

# Federal Hour and Wage Control Renews Debate

(By the Associated Press.)  
**NEW YORK, May 27.**—(AP)—The administration drive in congress for federal control of maximum hours and minimum wages in industry has roused anew members of the old debate over NRA codes.

A survey disclosed today a fairly wide diversity of opinion among economists, labor leaders, business men and industrialists as to what the proposals actually would mean.

Some pronounced the program an improvement over NRA because more elasticity would be provided.

Labor leaders hailed it as an important step in stabilizing employment and promoting working conditions.

Some business men were critical of some phases and thought the drive might seriously retard recovery at a strategic point.

Others stressed that the 40-hour week already was observed in the great manufacturing industries which would be chiefly affected by federal legislation. The 40-cent hourly wage standard also was held to be widely in effect.

The national industrial conference board found the average work week in manufacturing industries in March was 41.7 hours compared with 48.3 in 1929. The average hourly wage for manufacturing industry was figured at 65.9 cents an hour compared with 59 cents in 1929.

George A. Sloan, chairman of the consumers' goods industries committee and head of the old textile code authority, said a recent survey showed employment in manufacturing industries at 1929 levels, with some shortages of skilled labor.

The survey disclosed, he said, a generally prevailing 40-hour week, with wage rates "much higher" than in 1933 and 1934 under NRA.

David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers union, was "strongly in favor of the Connery-Bill for a 30-hour week" and noted that "in our own industry we are beginning to proceed in that direction through negotiation with employers to replace the 35-hour week already in operation."

The woolen goods industry has a 40-hour week.

Arthur Besse, president of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, was not opposed to fixing general wage and hour standards but was "against giving a commission unlimited power to do so."

Col. Leonard P. Ayres, Cleveland economist, expressed a belief the 40-hour week and 40-cent wage would have "little immediate effect on business."

"It would appear in the long run to be more onerous on the smaller organizations than the larger," he continued. "And in the long run it would require a large addition to federal employment for enforcement."

Other comment:

Hyman Blumberg, New England director of the textile workers' organizing committee of the C.I.O.: "It would tend to reduce unemployment and cut-throat competition. This would strengthen purchasing power and protect the fair employer."

Ernest G. Draper, assistant secretary of commerce, Washington: "A 40-hour week and a 40-cent hour actually should help business. It should spread purchasing power, increasing industrial volume. At the same time I do not think it would cause any appreciable increase in prices."

A. P. Giannini, chairman, Bank of America, San Francisco: "I am heartily in favor of legislation which will raise income of employees in the lower brackets. I feel such legislation administered by an intelligent board will serve to reduce unemployment, which in turn will stimulate business."

Lio E. D. Edie, economist: "As I understand it, most corporations already are conforming with the 40-

hour week maximum and the 40-cent wage minimum."

Sidney Hillman, labor leader and president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America: "The proposed legislation provides for elasticity and is an improvement over the old NRA. I am against putting industry in a straight jacket."

Dr. Wilford I. King, economist, New York university: "Any proposal to shorten the work week means higher wage rates, since labor opposes cuts in weekly pay. Higher wages will mean increased production costs and higher selling prices, which in turn check consumption of goods and employment. Such legislation tends to make prices rigid. What we need is laws to make them more flexible."

Philip Murray, chairman, steel workers' organizing committee: "Any plan which contemplates improving the lot of the working people through shorter hours and a step in the direction of better wages meets my approval."

Silas H. Strawn, former president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and of the American Bar association: "The difficulty in arbitrarily fixing hours and wages is that it cannot be made uniform in every industry or throughout the nation. Such arbitrary fixation would be prejudicial to labor. I have no objection to a 40-hour week if it is feasible, but I believe each industry must regulate its own hours and wages consistent with competitive conditions it faces."



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he has formed his evidence not to impress voters politically, but to ascertain what is best economically.

Authority.

The speaker will undoubtedly be summoned at congressional hearings on the wages and hours bill, because he is Dr. Harold G. Moulton, president of Brookings Institution, which is recognized as the foremost non-governmental statistical agency in Washington. Dr. Moulton and his institution are naturally extremely cautious about becoming involved in political arguments and avoiding publicity. They do a strictly scientific job.

The address was not made with any knowledge of the president's subsequent proposals. Dr. Moulton only intended to amplify the philosophy of expansion contained in the recent Brookings book, "The Recovery Problem in the United States."

What he sought to show is that the popular conception that we have "recovered" is wrong; that the rosy statistics being handed out daily by the government and business really fall far short of what our recovery really should be, that the thinkers

## HUBBELL RECEIVES TROPHY



Carl Hubbell, the New York Giants' lean southpaw pitcher who won 17 games in a row last year and pitched the Giants to the National league championship, is shown here receiving from James Dawson a trophy denoting him as the league's "most valuable player of 1936."

should think ahead to bigger and better things, and stop looking back to the depths of the depression, to gauge their position.

