

Dio Wanted To Be Respected Labor Leader, Committee Told

Washington — Former union official Anthony J. Dio, today pictured as a friend, racketeer Johnny Dio, as a man barred by cruel society from attaining his desperate longing to be a respected labor leader.

Dio, former secretary-treasurer of the AFL, United Auto Workers, said the dapper New York hoodlum "never had a chance" because of youthful indiscretion which landed him in Sing Sing Prison for extortion.

"If society had treated Johnny Dio right, rather than convict and condemn him at every move, he would have been an outstanding labor leader," Dio told the Senate Labor Rackets Committee.

His impassioned defense of Dio took fire when Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) asked why Dio got into the UAW-AFL in 1935, starting a career which the committee charges has made Dio a kingpin in New York's labor rackets.

Received Cash Presents
"My guess is that he had become tired of the part he played in and about the fringes of labor," said Dio. "He wanted at all costs to become an individual respected in labor."

"If Johnny Dio had had a great fortune, he would have given it up for that kind of title," Dio declared.

Dio, who got an \$80,000 "going-away" present when he quit the union, was called before Senate investigators to explain why he boosted Dio into the labor movement.

As proof that Dio was "imbued with the real spirit of the labor movement," Dio said the handsome racketeer, who invoked the Fifth Amendment about 140 times last week in refusing to answer all questions of the Rackets Committee, has not yet been convicted for anything he did as an official of the UAW-CIO.

Dio ostensibly left the union in 1934.

Living in California
Mundt asked how Dio explained Dio's Equitable Research Associates, Inc., which the committee has called an outfit which sells protection against pickets and organizers from rival unions.

"That might be the result of his frustration at not having attained the things he sought," said Dio.

Dio, who was secretary-treasurer of the UAW-CIO for 14 years until he was forced to resign last February, gave his address as Encino, Calif., and said he is now "developing mining properties in Arizona."

Dio said that for part of the time he was secretary-treasurer of the international union at \$15,000 a year, he was also the \$7,800 a year secretary-treasurer of Local 286 in Chicago, though for some of this time he lived in California.

In what could be an important break in the investigation, Angelo Inciso, who is accused of taking \$300,000 with him when he stepped out of the union, said he would talk "and talk loud" to committee members.

Dio also is said to have gotten \$16,000 when the three quit the union in 1934.

Inciso said in Chicago "I've got a lot to say and it should be very interesting" — especially a "juicy item" that he paid a

\$2,000 bribe to an official of the American Federation of Labor to keep the AFL from "muscling" him out of a Chicago union local.

Boston Papers Closed by Strike

Boston — The publishers of the city's three major daily newspapers were to meet with union officials and Mayor John B. Hynes today to negotiate the strike which has choked off a 1,222,712 combined circulation.

In an unexpected move Sunday the mayor contacted the leaders of both factions and asked them to meet with him either at his office or the State Labor Board.

Early today pickets paced the walks surrounding the Morning and Evening Globe, the Herald-Traveler, and the Record-American-Advertiser. The publishers suspended operations when the 300 mailers walked off their jobs Friday evening and other unions within the newspaper plants supported the action.

Union chief Max Milstein quickly accepted the mayor's offer Sunday but warned that "the publishers will have to make the first move." Later the mayor announced the newspaper executives had agreed to the meeting.

Milstein said the union, a branch of the International Typographical Union, wants the present \$94.13 weekly boosted to \$110. He said this figure was "closer to the national average."

Milk Production Up Half Billion Pounds

Washington — The Agriculture department said Sunday night milk production in the first half of 1937 increased a half billion pounds, or 1 per cent above the same period last year.

Prices to farmers for milk averaged a little above a year earlier in the first half. Retail prices for dairy products also were slightly higher.

The department predicted consumption of fluid milk and cream per person during 1937 will be close to the 355 pounds of last year.



STARS IN HENRY—Smiling on a queen-to-be is King Henry VIII played by Richard Graham, as he meets Anne Boleyn played by Margaret Vafiadis. The play "Henry VIII" completes the presentation of all of Shakespeare's histories and is one of five plays presented during August at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland. It will be presented at 8:30 p.m. today.

Vega Forms Highest Point In Sky's Summer Triangle

By FAY BENTLEY
On Aug. 16 at 9 p.m. blue-white Vega, shining like a diamond near the western edge of the Milky Way, will reach the overhead point or practically the exact center of the sky as viewed by earth-dwellers in this latitude.

This giant sun, the Alpha or brightest star in the constellation Lyra the Harp, is easy to find and forms the highest point in a star picture called the Summer Triangle.

Many star gazers are familiar with the asterism called the Winter Triangle, composed of three first magnitude stars; Betelgeuse in Orion, Procyon in Canis Minor, and Sirius in Canis Major. However, it seems that the Summer Triangle is not quite so well known.

The Summer Triangle also contains three stars of the first magnitude: Vega in Lyra the Harp, Deneb in Cygnus the Swan which is often called the

Khrushchev Seeks To Coordinate Eastern Economy

Berlin — Nikita Khrushchev has used his East German trip to try to coordinate the economy of the Eastern bloc—to try to raise the standard of living as an example to the non-Communist countries.

