

## Principals of Labor-Management Meet at Capital



Labor and management opened parley in Washington in an effort to steer the country on a path of peaceful reconversion. Shown here, left to right, seated: Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace; Justice Walter P. Stacey of Raleigh, N. C., who presided; Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach. Standing, left to right: William Green, president of AFL; Eric Johnston, president of U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Ira Mosher, president of National Association of Manufacturers, and Philip Murray, president of CIO.

## Jet Propelled Plane Establishes World's Record



Radiophoto of jet propelled plane, piloted by Capt. H. J. Wilson, which set a new world's speed record of 606 M.P.H., topping the recognized mark of 469.2 held by Germany. Captain Wilson is shown getting into his British Gloster meteor aircraft "Britannia," for four runs necessary for the record.

## City Governments Elect New Mayors



Some changes will be made in administrations in leading cities as a result of the November 6 election. While Edward J. Jeffries, upper right, remains as mayor of Detroit, New York City will be governed by William O'Dwyer, upper left. Lower left, David L. Lawrence, who was elected mayor of Pittsburgh, and James M. Curley of Boston.

## Kiddy Klub for Young Sophisticates



New York has opened a night club that operates at high noon—and the customers, or patrons, are little boys and girls. It is the Kiddy Klub, with Uncle Bob Russell as host.

## Crosses Picket Line



John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, crosses picket line of Independent Unions of New Jersey to get to the labor and management conference, which opened recently at the labor department in Washington, D. C.

## 'One Man Army'



Maj. Arthur Wermuth, dubbed the "one man army of Bataan" who was recently released from Jap prison camp, shown as he was greeted by his mother at San Francisco. He left shortly afterwards for home.

## The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

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### BARUCH PREDICTS INFLATION

WASHINGTON. — Elder Statesman Bernie Baruch revealed some interesting figures on inflation recently in an off-the-record session with 14 younger congressmen at his Shoreham hotel apartment. Baruch's prediction was that the nation was hell-bent for inflation—and soon.

Piecemeal increases in wages, profits and the cost of living have been uneven, Baruch said, with wages lagging behind. For that reason he no longer favored his prewar idea of a freeze on both prices and wages. Our only hope, said the elder statesman, is that we can weather the next six to nine months without running into serious inflation. If we do that, our chances of a strong recovery from the war boom are good.

"The huge pent-up demand for products which we will see during the next nine months, is a very serious threat," said Baruch, stressing the importance of holding prices down.

He amazed his listeners by saying that he is completely opposed to tax reduction of any nature at this time. "Not only does the government lose needed revenue, but it is an unhealthy thing for our general economy," argued Baruch.

Rep. Andy Biemiller of Milwaukee asked what Baruch thought of the statement by General Motors' president C. E. Wilson that if wages are raised 30 per cent, prices must go up 30 per cent. Baruch talked at some length on the general question of rising prices, but gave no direct answer. Finally, Biemiller repeated his question.

"I'm afraid I can't agree with Mr. Wilson," Baruch said.

### WAGE NOT PRICE INCREASE

"Isn't it true that industry can give a 30 per cent wage increase without having to raise prices more than about 7½ per cent?" Biemiller persisted.

"You are approximately right," Baruch agreed. "I believe the figure you may have heard is actually 8½ per cent."

Baruch also told his guests that he felt we were making a mistake in speeding manpower demobilization. "With the world in its present situation," he said, "it seems to me it would be wiser to proceed slowly with demobilization, in order that we not weaken ourselves at a time when power is apparently still an important thing."

He agreed also with an idea proposed by one of his guests, Estes Kefauver of Chattanooga, to have cabinet members and other high officials appear on the floor of congress where they can be questioned by congressmen. Such a practice would make for much greater co-operation between the executive and legislative departments, Baruch said.

Present in addition to Biemiller and Kefauver were Representatives Albert Gore and Percy Priest of Tennessee, John Sparkman of Alabama, Mike Mansfield of Montana, Henry Jackson of Washington, Jerry Voorhis and Chet Holifield of California, Bob Sikes of Florida, Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, Bob Ramo of Georgia, and Jamie Whitten and Arthur Winstead of Mississippi.

### CHURCHILL IN DEFEAT

Winston Churchill recently told friends how he felt after his defeat in the British elections. The first few days after his defeat were terrible, Churchill confessed. The very next morning he arose and fretted because there were no diplomatic cables to read. Through the war, his first morning chore was to read the top-secret military and diplomatic cables from all over the empire; and he paced up and down intermittently for days, fretting because there were no cables coming in and because, though he felt things were going wrong, there was no one to whom he could send cables to straighten things out.

"Finally I went down to the south of France," Churchill confessed. "They treated me well there. I painted several pictures and they fed me some wonderful food. But still I couldn't get over this idea of no cables coming in and no cables going out. Each morning I fretted when I read the papers. It suddenly dawned on me that I wasn't prime minister any more and it wasn't my worry, and I've felt better ever since."

Note — Churchill's health is touch and go. His doctor has ordered him to cut down on his food and drinking.

### SENATE ELDER STATESMEN

Here are the ages of the elder statesmen of the senate: Bankhead of Alabama, 73; George of Georgia, 67; Thomas of Idaho, 71; Willis of Indiana, 70; Capper of Kansas, 80; Reed of Kansas, 74; Barkley of Kentucky, 68; White of Maine, 68; Walsh of Massachusetts, 73; Bilbo of Mississippi, 68; Murray of Montana, 69; McCarran of Nevada, 69; Bailey of North Carolina, 72; Moore of Oklahoma, 74; Green of Rhode Island, 78; Austin of Vermont, 68 and McKellar of Tennessee, 76.

## 'Twas Good for a Laugh Way Back in 3200 B. C.

Found on an Egyptian Sixth Dynasty papyrus (3200 B. C.) is a story which is claimed to be the world's oldest joke. It reads:

A scribe who worked in a room in the Temple of Thoth was disturbed by the noises made by his neighbors in the rooms on either side of his. One was a stonemason and the other a carpenter. At last, driven almost mad by the din, he went to each neighbor and offered him a considerable sum if he would move to some other room. Both men accepted.

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