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## Fair Deal

Six-year-old Kunst, center, of San Francisco, Wednesday became the six-millionth visitor to the Seattle World's Fair. Brother Mike, 7, left, holds a bag of 100 trade dollars now owned by his famous brother. Sister Kathy, 4, helps Gary give one of the shiny coins the big eye.

# 35-Hour Week Difficult Goal for Labor

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WASHINGTON—Labor union leaders realize better than anyone that their new campaign for a 35-hour work week isn't going to be easy or quick.

"Historically," the AFL-CIO leaders said in Chicago Monday in announcing their new drive, "the great struggles to reduce the working hours of Americans have been long and hard-fought. But the difficulties do not and cannot weaken our determination to succeed."

The unions plainly do not expect nationwide overnight success. They do resolve to put more heat on employers in behalf of a shorter week at the same pay—with the prospect this will lead to more industrial conflict and strikes.

It remains to be seen just how determined the unions are in carrying out their goal in actual bargaining with employers. Fewer work hours is a demand nearly always made in opening negotiations and nearly always abandoned before settlements are made.

The 35-hour week just may be the issue, however, to rekindle some of the old crusading spirit of the 1930s in labor union ranks. It is certainly true that if a union leader wants to

get a rousing cheer from a worker audience he can usually do it by coming out four square for a shorter work week.

Workers apparently have no real longing for more leisure. They do not regard the present normal 40-hour work week as onerous. But they do like the prospect of overtime rates applying after 35 instead of 40 hours of work. Moreover, the AFL-CIO proposes to boost the overtime rate from 1½ to 2 times straight time pay.

It is also true that, with four million unemployed, many of the employed are worried about holding their jobs. The AFL-CIO argument that government and industry have failed to provide full employment—that the idle rate has exceeded 5 per cent of the work force for nearly five years—won't fall on deaf ears.

Sharing available jobs thus could come to be regarded as insurance against losing jobs already held.

President Kennedy and his labor secretary, Arthur J. Goldberg, have repeatedly expressed their opposition to any general reducing of the work week. They say resulting increased costs would unbalance the economy and the job ahead for America will require full output on a 40-hour work basis.

Goldberg, however, has been publicly warning of a rising tide of labor sentiment for a shorter work week if unemployment remained.

It is interesting to note that on the date the AFL-CIO came out with its 35-hour-a-week goal Kennedy was busy at the White House signing into law legislation requiring the 40-hour week for workers on government construction.

The 35-hour week declaration caused raised eyebrows, but the new law signed by Kennedy resulted in no stir. It merely made a legal requirement what was being generally done anyway by union rules.

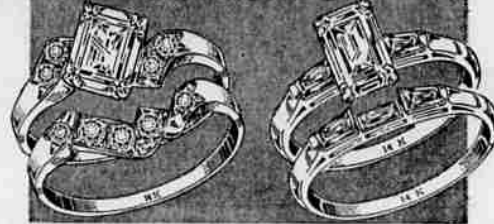
About one out of every eight workers already has a regular work week of less than 40 hours

through union contract. This is usually on the basis of a 35 or 37½-hour week. New York City electricians won a 25-hour regular week earlier this year.

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## Police Stop Union Rivals In Wild Melee

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A police-estimated crowd of 1,000 rival Teamsters Union members, many armed with baseball bats, brickbats and bottles, battled Wednesday night in the streets in a wild melee.

Two police officers and 12 of the crowd were injured, windshields of autos were smashed, two cars overturned and windows broken. Three bullet holes were found in the union office's front window.

### Cordon Set Up

Police, Fairmount Park guards, firemen and highway patrolmen were ordered into the area at Front and Spring Garden streets. They forced the men to opposite sides of the streets and set up a cordon of cars and men to hold them apart. Bottles, clubs, stones and sticks continued to fly.

About half an hour after the melee began, officers, aided by police dogs, brought the situation under control.

Police arrested two men on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

### Day of Tension

The disturbances capped a day of tension between Teamsters Local 107 members and members of a dissident group which calls itself the Voice of Local 107.

The Voice seeks to oust local leadership, faithful to the Teamsters international president, James R. Hoffa, and to quit the union to join the AFL-CIO.

The disturbance Wednesday night started when some 200 dissidents were pushed back by police from a picket line at the Smith Transfer Co., where they were protesting the replacement of Voice Drivers by men loyal to the local leadership.

## Researcher Takes Post

SALEM (AP)—David G. Berger, executive director of the research unit of the Veterans Administration at Perry Point, Md., has been named as Oregon's first institution research coordinator.

In his new position the 40-year-old Berger will plan, organize and coordinate research programs at Oregon institutions administered by the Board of Control.

Federal and foundation grants will be sought to finance the program.

Berger is being hired under a 4½-year grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

The new job, authorized by the 1961 legislature, pays from \$12,840 to \$15,420 a year.

Berger is a graduate of Western Reserve University and holds a doctor of philosophy degree from Michigan State University.

He will begin his work in Salem Monday.

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