

possible to correlate the facts in time to work out a peaceful settlement. Moreover, without independent, non-partisan analysis, major problems are rarely worked out satisfactorily.

The league does not suggest absolute arbitration. It detracts from the proper and final authority of government and its constitutionality can be questioned. But adequate investigation, followed by a full public report, provides the framework for public officials to make decisions or reach agreement with employee representatives.

State legislators, in passing stern anti-strike measures, are begging the real issue and failing to remove the cause of the trouble.

There is, of course, need for the legislation they passed, in order to protect the public in every possible way from irresponsible breakdowns in public service. That need will continue until the U. S. achieves a perfect society.

But along with protective laws which won't work by themselves, there is an equal need for specific machinery that will prevent periodic strike-crises, and deal with problems of public employees where and when they originate. (Good Government—May-June, 1951.)

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