



Union Leaders Making Job Tough, Secretary of Labor Tells Writer

Editor's note: James P. "Big Jim" Mitchell has been handling the tough and touchy job of secretary of labor for 2½ years now. In an exclusive interview with United Press he tells what he thinks of his job and comments on some of its problems.

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Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell hit back today at union leaders who claim his job is practically an impossible one in a Republican administration.

It's the union leaders themselves, not the administration, who make the job tough, Mitchell said.

"Big Jim" Mitchell, who came to the cabinet 2½ years ago from other tough jobs in labor relations, gave this view just before taking off for Europe for an International Labor Organization meeting.

"We're trying to do a job in the way we sit it in the interests of the working man," he said in an interview with United Press. "We get the avowed opposition of some trade union leaders when we should be getting their support or at least their neutrality."

"Naturally, this makes it more difficult for me, both within the administration and with Congress."

He added that he thought union leaders "could serve their membership better if they were more cooperative."

Mitchell said today that "I get as much support as I could expect within the administration." "On any matter that I've felt strongly about I've gotten support."

One of the biggest issues on which Mitchell has been challenged by union leaders is his stand against so-called "right-to-work" laws in 18 states which ban union-management agreements for compulsory union membership.

When he called for repeal of such laws, union leaders said he should get the administration to ask Congress to repeal them by amending the Taft-Hartley law. When President Eisenhower said Mitchell was not speaking for the administration on this matter, union leaders said Mitchell had been "repudiated."

Mitchell said today that his position of urging states to repeal the laws is "realistic." "For seven years, unions have been trying to repeal Taft-Hartley and they haven't made any progress," he said.

Asked what he thinks is the biggest problem facing organized labor, Mitchell said the ban by various states on compulsory union membership, such as the union shop, is "one of the biggest."

"Unions should be encouraged to strengthen and grow," he said. "These laws tend to discourage their growth."

Blames Politics

Mitchell said his personal relationships with union leaders are good. He said he assumes their public attacks on him and on the administration's labor proposals are "necessary for political purposes."

"I don't think the Republican party has the right to expect labor's support, nor has the Democratic party," he said. "Labor should support the best candidates on the issues."

As to whether labor has benefited under the Republican administration, he said, "The record is pretty clear." He listed "the highest wages, the highest real earnings with the stabilizing of the cost-of-living, tremendous improvements in social security, improvements in unemployment compensation, workmen's compensation and state minimum wages, and the administration's general policy of permitting free collective bargaining."

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A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — Myrtle Cheney Murdock is an official guide on Capitol Hill, and if anybody knows more about things around Washington — show me he or she.

For 16 years Mrs. Murdock was hand holder and secretary to her hubby, John R. Murdock, who was a law giver from Arizona. She was a school teacher when she was only 15 back in Missouri. She got herself a flock of college degrees. But more to the point, Mrs. Murdock is a student of what is forever under her pretty nose, the nation's capital.

She spent a lot of time tracking down the big names that have made America great, the likenesses of folks who are in granite and bronze in National Statuary hall. And that is just what she calls her new illustrated book, "National Statuary Hall."

Served Three States

Any school kid who ever has visited Washington can tell you that every state is represented some place around the Capitol in metal or mixed up cement. Now there are 86 of these statues, with an inscription under each, tracing the line of our history from 1807 up to today.

I was ashamed to admit that on looking over the statues I didn't recognize a huge likeness of a man who called himself a native of Illinois, or often has been described as such. Gen. James Shields actually was born in Ireland in 1810. He "immigrated," it says on the plaque, to Kaskaskia, Ill., in 1823. He was a lawyer and not only that, but a Supreme court judge, too. And also he was unique in that he was a senator from three states.

That fact was new to me. First, the general became a member of the Senate from Illinois. That was in 1849. Right after he served his term he moved to Minnesota.

In 1858, he decided to run for the Senate in the Gopher state and durned if he didn't come up on top.

Then the general moved to California, but, according to the records wasn't active in politics.

Statues of Famous Men

California sunshine didn't do the general any good, so he decided to pack his duffle and move to Carrollton, Mo., where he entered politics again and wound up as a member of the Missouri General Assembly.

He tried out for the U.S. Senate and made it in 1879.

Scattered in six places around the Capitol area are statues of the very great in our history. National Statuary hall, actually, epitomizes the story of America. There you find Lincoln, George Washington, Sam-

Grange

Sams Valley Grange

Upper Rogue Grange members were guests of the Sams Valley Grange at the last meeting held May 24. The meeting was opened with Master Ralph James presiding.

Under agriculture, Al Straus reported that under A.C.P. rulings now in effect wheat growers without allotment were eligible to receive funds from this source. Barley is now higher but oats lower in price. The demand for wheat is slow. Beef outlook is somewhat better. Trend seems to be feeder prices down, fed cattle up—may reflect higher feed costs. New assessment values do not seem reasonable according to today's prices for farm produce and the lands ability to produce, he said.

