

THE WORLD THIS WEEK

Union Merger May Change Structure of U.S. Politics

West Not Hitting Back at Russians

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THE free world seems to be responding with weakness to a well planned series of economic-political squeeze plays by the Soviet Union in those lands of Asia and the Middle East which have come to be known as "uncommitted areas" of the Cold War.



Ryan

With the lessons of the Geneva foreign ministers conference so fresh in memory, it would seem hardly the time for Western spokesmen to be thinking up excuses for Soviet actions, much in the manner of indulgent uncles explaining the behavior of a bad-tempered child who is about to burn down the house.

By implication, both Nikita S. Khrushchev, the reigning boss of world communism, and Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin, the head of the Soviet government, have accused the United States and Britain of the worst kind of hypocrisy—of talking of peace and preparing to launch a war of extermination.

Yet the Soviet Union professed outrage when a British Foreign Office spokesman suggested that Bulganin's statements in India, when stacked up against Soviet performance at Geneva, added up to hypocrisy.

Quote

Sen. Watkins (R-Utah), in scolding fellow Republicans for what he called their failure to help defend the administration's farm program: "We can't leave to a few Cabinet members—and mostly Benson himself—the job of backing up this farm program. Secretary Benson keeps slugging for his program, but he is slugging alone. If they believe in it, some other Republicans have got to help."

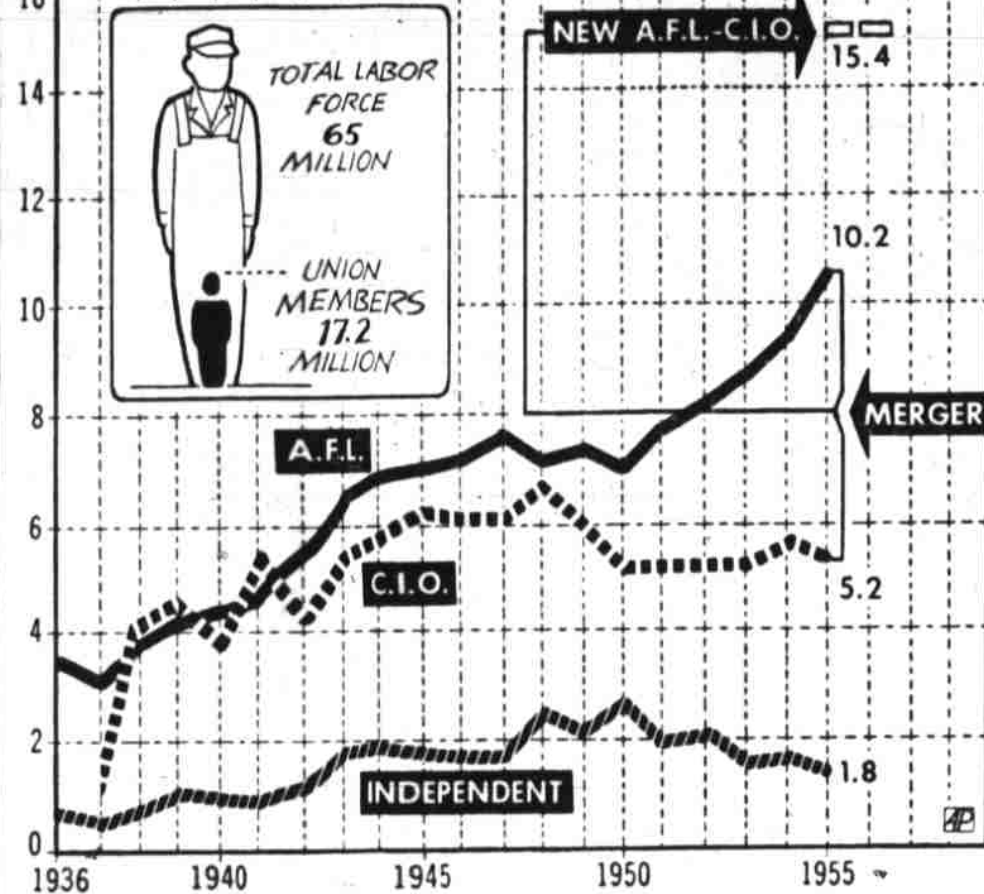
Weather

Show of Force
Old Man Winter flexed his early season muscle this week, assaulting the eastern part of the nation with record cold and paralyzing snow.

Payoff Coming
Moscow (is) dangling the lure of extensive economic and technical aid to India and already has such a program under way in Afghanistan. Red Poland is proposing to help India develop her natural resources: Czechoslovakia offers a joint steel company; Romania, oil producing equipment and technical help; Hungary, machine tools, rolling stock; and East Germany, specialized help and equipment.

Free Asian Nations are bound to feel the pinch of this sort of offensive before long. Among these nations, the most important is Japan, which faces the threat of a cut-throat type of competition in Asia from the whole Communist bloc.

U.S. Labor Reaches Historic Milestone



NEXT WEEK in New York, five million members of the Congress of Industrial Organizations will join with 10 million members of the American Federation of Labor to form a single new labor organization. The chart shows the union membership fluctuations up to the present.

Birth of a Labor Party Is Possible

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THE American labor movement is in transition this week-end—a transition full of portent not only for labor, but for the future of the American political system.



Roberts

The American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations are uniting, after 18 years of division. Nearly fifteen and a half million union members will now be guided by an interlocking directorate at the top comprised of all the present officers of both organizations.

