only hope for passage lay in suspending normal rules and bringing it to a vote on the House floor. Speaker Rayburn chose instead to assign it to the House Labor Committee. There it is expected to die.

Senator Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, says heavy lobbying pressures from the National Association of Manufacturers, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Retail Federation beat the measure.

These organizations at the national, state and local level unquestionably banged the symbols hard against the bill. They charged it was full of "booby-traps" for business.

It is not clear what merit there was in this claim nor, is it exactly plain to what extent the House leadership and rank and file have been affected by the barrage from the business organizations.

What is clear is that the members of Congress are under no compulsion to respond to lobbying pressures if they think they are bad or unwise. It is they alone who in the end decide whether it is right or important in a particular instance to do so.

When the Senate passed this bill, it was the consensus of many observers that it would never emerge from the House. The argument was made that the labor committee is hopelessly torn between conservatives and liberals and could not agree on a satisfactory measure. Prospects of bypassing the group were rated slim, and Rayburn now has dashed them.

Kennedy properly took note of this difficulty when he declared that an "extremist attitude" on the part of both management and labor (reflected in the House committee split) has prevented any substantial labor legislation from getting anywhere for the past decade.

The pressures are there, no doubt of it. But men fit to govern this nation are expected to be able when the circumstances demand, to rise above such influence and give the people the laws they need.

The racketeering and other flagrant abuse that afflict some labor unions present the Congress with such a challenge. The House of Representatives, 435 members strong, has failed totally in this duty.

## Getting the Message Over

A survey just taken shows that most drivers think their own skills at the wheel are superior. The safety warnings are for the "other guy," in their minds. How can we promote safety by showing them they're the other guy to the other guy?

## Side Glances



"Don't tell my daughter, but I'm not really losing my hearing—it's just that I wear ear plugs when I'm here at her house!"

## ---Into the Wild Blue Yonder



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## Poll Taking In Russia Is Cinch

By ROBERT MUSEL  
United Press International  
MOSCOW (UPI) — It's easy to put your finger on the pulse of the public in Moscow. What one man in the street thinks, everyone thinks.

As a result, life is much simpler for journalistic poll-takers in the Soviet Union than it is in the West.

For many years, every time there has been an international crisis, I've dashed out into Broadway, the Rue de la Paix, Piccadilly or St. Peter's Square to record the reaction of the average man.

Frankly, in the West this is a

headache job. The Westerner is disputations and opinionated and apt to take a contrary view simply because he's cussed—or simply because he believes in it. You always wind up with a notebook full of conflicting views.

Not so in this strong and bustling capital of Russia.

I've spoken to a number of Russians in the past few days about the summit conference and international tension and the results always have been the same.

The first man I talked to was standing in front of the squat mausoleum where thousands queue daily to see Lenin and Stalin eternally lying in state.

He said he learned his English in the hotel where he is employed.

As we strolled down wide Gorki Street, with women street cleaners busy on the sidewalks, he suddenly said, "Tell me, why do you want war?"

I said I didn't want war and furthermore I didn't know any American who did.

"But you are ringing us with air bases," he said. "And everybody knows air bases can only be for aggression."

I tried to explain the American attitude to him but he was my first Russian man in the street and so I can be forgiven the waste of time.

My second Moscow pulse interrupted my dinner at the skyscraper Hotel Ukraina, which stocks 71 wines, champagnes, liquors and liquors and serves such delicacies as hazel grouse in sour cream, roast duck stuffed with apples, beef stroganoff and chicken ala Kiev.

He was a Russian at the next table who introduced himself as a wartime merchant mariner who had fallen in love with San Francisco.

"I hope you do not approve of your country's interventionist policy in Lebanon," he said. "Let us drink a toast, 'hands off the Middle East!'"

I solicited a conversation with another Russian at the Prague Restaurant who asked, "Why did your president make such difficult conditions for a summit meeting?" The conversation then followed the usual course, ending in agreement to disagree.

I must say that every Russian I have spoken to was friendly, curious, helpful and at least superficially sincere, and he was no exception.

However, he felt I was ill informed because I obviously didn't get straightforward facts from United States papers as he did from Pravda, Izvestia and Moscow Radio.

By now, my Western notebook would have had a dozen points of view and I'd have had to shuffle them around to get a consensus.

No such problem here. When it comes to serious international matters of high policy nearly all Russians close ranks behind Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

When you've talked to one about politics, you've talked to them all.

## Senator Seeks Series Of World Conferences

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Acting Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, Mont., has called on the United States to arrange a series of world conferences to create a "constructive Middle East policy."