A motion was made by Anne Varley, and passed, to give a scholarship to a member of the Juvenile Grange to attend Grange camp. Also Mrs. Charley reported that Eagle Point was allotting a similar scholarship to a member of our Grange. Mickie Duggan will represent the Sams Valley Juvenile Grange at the State Grange at Klamath.

Eighty-three Grangers were present at the meeting. The guest book recorded 31 from Upper Rogue, 14 visitors from Gold Hill, 3 from Live Oak, 6 from Eagle Point, 3 from Central Point, 2 from Phoenix, 1 from Roxy Ann, 1 from Upper Applegate, and 2 from Shady Cove. Sams Valley members present totalled 20.

Lecturer Carl Richardson from Upper Rogue presented an interesting, well balanced program. Songs by Mrs. Richardson and son were much enjoyed, a ducky manikin doing a tap dance was an entertaining novelty number, a jig by Mr. Richardson was highly complimented, and a fish market scene by several of the members pointed out the possibilities of advertising with only a few words.

The program was topped with an inspirational talk by Mrs. Everett Faber on the work of the United Nations. Mrs. Faber pointed out that too many were not familiar with the fine work the UN is doing or the international good will it is promoting. The cooperative use of medicines to cure chronic ailments is greatly adding to the health of many unfortunates in many nations. This help is not a handout but the local governments put up money for half the expenses. It is a program designed to help teach people to help themselves. In her talk Mrs. Faber emphasized the fact that more people should know more about the UN and not be subject to the negative rumors that are always spread about worthwhile projects.

Talks were given by several distinguished visitors, among them were Masters Herb Carlton of Upper Rogue, Herman Kampeking of Gold Hill, Roy Cameron of Live Oak and Reed McKay of Shady Cove. Also speaking were Willie McLean, Ramona lecturer, and Roscoe Roberts, state deputy.

After the talks by these visitors the meeting was adjourned to the banquet hall where refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served.

On Friday, June 17, the Sams Valley Grange will be guests of the Central Point Grange. Sams Valley will provide the program. Next meeting at Sams Valley will be Tuesday, June 21.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.
Retired Husband Mopes Because of Idleness

Most people think only in terms of the financial problems that come with retirement. There are other changes which must be faced.

(Q) "My husband retired from business last October. At first things were all right. He gets a good enough pension that, with what we have saved, we can live much as we did before if we are careful. However, now that Dr. Hurlock has cleaned out his papers, done some odd jobs around the house that he has been putting off for years, and gone through all his books and other possessions, he is at a loss to know what to do with his time. He likes to read, but one cannot read all day. Then, too, he misses being with men and having nothing special to do. He just wanders around the house and seems to be getting grumpy and moody. I have my housework and community interests, but it makes me feel guilty to go out and leave him alone. I don't want to give up my own interests but that seems to be what will happen unless I can help my husband to find something to do. What would you suggest?"

(A) Isn't there something he could do in line with the work he has done all his life, even if only on a part-time basis, to fill in for busy seasons or when another worker is ill?

Many retired men who are in good enough health get some kind of work, often part-time, after they retire. That would give your husband something definite to do and should make him feel much happier.

Community organizations can always use men who have the time to give to their work. Talk to your pastor about this and see what he has to suggest.

Get in touch with the local Red Cross and the hospital. In both those organizations your husband's services would be very welcome. This would bring him in contact with people and give him outside interests just as you have.

Court Records

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Dean Wesley Allen, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Gilbert Frank Austin, Maurice A. Ritchey, failure to stop (sign), \$5 each.

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Pasco Newspaper Editor Taken by Death

Yakima, Wash. —(U.P.)—Eagle Freshwater, editor and publisher of the Columbia Basin News, Pasco, died yesterday at a hospital here. He was 64.

Born in Delaware, O., Aug. 10, 1890, he turned to newspaper work immediately after he was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan.

Klamath Man Has Scheme for Longevity

Klamath Falls —(U.P.)—Wilmot (Poker Bill) Crandall, who'll be 105 years old June 17 and who still goes prospecting for gold every year in Trinity county, California, said today he could have saved Ponce De Leon his futile hunt for the mythical fountain of youth.

"I could have given that Spanish dude the real lowdown on longevity," Poker Bill said. "Eat plenty of bear meat and venison. Drink spring water. Don't drink too much whiskey and smoke plenty of good cigars."

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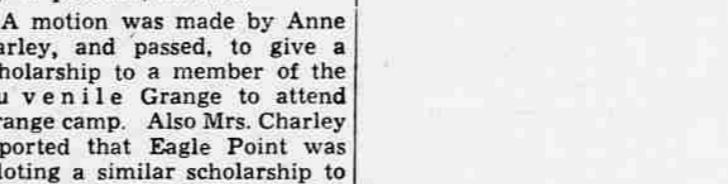
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