

# Election of 'Good Legislators' Viewed as Labor Aid by Nilsen

Labor can help itself by supporting the state bureau of labor and by electing good legislators, Norman O. Nilsen, Oregon labor commissioner, told delegates at the 53rd annual convention of the state Federation of Labor here yesterday.

Nilsen was one of four speakers yesterday afternoon at the Craterian theater, where the five-day convention is being held. Some 25 resolutions were read and submitted to committees during yesterday's opening sessions.

Nilsen blamed legislators for the failure of the state minimum wage law in the recent legislature. "I hope they will be changed," he added.

**Cites Gains**  
He noted that a 75-cent hour minimum wage, which was proposed, would give a family of three a gross income of only \$120 per month, and he added that living expenses for a family of three are more than \$200 per month. However, labor made gains in recent legislation, he said, and cited a wage increase for state employees.

He told more than 400 delegates and guests that "there is a close relationship between the lunch box and the ballot box."

The state bureau of labor, Nilsen said, safeguards labor, and one of its main duties is governing working conditions for women and minors. He noted that there are 162,000 women employed in Oregon, representing 26 per cent of the labor force. He said of the total employed, some 260,000 are not represented by unions.

**Merger Forecast**  
George Brown, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon CIO, indicated that both the Federation of Labor and the CIO may be combined in the near future. "We can do much better," he said, "as one larger, stronger organization. We will be working together all the time, not just cooperating." He said he may not be speaking before the federation convention another year, but that he may be participating in a convention for both organizations.

Brown spoke briefly on phases of legislation and problems common to both labor groups. He noted that in 1954, the convention discussed the "necessity of electing people who would better represent the people" rather than representing groups. He said the results can be seen in the last legislature, where there were several who "were

on our side." **Asks Support**  
Brown, who is a member of Gov. Paul Patterson's emergency transportation committee to survey the railroad boxcar shortage, asked the federation for its support in making the study a success. The yearly boxcar shortage, he said, disrupts the economy and puts many people out of work.

Harry H. Lewis of Seattle, Wash., regional director of the federal mediation and conciliation service, and Samuel M. Bowe, Grants Pass attorney representing the American Legion, both spoke briefly.

Lewis told delegates the mediation service attempts to "help in labor relations generally" and one of its major problems is grievances. He noted that labor might better serve itself and the mediation service if labor representatives were better educated on how to conduct bargaining in mediation conferences.

Bowe, who represented Oregon American Legion Commander Carl R. Moser, said the Legion and the Federation of Labor have many common programs, and that "the labor movement itself is one of the prime movements against subversive organizations."

**Educational Activities**  
Miss May Darling, chairman of the standing committee on education, reported activities of the committee during the past year. She noted that the committee examined over 40 prospective textbooks for use in Oregon schools last year upon invitation from the textbook commission to inspect social studies textbooks to determine which books were unbiased, accurate and reasonably complete in discussions of labor unions.

Miss Darling also noted expansion of the federation's scholarship program. She said 271 students submitted examinations for the scholarships, an increase of 100 per cent over 1947 when 130 examinations were submitted. Scholarship awards will be presented tomorrow morning.

Stanley Culy, 21 Washington st., Medford, valedictorian of this year's Medford High school graduating class, will receive one of three \$500 scholarship awards. Other awards will go to Carol Allen of Portland and Gary Wheeler of Salem.

**Third Medford Student**  
Culy is the third student from Medford to receive such an award during the nine years which scholarships have been of-

ferred by the Oregon Federation of Labor.

Miss Darling also noted that there is an increasing number of Oregon schools which are introducing labor union study classes in addition to labor management classes.

Among resolutions introduced yesterday, and which will be acted upon later in the week, was one requesting Governor Patterson to replace T. Morris Dunne as chairman of the unemployment compensation commission, and instructing federation officers to investigate the feasibility of separating the administration and unemployment law and industrial accident law.

The resolution called for a new chairman who is "not as biased and one who would be more understanding of worker's problems." The resolution, submitted by the federation executive committee, stated that the commission was made up of three members, one representing employers, one labor and one the general public.

**Can't Expect Sympathy**  
The employer representative, the resolution stated, is chairman of the commission, and "unemployed persons may not expect much sympathy from the chairman." The report of feasibility of separating administration and two laws will be given

## Musicians' President Says Tax Unjustified

S. Vernon Marshall, president of the Medford local of the AFL American Federation of Musicians, said recently the 20 per cent amusement tax is unfair and unjustified. He referred to the tax imposed by the government during World War II. It calls for a 20 per cent tax whenever a bar, night club or restaurant patron dances or enjoys some other form of entertainment such as a floor show.