Throughout his tour he has taken steps to back up his doctrine that Communism is more appealing when there is "butter on the bread." And he has demanded that the Communist bloc surpass Western industrial production.

Sensible Distribution
To achieve this goal, he said, the economic systems of the East bloc must be based on a "sensible distribution of work, cooperation of economic plans."

He told East German leaders they must raise their production so that it will be an example to anti-Communist West Germans of the advantages of Communism. To do this he promised East bloc aid—a promise, in effect, that the Soviets no longer will loot the East German economy as they did in the Stalin era.

He boasted that the Soviet Union's production now ranked second in the world, only behind the United States. And he said the Soviet Union not only must climb to first place but the Soviet bloc as a whole must out-produce the West as a whole.

U.S. Said To Face 'National Suicide'

Milwaukee, Wis. — The head of the Continental Air Defense Command said the U.S. risks "national suicide" when it does not show sufficient strength to deter Soviet atomic aggression.

"As long as the affairs of one of the world's great powers are guided by Communist masters in the Kremlin," Maj. Gen. Marshall S. Carter said, "we are going to have to maintain a posture of strength to deter aggression."

"The alternative is . . . national suicide . . . extension," he said. The CADC chief of staff spoke Sunday at a V-J Day celebration in the county stadium here.

He said that because the Soviets "hold the initiative," the United States must have an air defense organization which could shoot down an "overwhelming" number of air attackers.

Leopold's Petition Has New Evidence

Chicago — Nathan Leopold, a partner in the "crime of the century" slaying of Bobby Frank in 1924, today pinned his hopes for freedom on a parole petition said to contain 16 new items of evidence.

Elmer Gertz, Leopold's attorney, said that the plump, greying 52-year-old convict submitted a petition for rehearing to the Illinois Parole and Pardon representative at Stateville penitentiary Friday.

Gertz said one of the phases of the crime that should be re-examined was the precise nature of the roles played by Leopold and his partner, Richard Loeb, who died in a prison fight in 1936.

Leopold has said in previous applications for freedom that Loeb was the leader in the crime. The new petition said that the trial judge, John R. Caverly, expressed the same view in a conversation with a Roman Catholic nun.

Burns Man Drowns in Water-Filled Gravel Pit
Burns, Ore. — Cyrus Pratt, 61, Burns, drowned Sunday in a water-filled gravel pit when a boat overturned.

Pratt, his son and two other men were testing the boat when it capsized. Pratt called for help and they managed to get him ashore but artificial respiration failed to revive him.

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Mrs. Purdom Pansl To Sue Magazine

Hollywood — Mrs. Tita Purdom, former wife of actor Edmund Purdom, was expected to file a \$3 million libel suit today in Superior Court against Confidential magazine, her attorney reported.

The attorney, Mervin Mitchell, said the suit involved statements made in an article titled "What Edmund Purdom Didn't Tell" in a 1936 issue of Confidential. He said Confidential's sister publication, Whisper magazine, and Hollywood Research, Inc., also would be named as defendants in the suit.

Mrs. Purdom was among a parade of Hollywood personalities subpoenaed to testify at the criminal libel trial of Confidential and Fred and Marjorie Meade, who the state claims operated the magazine's West Coast gossip-gathering bureau, Hollywood Research.

Fisherman Ties In TV Quiz Show

New York — Norwegian-born fisherman Andrew Nass tied with Samuel Perla, Buffalo, N.Y., for \$8,000 Sunday night on the CBS television quiz show, "64,000 Challenge."

The tie came when the two men correctly answered a series of questions on the Roman Empire. Nass is now a resident of Camden, N. J.

In another contest, actor Hans Conrid tied for \$4,000 in the "English language category" with Tom Kane, the Buffalo, N.Y., cab driver who retired after winning \$96,000 on quiz shows.

The Nass-Perla match will be resumed next Sunday night at the \$16,000 level, and Kane and Conrid will meet the same night for \$8,000.

Postal Do-it-Yourself Booklet Distributed

Washington — Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield today introduced a new do-it-yourself system to cut down on long waiting lines in front of parcel post windows.

The nation's larger post offices started distributing booklets telling at a glance the mailing costs in ounces of packages sent anywhere in the United States or its territories.

The postal chief said that the new booklets will simplify the present "complex" formula for postage charges based on the weight and distance.

Tuna Industry Agrees To Cease Price Fixing

Washington — The American West Coast tuna fish industry has agreed to halt allegedly illegal price-fixing and stop trying to squeeze out Japanese competition, the Federal Trade commission has announced.

The commission indicated that compliance with its order may lower the price of canned tuna. It said virtually the entire West Coast industry, producing over half the nation's packed tuna, consented to the order.

RIVER ADMIRALS HONORED

Montgomery, Ala. — Six "craft admirals" were at home Saturday after floating to Mobile and flying back. The six teen-age boys made a two-week trip down the Alabama river on a rudderless craft and were given honorary commissions as rear admirals in the Alabama Navy by state Docks Director Knox McRae.