

# Here's The ABC Of The Taft-Hartley Labor Bill And What Led Up To It

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP)—Here's a brief ABC on the Taft-Hartley labor bill and what led up to it. It's so big, it's so complicated, and it does so many things that the wisest labor lawyer right now can't tell you all it means or would do. For that reason many suits and test cases will be taken into federal courts to get decisions on what this or that means.

For 150 years in this country unions fought to force employers to bargain with them. No law said a boss had to bargain with a union. To gain their point, unions struck. Frequently a boss could get federal judges to order them, by injunction, not to strike.

**Congress Gives Aid**

In 1932 congress gave organized labor its first big help. It passed the Norris-LaGuardia act. This law practically made it impossible for a boss to get a court order stopping a strike. This strengthened unions' bargaining power a bit.

But there still was no law compelling a boss to bargain with a union. Labor got this in 1935 when congress passed the Wagner act. This act, in brief, did two main things. It said:

1. A boss has to bargain with a union of his workers. It didn't say a union has to bargain with a boss. The union could stall, if it wished.

2. The boss can't be unfair to unions, such as threatening to fire a man if he joins a union.

The national labor relations board (NLRB), set up to administer the Wagner act could, with the help of courts, make a boss stop being unfair.

In the 12 years since 1935, by grace of the Wagner act, unions have grown tremendously strong, too strong to suit some people, including congressmen.

Critics of the Wagner act said it gave unions all the benefits and bosses none.

**Unions Restricted**

Now this year congress has passed the Taft-Hartley bill to put restrictions on unions. It puts more restrictions on them than they've had in all history. The bill would make changes in the Wagner act and add some new things of its own.

Here are some of its main points:

1. Employers still are compelled to bargain with unions. But now unions must bargain with a boss. They can't stall him.

2. Closed shops—where everyone must be a union member—are forbidden. The Wagner act permitted closed shops.

3. In spite of the Norris-LaGuardia act, the government can get injunctions to hold up for 90 days strikers endangering national health and welfare.

4. Bosses are freer now to tell workers what they think about a union. The bosses had to be pretty careful under the Wagner act.

5. A boss doesn't have to bargain with a union if any of its officers are communists. The Wagner act said nothing about this.

6. Bosses don't have to bargain with their foremen, even though they join a union. The Wagner act ignored this.

7. Unions can't charge "excessive" dues. The Wagner act put no limit on this.

8. Unions and bosses can't break contracts without being liable for damage suits. The Wagner act didn't cover this.

9. Unions can't commit "unfair" labor practices. (There's a list of them). Under the Wagner act, bosses were forbidden such practices. The list of do's and don'ts is very long.

**Vet's Mail Bag**

As a service to veterans in the community, this newspaper will publish an occasional column of news briefs from the veterans administration. For further information, veterans should contact or write their nearest VA contact office at Klamath Falls.

**Student Vets Advised on Leave**

Leave applications from veterans attending summer school must be submitted 30 days in advance, in accordance with a new ruling by the veterans administration.

Leave is earned at the rate of two and one-half days a month and subsistence allowances are paid during the leave period. Veterans were told, however, that time taken as leave is deducted from their total amount of eligibility for training under GI bill provisions.

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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I was going to take a real trip this summer, but the freight car shortage changed my plans!"

Living Northwest veterans receiving disability compensation or pension number 72,000, approximately 75 per cent of whom are World War II veterans. Their benefit checks total nearly \$3,400,000 each month. Questions of the Week

Q. As a commissioned officer in the U. S. public health service, I was assigned to duty with the army during the war. I have now returned to the public health service. Am I eligible for GI bill benefits?

A. Yes. According to a recent veterans administration ruling you are eligible.

Q. Can I specify in my national service life insurance policy that in event my wife remarries after my death, payment of the balance of insurance benefits shall be made to my mother?

A. No.

Q. Is there any regulation regarding experience in obtaining a GI loan for business purposes?

A. The law provides "that ability and experience of the veteran and the condition under which he proposes to pursue such a business, or occupation are such that there is reasonable likelihood he will be successful."

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## Navy Officer Faces Court

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 24 (AP)—The 11th naval district announced Monday that Lt. (jg) Richard Gascoigne, navy supply corps, was being held under arrest for general court martial in connection with charges of mistreatment of fellow war prisoners in Japan.

Gascoigne, who was an enlisted storekeeper 1st class, was associated with Lt. Comdr. Edward N. Little at Fukuoka prisoner of war camp, No. 17, at Omuta, Kyushu, Japan. Little was recently acquitted of similar charges by a court martial in Washington, D. C.

The announcement from district headquarters said Gascoigne, captured with Little by the Japanese in the Philippines, had been under arrest since May 15.

Specifically the charge is "conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline."

No date has been set for the court martial, the navy said, and it is not known if Gascoigne will request a private trial, as did Little.

Promotion of Gascoigne to officer rank was nominal, the navy explained, under general advances authorized for enlisted personnel while he was a prisoner.

No details of the mistreatment allegations were disclosed.

## ASCAP Charged In Civil Suit

NEW YORK, June 24 (AP)—A civil action charging the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) with engaging in a world-wide cartel and conspiracy to monopolize musical performing rights in violation of anti-trust laws was filed in federal court here Monday by Attorney General Tom C. Clark.

The complaint charged that ASCAP conspired with similar societies in other countries to cross-license each other exclusively on all music rights and to prevent societies not involved from having access to such music.

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But the sustained pang of conscience suffered by one individual evokes continuing interest at the treasurer's office. Regularly each week since October 15, 1948, he (she) has remitted \$1.

**STREET FISHING**  
KANSAS CITY, Kan., June 24 (AP)—Grocer Harold Claybrook went fishing in the gutters of Kansas City's main street and pulled in two catfish and four perch.

Claybrook said the fish were swimming in deep puddles near the curb, and added that he thought they came from water-clogged sewers which backed up during a heavy rain.

**HERO'S REWARD**  
CHICAGO, June 24 (AP)—Leonard Malinowski, 17, who can't see much without his heavy-lens glasses, probably won't have any spectacles to wear when he graduates tomorrow from Lane Technical high school.

Malinowski, third highest in the graduating class of 780, lost his glasses yesterday when he jumped

into the Lincoln park lagoon and rescued John McGreevy, 18 months old, who fell into the water from his baby buggy.

Leonard's father promised to buy another pair but they probably won't be ready by tomorrow.

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BY KAILUA LOUIE

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