

Administration's Anti-Inflation Push Forcing Labor To Move on Defensive

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Washington — (UPI) — Organized labor is being forced on the defensive by the administration's anti-inflation campaign and Congress' drive to control union corruption.

One result is that the United Steelworkers Union has kept strike talk to a minimum and has gone to unusual lengths—as in a series of full-page newspaper ads—to present arguments seeking to justify its traditional demand for “more” wages from steel producers in this month’s negotiations. The union contends that wage increases would contribute to general prosperity.

Another result is that AFL-CIO leaders have been so busy trying to fend off what they consider punitive labor reform legislation that unions’ efforts to get Congress to raise the minimum wage and to increase jobless benefits have suffered.

And out in the country, violence—scarred strikes in the coal fields of Eastern Kentucky and a North Carolina textile town have reflected

what many experts consider to be a stiffening in labor-management relations.

Inflation an Issue

Labor sources admit that the theme pounded home by President Eisenhower—the dangers of inflation—has convinced many rank and file union members that wage increases should be shunned.

The AFL-CIO has struck back by contending that inflation is a phony issue and charging that big business rigs prices regardless of labor costs.

Members of Congress report, however, that labor’s message isn’t reflected very much in the mail they receive from the folks back home.

The anti-inflation psychology this year presents a problem to the Steelworkers Union almost as great as auto workers chief Walter Reuther faced in 1958. Reuther had to negotiate new contracts with the big auto companies at a time when the recession was having a big impact.

Beyond the steel talks, labor observers are predicting trouble ahead in negotiations covering railroad workers

and longshoremen.

Rail management has proposed 15-cent an hour wage cuts to three major unions. It also is campaigning against alleged “featherbedding” by operating employees. Contracts run out Nov. 1.

Both Harry Bridges’ West Coast dockmen’s union and the East and Gulf Coast International Longshoremen’s Association face rough bargaining sessions in late summer.

Federal Legislation

Longshore jobs are in the balance. The industry wants to introduce labor-saving equipment and techniques—such as loading goods in huge containers—that would slash payrolls in every major port.

The AFL-CIO suffered a jolt when the Senate approved even a watered-down “bill of rights” for union members. President George Meany and other federation officials are now reconsidering their support for any reform bill on grounds that the Senate-approved measure might put unions in a strait-jacket.

Even more threatening from labor’s viewpoint is the prospect that the House may follow the President’s advice and vote further restrictions on picketing and boycotts.

Many top AFL-CIO officials, however, say the labor movement cannot afford to withdraw its support from a union reform bill at this stage without great provocation.

While the big federation withheld comment on the Senate bill, the United Mine Workers came out against “every word, every line and every paragraph” of the measure. John L. Lewis’ union said it would give too much power to the federal government to “rule or ruin” labor organizations.

Hoffa Big Problem

The man at whom most of the legislation is especially directed—James R. Hoffa of the teamsters—cussed out the Senate-approved bill and its ban on “hot cargo” clauses in labor contracts. These clauses permit union members to refuse to handle nonunion goods.

The teamsters traditionally have used this device to quarantine nonunion firms until they sign up.

Mathematics Can Be Interesting, OSC Says

Corvallis — An almost fabulous era of mathematics is under way today, but a “fear of mathematics” on the part of parents and students is a major obstacle to be overcome, an Oregon State college mathematician believes.

“Mathematics is hard only if you believe it is and make it so,” Dr. Robert Gaskell said. “It can be tremendously exciting and challenging if parents and teachers make it that.”

The feeling that mathematics is “too hard for me,” that it’s boring, and that it isn’t useful anyway are false attitudes that parents are giving their children, Gaskell maintains.

The “too hard” part may stem from the fact that parents are often unable to cope with arithmetic homework problems. Parents can encourage their children from

the beginning, however, and can show them some of the fun with figures in the early grades, Gaskell says.

After some years of that kind of interest at home, the child senses the importance of arithmetic and plunges into the subject with vigor and determination. The result may be a new and fascinating life’s work, he explains.

Demand for trained mathematicians today exceeds the

supply several times over, Gaskell reports. In 1940, there were less than 150 mathematicians employed in industry. Today, there are literally tens of thousands. Boeing Airplane company alone, for example, has some 300 persons working in mathematics at present, according to Gaskell.

Before joining the OSC staff this winter, Gaskell was director of the mathematics unit of the Boeing science laboratories. Earlier this year, he completed a 13-state speaking tour as a national lecturer for the American Mathematics association.

The South Texas county of Kenedy does not have a single incorporated town in it. The county seat is Sarita, a ranch settlement.

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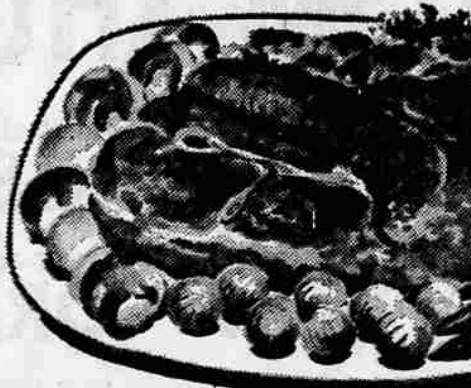
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