

Merged Labor Unions To Push For New Power in Political And Union Organization Field



HEARTBREAKING JOB—His feelings plainly visible on his face, Fireman Jim Baker (right) carries the body of one of the four Stewart children who were burned to death in a fire in Wheeling, W. Va. The children ranged in age from five years to three months. Their mother, Mary Stewart, 34, was severely burned on face and hands as she made a heroic effort to save her children. Fire was touched off by an exploding kitchen range. At left is Fire Chief McFadden.

Washington—(U.P.)—The AFL-CIO merger agreement is largely the product of frustrations in politics and in union organization. It is in these fields that the big new house of labor will push for power.

The political frustrations of the two federations have centered in the 1947 Taft-Hartley act and, more recently, in the labor and economic policies of the Republican administration.

Also, since World War II, their membership has not grown beyond the 15,000,000 mark, while the civilian labor force has risen by 3,500,000 to about 63,500,000.

But, as in any far-reaching agreement, the force of personalities was required to make the merger possible. With the death in 1952 of both long-time union leaders, AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray, their successors brought new attitudes toward labor unity.

Better Off Together

AFL President George Meany was willing to negotiate with the CIO on the terms under which the CIO would return to the original house of labor after an absence of 20 years. And CIO President Walter Reuther believed that his organization and all of labor would be better off in partnership rather than in rivalry with the AFL.

Henry G. Riter, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, greeted the merger agreement last week as a danger of "union monopoly" of labor. Rep. Ralph W. Gwinn (R-N.Y.) of the House Labor committee, raised the same question.

Meany's reply was that the new organization could hardly be called a monopoly since it will represent only 25 per cent of the civilian labor force.

Opposed to Labor Party

Both Meany, who will head the new federation, and Reuther, who may head its political arm, are opposed to the formation of a labor political party.

But union officials foresee the possibility that a united labor movement may become the biggest power in the Democratic party.

The federations hope, by combining their political organizations, to be more effective in influencing the votes of individual members. CIO Political Action committee officials, for instance, estimate that only half of the CIO's 5,000,000 members voted in the 1954 elections and that, at best, perhaps three-fourths of those voters followed their leaders in their ballot selections.

Hope for Effective Lobby

The federations also hope, by combining their forces, to carry more weight in matters of state and federal legislation, administration policy and in political campaigns. So far, they have failed, separately, to get even the amendments they want for the Taft-Hartley act. They have chafed under new interpretations of the act by the first Republican majority on the National Labor Relations board. And they have failed to budge the "hands-off" policy of the Republican administration in labor management disputes.

One important political factor in the merger is the elimination of the opportunity for politicians to play the two federations against each other, and, on the other hand, for one federation to vie with the other for political favor.

Water Resources Bill Discussed at Capital

Salem—(U.P.)—A bill designed to protect Oregon's water resources and the proposal to create a state water resources board, considered by many, particularly in the agricultural areas, to comprise one of the most important problems before the Legislature, was to be up for public hearing today.

Because of the wide interest in guarding ground water resources, the largest hearing room in the capitol was reserved for the 2 p.m. hearing by the House Commerce and Utilities Committee headed by Rep. Abel Hill, Cushman Republican.

Belongs To Public

The bill concerning regulation of ground water resources—House Bill 26—notes that "all water within this state from all sources of water supply belongs to the public and in order to protect the public interest, provision should be made to determine relative rights to appropriate ground water everywhere in Oregon."

The measure says the beneficial use without waste should be "the basis, measure and extent of the right to appropriate ground water." It adds that depletion of ground water below economic levels, impairment of natural quality of ground water by pollution and wasteful practices should "be prevented or controlled within practicable limits."

Sixth Week of Session—House and Senate opened their sixth week of the 1955 session today, the House with a heavy schedule on the floor and the Senate with a light session. The House had 23 mea-

sure up for final action today, most of them to correct minor errors in Oregon's new revised statutes. The Senate had only one measure up for final action, a bill to raise the annual fee for shopkeepers who sell minor drugs and remedies from \$2 to \$3.

Hearing on a proposal to boost minimum salaries for school teachers will be held at 7:30 p.m.—also in the big basement hearing room.

Eugene Unitarian Pastor To Speak

Ashland—"A Humanist's View of Jesus," will be the subject of a talk by Edward Ericson, pastor of the Unitarian church of Eugene and Lane county, when he will be here Friday, Feb. 18, as a guest of the Ashland Unitarian fellowship. The evening will open with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., and the meeting will start at 8 p.m.

The session will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Kreisman, 111 Bush st., Ashland, and information may be had by calling Ashland 2-9356 or Medford 2-9328. All interest persons are invited.

Ericson is a graduate of Stetson university in Florida and Starr King school of ministry in Berkeley, Calif. He assumed pastorage of the Eugene church last year.

Jury Selection Slated In Anderson Murder Case

Burns—(U.P.)—Selection of a jury for the first degree murder trial of 31-year-old James Quinton Anderson was scheduled to begin today.

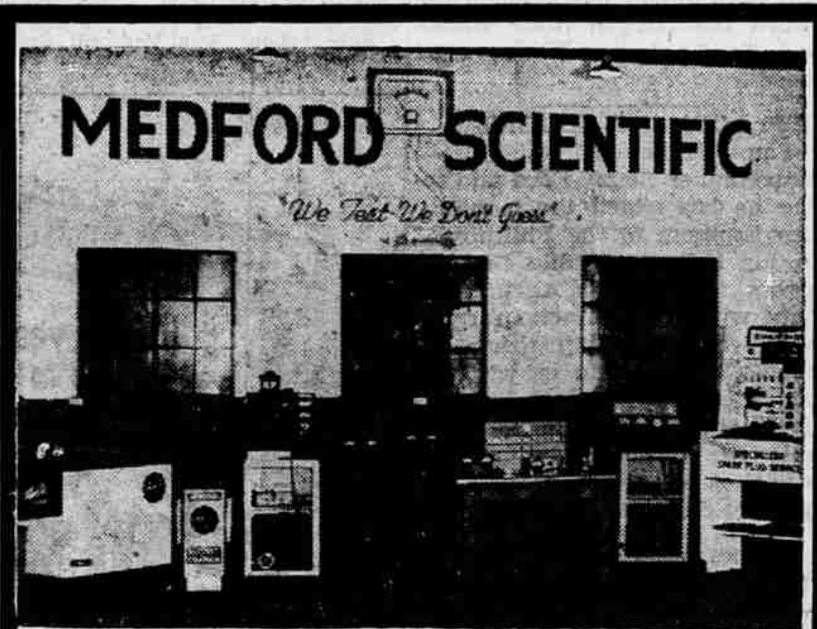
Anderson is charged with the killing of 25-year-old Richard David Miller, an Arizona rancher, Nov. 5, 1954 during a party at Beatty, a Klamath Indian Reservation town.

The case was transferred from Klamath county to Harney county and will be heard by Judge M. A. Biggs of the Harney county circuit court.

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- Tomato Catsup, Dennison's 14-oz. bottle 15c
- Table Syrup, Pack Train 24-oz. bottle 25c
- Table Syrup, Lumberjack 24-oz. bottle 29c
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- Hi-Ho Crackers, thin, crisp 1-lb. pkg. 27c
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- Mackerel, Propeller brand No. 1 can 19c
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