

Labor's Big Three In Opposition To Truman's Fact-Finding Program

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—The CIO's open break with the administration today aligned labor's big three into solid and formidable opposition against President Truman's program for fact-finding as a means to end industrial strife.

Congressional leaders hastened to determine how seriously this united front among the CIO, AFL and UMW would threaten enactment of the law Mr. Truman asked in a special message on Monday. But they went ahead with their plans to draft a bill to carry out his program and to introduce it today if possible.

Murray Makes Break
CIO President Philip Murray made the break in a bitingly critical radio broadcast from Pittsburgh, where he is directing strategy of the CIO-Steel Workers in their impending strike at the U. S. Steel corporation.

The AFL, through President William Green, and John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers previously had criticized Mr. Truman's plan—which calls for 30-day strike truces while fact-finding boards are at work—on the contention that it would shackle labor.

But Murray went further. He said the plan was designed "to weaken and ultimately destroy labor union organizations."

CIO Cool
The CIO leadership has been cooling toward the Truman administration since V-J Day, when the president decided to liquidate the war labor board. CIO members of the board thought it should be retained to meet reconversion labor problems.

Murray was further irked when Mr. Truman refused to make public a report of reconversion advisers who said industry generally could afford a 24 per cent wage increase without price advances. The report was the result of a study requested by Murray.

Despite Murray's blast, however, and the opposition of other labor leaders, Acting Chairman Ramspeck (D-Ga.) of the house labor committee told a reporter he believes the house will approve Mr. Truman's proposal.

Death Claims Famed Doctor

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 5 (AP)—Death has claimed Dr. Thomas Hunt Morgan, regarded by many men of science as the world's foremost authority on heredity.

The 79-year-old winner of the 1933 Nobel prize for medicine succumbed at Huntington Memorial hospital yesterday after a short illness.

Professor emeritus of biology at the California Institute of Technology, Dr. Morgan was an admitted leader in at least five fields of scientific research, but his epoch-making contributions to genetics overshadowed all else.

Dr. Morgan held BS, MS, PhD and LLD degrees but not an MD. He was the first winner of the Nobel prize in medicine who was not a physician.

He won the prize for clarifying the laws of heredity and mutation of species after 17 years' study of tiny vinegar flies—*Drosophila melanogaster*.

Dr. Morgan was graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1888. His widow and five children survive him.

Lily Growers Will Meet December 11

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Dec. 5 (AP)—Lily growers from the three Pacific coast states will meet here December 11 to plan expansion of the Pacific Easter Lily Growers' association.

Secretary A. W. Hemenway said today an executive meeting will be held December 10.

City Council Will Talk Land Sale

PORTLAND, Dec. 5 (AP)—An ordinance authorizing sale of a city-owned tract in Southwest Portland to a group of physicians planning a medical center will come before the city council tomorrow.

Dr. Roger H. Keane, trustee for the group, said most of the 40 physicians are returning veterans unable to find suitable office space. They offered the city \$75,000 for the tract.

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