James C. Petrillo, president of the national union, has urged all members to work against the tax. He said that he intends to prove to the government that the \$38,000,000 return from the tax last year is "piddling" compared to what could have been brought in from income and corporate taxes "if they'd let our people get back to work."

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at the 1956 convention, the site of which will be decided later this week.

Another of the 25 resolutions submitted for study requested that federation officers support adoption of a constitutional amendment to provide for election of a lieutenant governor who would be first in line of succession of governorship in case that office became vacant.

The resolution pointed out that the present succession goes

to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house, and that either or both may represent a comparatively small legislation district. Such a system, the resolution adds, "denies citizenship of the state a voice

in his selection" to the gubernatorial office.

Among other proposed resolutions were:

Endorsing aims and purposes of the Oregon Historical society, and asking unions to become \$25 sustaining members; protesting the federal amusement tax and opposing a state sales tax; supporting Hell's Canyon dam, and requesting members of Congress to use their influ-

ence in passage of bills connected with it; favoring amendments to social security to provide payments on basis of a worker's most productive years, lowering the age from 65 to 60 for benefits, and providing benefits for disabled workers; opposing unfair import practices; supporting Sen. Wayne Morse, and several dealing with changes in present labor laws.

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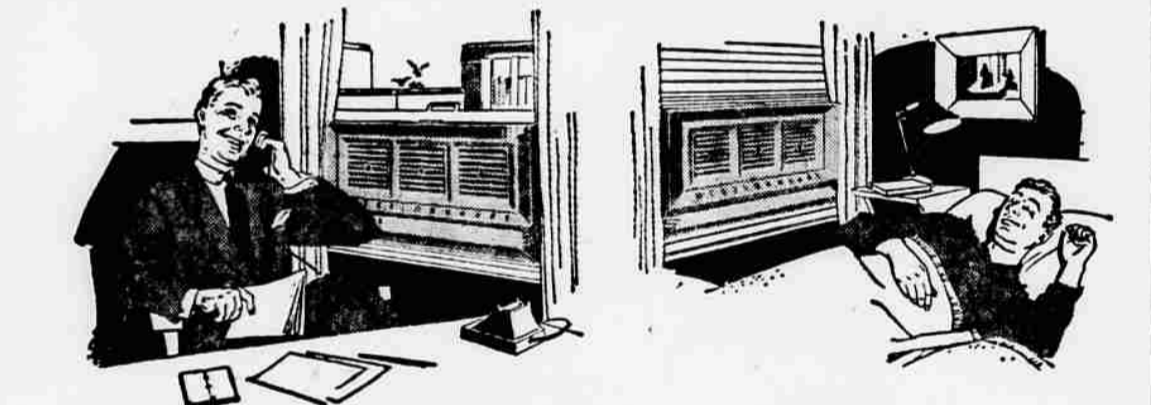
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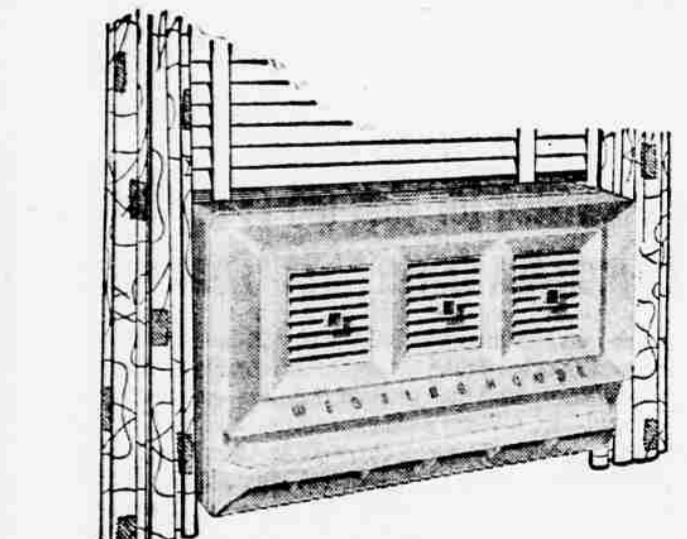
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