Vision.

A couple of government economists nearly collapsed when he said the volume of industrial production in major lines would have to be approximately 60 percent higher than last year to restore the standard of living of 1929. They have been thinking that the 105 percent production of last year (and the current level of 120 percent) was getting somewhere near the 1929 level, when production averaged 119 for the year.

The Moulton survey, however, took into consideration the restricted rate of production of the last seven years, the deferred replacement necessitated by the continued growth of the population, and other factors.

As a result, he computed the following increases (over 1936 levels) would be necessary in the various lines to create a real 1929 standard: Housing, 306 percent. Industrial, 70 percent. Public utilities, 70 percent. Steam railroad, 67 percent. Passenger autos, 15 percent. Other consumer goods, 33 percent.

## CANNON INDICTED IN WHEEL DEATH; ANDERSON IS HELD

Two true bills and several secret indictments were returned to Judge H. D. Norton in circuit court late yesterday afternoon by the grand jury.

Nelson E. Cannon, 23, of 1122 Sunset avenue was indicted on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. He was the driver of the car that struck the bicycle being ridden on North Riverside avenue the night of April 29, by Francis L. Heryford, 16, Medford high school student. Heryford died a few hours later the next day.

Judge Norton continued bail of \$1,000 for Cannon, who has been in the county jail since the accident. He was sentenced to ten days in jail for operating a car without a driver's license and was also held on open charge for the grand jury on the findings of a coroner's jury which held him responsible for Heryford's death.

## NEW MINT SEALED TIGHT TO ACHIEVE UTMOST SECURITY

### San Francisco Fortress Is Guarded By Latest Automatic Devices—Air Is Sifted For Metal Dust.

**SAN FRANCISCO.**—(UP)—Within the next few months, the federal government expects to occupy its new \$1,000,000 mint here, guaranteed by its designers and constructors to be the most burglar-proof and fool-proof construction of its kind ever erected. It was dedicated recently.

It will replace the famous old mint that has been one of the curiosities of San Francisco for half a century. It will take the center of minting interests out of the downtown section of the city to the top of a rocky summit, where natural surroundings have contributed with the latest architectural genius in making the mint safe.

The new mint will be virtually automatically defense against a burglar or raiding party. It is so equipped that defenders will be able to call out not only the San Francisco fire and police departments but the army stationed at the Presidio.

Besides being burglar-proof, it is declared to be virtually inaccessible even to a fly.

Windows Bullet-Proof.

Among a few of the safety gadgets that are being installed are bullet-proof windows, thick as a man's thumb but with openings just large enough to let machine guns protrude. Then there is the automatic tear gas machinery for flooding the entire establishment.

Pumping into such a building is believed to have been circumvented not only by the architectural precautions taken in its foundations, but by the fact that it is located on top of a hillock of solid rock that could hardly be "tunneled" short of constant dynamiting.

The vast burglar alarm system is declared to be the most extensive protective measure of its kind ever installed in a mint.

There will be only two entrances to the building—one in the front and one in the rear—and each will be protected by a barred guard room. The bronze doors will be operated electrically.

According to mint officials, if any

untoward incident should occur, the mint equipment will act in the following manner:

Alarms will be flashed automatically throughout the building.

A short-wave radio station will call the San Francisco police department and mobilize the United States troops stationed at the Presidio.

Tear gas will automatically spout from a dozen sources.

If the attack is at night, floodlights will illuminate not only the interior but the exterior as well.

All nine of the huge vaults will be equipped with sound detectors so delicate that they can distinguish the difference between the ring of a genuine coin and a counterfeit.

Precautions even have been taken to keep the air from stealing any of Uncle Sam's gold from the new structure.

On the top floor is being installed a giant lung—or ventilating system—which will suck all of the air of the entire mint into one room. Experience in the old mint has demonstrated that air has the bad habit of lapping up particles of gold dust and carrying them away—particles that in the long run amount to large sums.

So, in the new mint, even the air won't be allowed to escape with gold. It will be gently conducted by the mint's lung into a single room where the dust will be allowed to settle. Then the dust will be put through a sifting operation and the gold recovered.

All in all, the designers and constructors of the mint believe that for a burglar to get in, or for a particle of gold dust to get out will be impossible.

## Spanish Situation At A Glance

(By the Associated Press)  
**BILBAO.**—Insurgent air raiders reported to have shot down French passenger plane at Sopelans, nine miles northwest of here; pilot injured. Five passengers reported unhurt.

**HENDAYE.**—Insurgent General Emilio Mola's troops advance to within eight miles of Bilbao, reaching Lemona at junction of important highways leading to the Basque capital; civil population of Lemona evacuated.

**PERPIGNAN.**—Revolutionary anarchists in northeastern Spain reported to have seized town of Barbastru and killed 100 persons; report denied by Spanish embassy in Paris.

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