When the Reuther-Meany agreement was announced, Americans everywhere wondered if the United States was to see the development of a labor party along British lines. The leaders have said no, but the sum total of their objectives seems to amount to very much the same thing.

At least for the immediate future, there will be no "labor" conventions nominating candidates for public office.

POLITICS: GOP Hopeful

Hall Reports
The burning question of 1956 politics—Will President Eisenhower run again?—glowed a bit hotter this week after a conference in Gettysburg between the President and Leonard Hall, national chairman of the GOP.

Billings as the start of Eisenhower's return to active control of Republican party policy, the discussion lasted 45 minutes. Nobody knows what passed between the two men but with a broad smile Chairman Hall offered this "personal opinion" at a press conference immediately after the meeting: Eisenhower will run again "if he feels he is able."

BERLIN: Trouble Ahead

Rules Discarded
A party of Americans, including two U.S. congressmen and the wife of one of them, were held at gunpoint in East Berlin for four hours this week.

Although the incident itself was not considered serious, even though members of the U.S. House of Representatives were involved, its implications were extremely grave.

Dates

Wednesday, Dec. 7
Anniversary (14th) of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Thursday, Dec. 8
Secretary of State Dulles addresses the Illinois Manufacturers Assn., Chicago.

Monday, Dec. 12
Nuclear congress and atomic exposition opens at Cleveland.

STRIKE: Dispute Ended

Narrow Margin
Under pressure from top CIO United Auto Workers officials, strikers at the Perfect Circle plant in New Castle, Ind., this week voted grudgingly to end their bloody four-month walk-out.

Glum local union officials who had led the strike came out of the two-hour ratification meeting with little comment, but leaving no doubt they were unhappy about the settlement. It was approved by the narrow margin of 86 to 72 and provides a total of 17 cents an hour in wage increases.

FRANCE: Faure Cabinet Finally Falls

Exit the 21st
The 21st French government since the end of World War II was voted out of office this week.

The Cabinet of Premier Edgar Faure, which has lasted nine months and a week, was defeated 318 to 218 on a vote of confidence. It grew out of Faure's demand that the Assembly cut its life short by six months and present France with an early general election.

However, Faure's foes got themselves in difficulty by the size of their victory. Since the hostile vote went over the constitutional majority of 312, half the Assembly membership, it was possible for Faure to move for dissolution of both Cabinet and Assembly under a constitutional provision last used in 1877.

This provision says that when two governments fall within an 18-month period by votes of more than half the Assembly membership, new general elections may be called to form a new assembly. Pierre Mendes-France's government fell 10 months ago by such a majority.



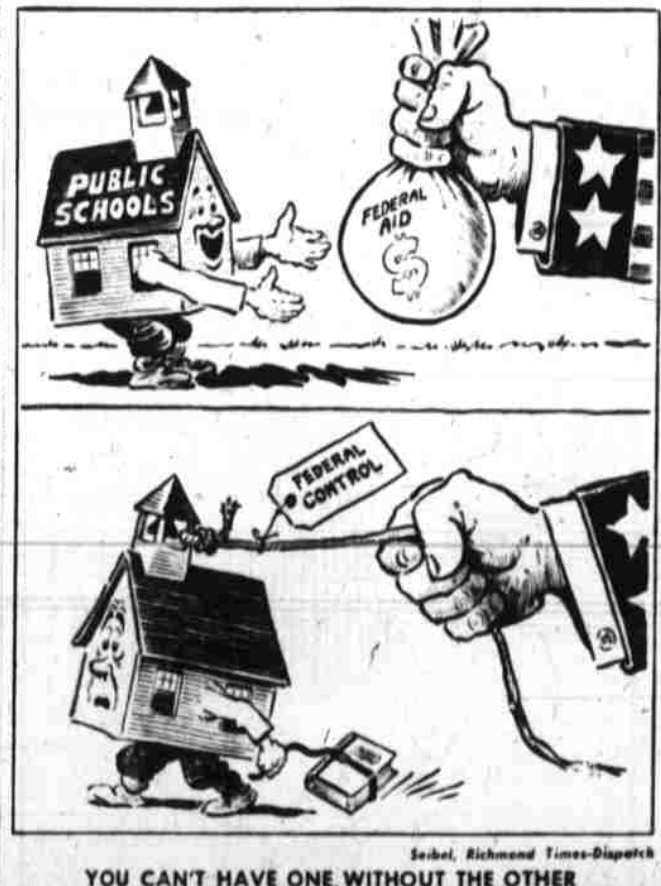
EDGAR FAURE
... His Cabinet Dissolved ...

The opposition to Faure is led by ex-Premier Mendes-France, a member of Faure's own Radical Socialist party. Mendes-France is trying to reorganize the Radical Socialists and wants more time to get ready for the elections.

eral months with no immediate prospect of agreement. Faure's downfall had been foreseen since early October, when he ousted four Gaullist ministers from his Cabinet for open opposition to his Moroccan policies.

Sidelights

● The West Virginia deer season opened this week, and the man firing two of the first shots on opening day wound up before Magistrate D. J. Cunningham of West Union. The Magistrate fined Alda H. Loomis of Gauley Bridge \$30, revoked his hunting license for five years and ordered him to pay a farmer \$320. The eager hunter had opened the season by mistaking two black Angus cows for deer.



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