

Agreement Lacking In Senate on New Labor Law Approach

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Washington — [E]— What is going on in the U. S. Senate is a lot of politicking, mostly about how to impose reform on union labor without offending the union bosses. That will not be easy. It would be impossible unless the reform were considerably limited.

That is what all of the politicking is about. Union labor has a great deal of money and millions of votes. Politicians upon whom the pressure of that money and those votes can be brought to bear, therefore, are likely to approach labor legislation reluctantly and with a combination of caution and hope.

Senate investigators have exposed in some unions a record of corruption, violence, racketeering and collaboration of top officials with notorious hoodlums. Senators seem to agree that Congress must pass a law. There is a mighty little agreement on what kind of law congress should pass.

Kennedy-Ives Bill
The Senate Labor committee approved last June the Kennedy-Ives "Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Bill." It would have required disclosure of union financial affairs and secret ballot election of union officials. It would have forbidden shake-down picketing. The bill also would have amended the Taft-Hartley Act to permit replaced strikers to vote in union representation elections.

AFL-CIO approved the Kennedy-Ives Bill. The Senate passed it. The Eisenhower administration objected that the bill was too weak. The bill died in the House. The Senate now has three major

labor reform bills: The Kennedy-Ervin bill, the Goldwater bill, which is the legislation proposed by the Eisenhower administration, and the McClellan bill. The substance of the Goldwater and McClellan bills probably will be offered as amendments to the Kennedy-Ervin bill which is now pending in the Senate.

The American Enterprise Association, Inc. (AEA) requires 40 letter-sized mimeographed pages to describe the various major labor reform bills and to analyze their differing contents. There is one basic difference between, for example, the Kennedy-Ervin and Goldwater bills which the public should easily comprehend.

This difference is in the approach to the problem of labor reform. It is this: Shall this labor reform effort seek to correct only abuses of union members or shall it also seek to correct the abuses of organized labor against the public. Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) and the Administration would deal with both types of abuses in a single bill.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and his associates would deal with the two forms of abuses separately, taking up first abuses of union bosses against union members. Kennedy promises that if his bill is passed there will be introduced later a bill to protect the public against union goons, violence and racketeering.

Against this procedure it is argued that there is little, really none at all—assurance that a later bill to protect the public would be passed. AFL-CIO would oppose it. AFL-CIO has accepted the Kennedy-Ervin bill which would not protect the public.

So long as AFL-CIO approves, Senators can vote for the Kennedy-Ervin bill without fear of labor vengeance at the polls.

Middle-East Again Foreign News Focus

By PHIL NEWSOME
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From the foreign editor's assignment sheet:

Oil
The tiny independent sheikdom of Kuwait represents approximately one quarter of the world's known oil reserves. It is a British protectorate and now the British fear that once the Communists have completely swallowed up Iraq, they may push into Kuwait, Iraq's next-door neighbor on the Persian Gulf. Kuwait is one of Britain's biggest oil suppliers and its loss would be a disaster of the first magnitude for Britain. Incidentally, oil income equals almost \$1,000 per year for every man, woman and child in Kuwait.

The West apparently is going all-out to shore up tiny Jordan as a Western bastion against Communist expansion from Iraq. Jordan's King Hussein, who wine and dined across the United States all the way from Honolulu to New York, is getting the same red carpet treatment in Britain—even though his visit is described officially as "private". A few days ago, Britain shelled out another two million sterling (more than \$5 million) subsidy to the impoverished kingdom.

A role once assigned to Britain's Edward, Prince of Wales, now is being considered for Japan's Crown Prince Akihito and his Princess Michiko. They are expected to make a tour abroad within the next year, capitalizing on their tradition-breaking romance. The object: To build

up goodwill for Japan and its efforts to expand world markets. Michiko, by the way, confesses she suffered "indescribable tension" during the days before her wedding. At one point, a fitting for her 44-pound wedding kimono had to be postponed for two hours before she could overcome extreme fatigue and faintness.

High Level Mediation
Indonesia's President Sukarno is being urged by some Afro-Asian diplomats to try to square things between UAR President Nasser and Iraq's Prime Minister Kassem. They point out he leaves Jakarta April 23 on a round-the-world tour. His first stop is Turkey and there diplomats feel he should take a few days to try to patch up things in the Arab world. Meanwhile, Sukarno's troubles are not over at home. High level Indonesian intelligence sources predict the next outbreak of trouble in rebellion-torn Indonesia will be Borneo. One reason: Rebels could come and go much easier than they can at present from Sumatra and the Celebes by going through British Borneo.

A recently announced speed-up in Communist North Viet Nam's farm cooperative set-up may fore-shadow the introduction of a people's commune system in the next three or four years. That's how long it took Red China to shift from cooperatives to communes, and Hanoi now appears to have adopted Peiping's timetable for Communization. The Viet Nameses say they will have cooperatives installed in most of the country by the end of this year. If they follow the Chinese Reds, they'll give the peasants until 1962 or 1963 to get used to them before herding them into communes.

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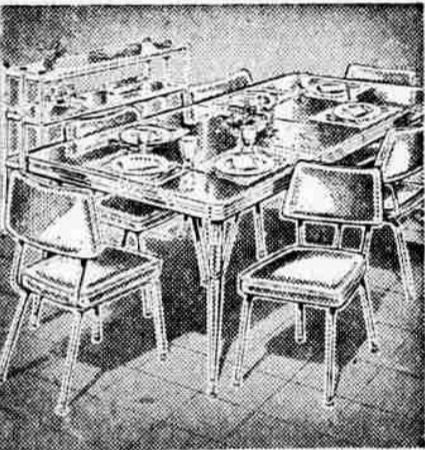
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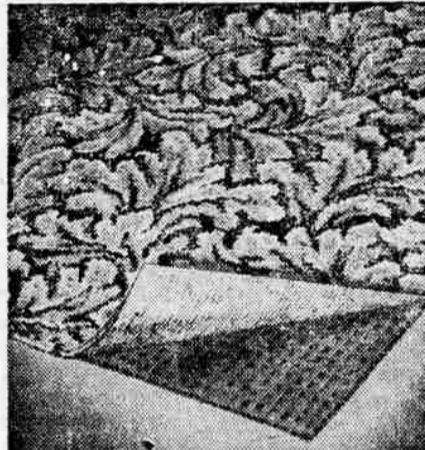
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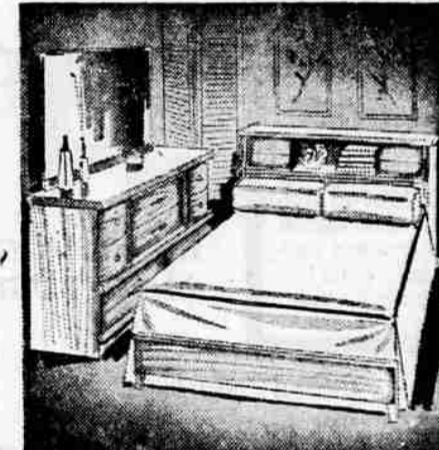
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