

World War II was a watershed for the labor movement. To prevent the war effort from being disrupted by strikes, the government supported arbitration and union maintenance of membership. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the AFL adopted a "No-Strike Code" and made a peace offering to the CIO for national unity. In this 1942 photo, AFL President Will Green (left) and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany (right) present President Roosevelt a poster symbolizing labor's drive to sell war bonds. Union membership rose dramatically by the end of the war.

dustry. **1946:** Largest strike wave in U.S. history. President Truman addresses the 65th AFL convention. **1947:** President Truman vetoes the Taft-Hartley Act which restricts union members' activities, but is overridden by Congress. A bill banning "closed shops" is introduced in Oregon Legislature. Labor opposes a sales tax proposal that proponents spend \$60,000 trying to pass. AFL endorses the "Marshall Plan" to deal with war-torn Europe. **1948:** National CIO convention held in Portland in November. Circuit Court declares Oregon's "Secondary Boycott Law" unconstitutional. 14,800 Mechanic Union workers strike Boeing. Labor Press editorials crusade for

civil rights. Breaking levees during a major flood destroys Vanport. **1949:** U.S. Supreme Court rules that states can outlaw closed shops. The Oregonian and Journal are declared unfair during a Pressmen's Union strike in February that is settled in March. NLRB rules in favor of Office and Professional Employees Union Local 11 as an appropriate bargaining unit at Meier and Frank. Truman signs a 75-cent-an-hour minimum wage law. First two of 11 unions with Communist leaders are purged from CIO. **1950:** The NLRB rules that Meier and Frank has been engaging in unfair labor practices by interrogating employees about union activities



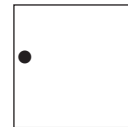
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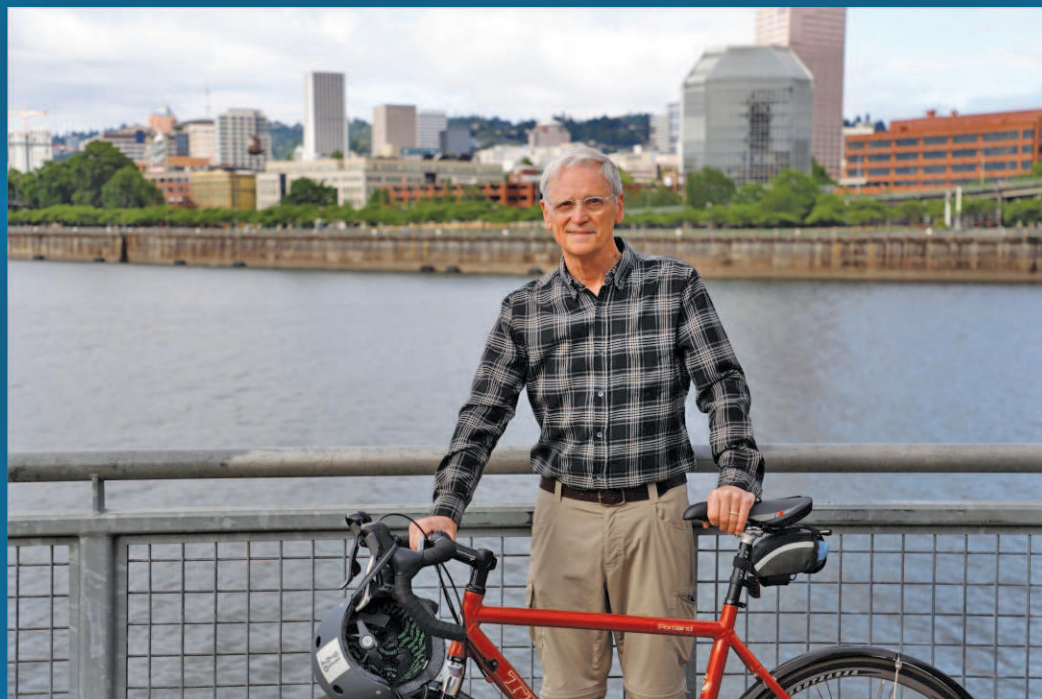
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