He charged that the Administration has been following a "headless policy with many tails" in the Middle East, based on the Eisenhower Doctrine which he called a "feeble cocoon... (which) did not protect anyone from anything."

Mansfield leveled his criticisms Friday during a Senate debate on foreign policy in which Democrats generally criticized and Republicans defended administration mid-east actions.

Sen. Homer Capehart (R-Ind.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and others chided Democrats for denouncing U.S. policies on the eve of the U.N. General Assembly emergency meeting on the Middle East crisis. Capehart said Mansfield preented no "constructive" ideas.

## Animosities Blamed For Admiral's Absence At Nautilus Ceremonies

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rear Adm. Hyman G. Rickover's absence from White House ceremonies announcing the Nautilus had conquered the North Pole has been attributed by many quarters to his zeal and outspoken comments which, ironically, led to development of the world's first atomic-powered vessel.

"Old Navy animosities" and Rickover's dislike for red tape were cited as reasons why the man regarded as mainly responsible for the construction of the Nautilus was not invited to the dramatic ceremony surrounding the White House announcement.

For Rickover, the "snub" was the latest in a series tracing back to his early entreaties that the Navy accelerate its nuclear submarine program.

White House sources refused to concede Rickover had been "passed over" in the invitations. They attributed his absence to a decision to invite only "top brass" with no exceptions, to the affair at which President Eisenhower pinned the Legion of Merit on Navy Cmdr. William R. Anderson for piloting the vessel under the polar ice cap.

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## Economists Predict Fall Upturn

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Top level administration economists have stuck by their predictions of a definite but gradual business upturn in the Autumn despite the indifferent showing of July employment and unemployment figures.

As reported Friday by the Commerce and Labor Departments, employment rose and unemployment dipped, but both changes were less than would have been normal on the basis of the customary seasonal pattern.

One highly placed economist told United Press International the employment report showed a "picture of transition" with usual mid-summer doldrums holding down upward forces that were clearly evident in May and June.

Commenting that he had held "no dramatic expectations for July or August," the economist expressed confidence that September would bring improvements in employment and the business situation in general.

In other reports on the economic front, the government said that: Retail sales in July held to the June level of about \$16,400,000,000.

Exports totaled \$1,406,000,000 in June, a drop of 14 per cent from May and of 21 per cent from June 1957.

Unemployment among workers protected under the Federal State Insurance system dropped by 132,000 in the week ended July 26 to a 1958 low of 2,422,800. The drop was the biggest for any week this year. But the number of workers drawing jobless benefits was still more than double the total a year ago.

Will Move Air Base  
LONDON (UPI) — The U. S. Air Force said that it would move the U. S. Military Air Transport terminal from Burtonwood in mid-England to Mildenhall, 50 miles from London, some time next year.

## Radio Peiping Says Reds Building A-Accelerator

TOKYO (UPI) — Radio Peiping said today the Soviet Union is building the world's biggest atomic accelerator, with maximum energy of fifty billion electron volts and an electric magnet one-third of a mile in diameter.

An accelerator is used in the atomic fission process to speed up the motion of elementary particles such as protons and prepare them for splitting.

According to Radio Peiping, the new accelerator will be five times more powerful than the world's largest, which was built by

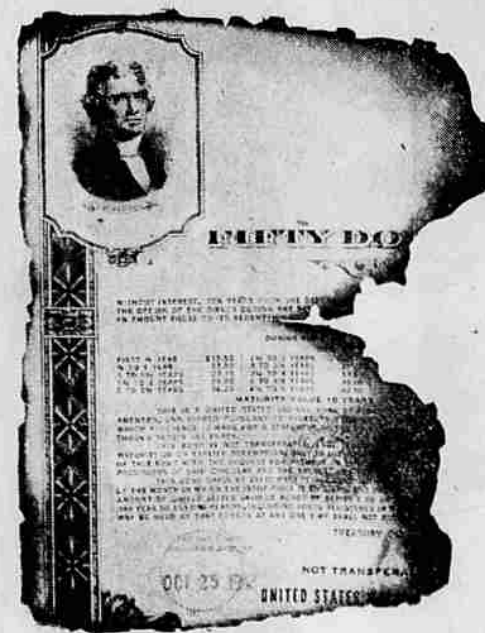
## Missionary Talks To Rotary Group

Miss Goldie Ruth Wells addressed the Rotary club Tuesday on experience as a missionary and teacher in Belgian Congo, Africa. She described the progress made over the years by the natives of Belgian Congo as a result of improved educational facilities.

Guests were Don Demsey of La Grande and Dr. Glen (Poe) Cayler, former La Grande high school football coach, now residing in Los Angeles.

The Rev. Gene Robinson was program chairman.

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