

# Much Discussed T-H Law Explained In New Series

(ED'S NOTE: This is the first of six articles dealing with the Taft-Hartley law. The reports were prepared by the public relations department of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Los Angeles, and are being published by the Herald and News as a public service.)

There has probably been more heat and less light generated in discussion of the Taft-Hartley Act than any piece of legislation since prohibition. Opposition to the law comes from two principal sources: one, those who consider themselves to be "liberals" and who have looked upon the union movement as the salvation of social justice in the United States; and two, those union leaders whose monopolistic powers have been somewhat curtailed by the law.

Any discussion of the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947 should be preceded by a broad view of federal policy with respect to unions and employer-employee relationships over the years. Initially, and in the early days of

the Industrial Revolution, there was no such thing as labor law. The attitude of the government was that unions were a "conspiracy" and were, therefore, unlawful. The policy of the federal government was the policy of suppression.

But the government learned in this field, as it always must in any field, that while organizations may be suppressed, the ideas behind them cannot be.

Gradually over the years there grew up another policy of the Federal Government—one which might be termed Neutrality. The government, in effect, said that any conflict between union and management is their business and our policy is one of "hands off."

During World War I under the first National Labor Board and in order to get the production necessary without delay caused by strikes or slowdowns, the government recognized the potential political power of unions and began the first move toward the third era of government policy with respect to organized labor—that of intervention.

The policy of intervention came to full flower in 1935 with the passage of the Wagner Act, which in effect put the power of the government behind the organizing efforts of the unions; a one-sided influence upon management-union relationships.

This policy inevitably aggravated union abuses among them the secondary boycott, the jurisdictional strike, the closed shop and the closed union, all to the detriment of the public.

In 1947 the National Labor-Management Relations Act, better known as the Taft-Hartley Act, was passed by the Congress and vetoed by the President, and passed again over his veto. The passage of the Taft-Hartley Act marked a new era of government philosophy with respect to unions—a philosophy of Public Interest.

That a coalition or understanding between big government and big unions has resulted in by-passing the Act's provisions has in some measure obscured the public interest. This does not weaken the basic concept however; for the underlying purpose of the Taft-Hartley Act is still there, and with its imperfections it is still the most workable national labor law we have had—and its provisions do protect the individual employee and the public generally.

Charges have been made that the Taft-Hartley Act was passed in haste. This is not true. It was the result of months of hearings before both houses of Congress during which millions of words of testimony were taken from interested persons in all parts of the country. There was ample debate upon the floor of both houses.

# Bureau On Pan Over Resources

LaSelle Coles, manager of the Ochoco Irrigation District in Central Oregon and Oregon director of the National Reclamation Association, told Rotarians Friday that the federal government has gone beyond the original intent of the Reclamation Act of 1902.

The original intent of the act was to build up an investigating and leasing agency, today it's an old story of the government trying to appropriate water, he said.

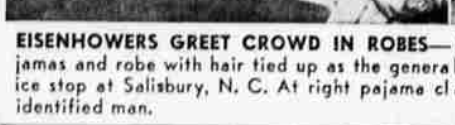
Speaking of the National Reclamation Assoc., he said that originally it worked to save reclamation now it is working to save the Bureau of Reclamation from itself.

Coles said that this country has become great from three things: labor, capital and natural resources. He said that he does not believe in socializing natural resources and thinks that the bureau and other federal agencies have gone too far in that direction.

He mentioned that President Truman has advocated blanketing the country with valley authorities, said that localities must plan something better to meet the valley authority challenge, and advised that this part of Oregon could do well to immediately form a compact with Northern California for its protection.

Coles was introduced by Bob Sawyer, publisher of the Bend Bulletin, who for many years has been an authority on reclamation matters. Tom Walters was chairman of the day.

# Eisenhowers Greet Crowd in Robes



EISENHOWERS GREET CROWD IN ROBES—Mamie Eisenhower (left) greeted crowd in pajamas and robe with hair tied up as the general's campaign train made an early morning service stop at Salisbury, N. C. At right pajama clad General Eisenhower waves from behind unidentified man.

# Arrest Made In Robbery

WASHINGTON (AP)—The FBI Saturday announced a second arrest in connection with the \$65,000 "out to lunch" robbery of a Brink's armored car last month.

The man was named as Charles Wesley Knight, 22, of Washington, a relief driver for Brink's since July.

The FBI said Knight admitted helping plan the bold theft in return for a 50-50 share on the loot.

The robbery occurred Aug. 25, when four guards of a Brink's truck left the car locked but unattended outside a Washington hotel while they went to lunch.

The next day, after a night-long grilling, Ray Eugene Farmer, 26, a former Brink's guard, admitted the theft. Farmer took police to a nearby amusement park where the entire \$65,000 was found buried.

Officials said today Knight apparently took no part in the affair outside of helping plan it.

# Dance Band Stated Here

Billy May, who brings his dance band to the Armory here Monday night, has zoomed into prominence in an amazingly short span of time.

May's orchestra, only months old, is already rated near the top among the nation's dance outfits.

Until he gained popularity with his band, May was known as one of danceland's better arrangers.

Working with Charlie Barnet and the late Glen Miller May won fame with his arrangements for "Cherokee," "Redskin Rumba," and "Ida."

# Lawmakers To Visit Oregon

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# Infantrymen Battle For Korean Hill

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—U. S. and Belgian infantrymen today beat off 300 Chinese Reds in a fierce seven-hour battle for a hill on the Korean Western Front.

The Reds broke off the fight at dawn.

Allied patrols reported "many, many Chinese dead" littered the battle area.

Elements of the Third Infantry Division's Seventh Regiment defended the peak situated three miles northeast of Kelly Hill in the Chorwon sector.

A Belgian unit attached to the division fought briefly with a band of Reds 800 yards to the west and then rushed into the main battle line along the Americans.

The Air Force announced eight Russian-built MIG jets were shot down during the week. One U. N. plane, a prop-driven F7F Tigercat, was lost to unexplained causes.

The eight Communist jet kills made a record total of 95 shot down during September by Allied pilots. The previous monthly high of 44 was set last April.

Gen. James A. Van Fleet, commander of the U. S. Eighth Army, congratulated Allied units for recapturing Old Baldy on the Western Front and defending key hills near the Punchbowl a week ago.

He praised the South Korean Eighth Division for a "magnificent performance" in the Punchbowl sector.

He messaged the 38th Regiment of the U. S. Second Infantry Division that its performance at Old Baldy "against a determined Communist force supported by intense artillery and mortar fire exemplifies the spirit and resolve of this command."

# Budget For Welfare Up

PORTLAND (AP)—The State Public Welfare Commission Friday approved a budget of \$80,400,000 for the 1953-1955 period, that is an increase of \$5,647,531 over the present two-year budget.

Of the increase \$3,860,664 would come from additional federal funds. That would make the government's total contribution \$28,468,185.

The state legislature would be asked to increase the state's contribution by \$411,022. For the current period the state appropriated \$29,381,000.

The counties' share for 1953-1955 would go up from \$10,347,017 to \$10,590,223.

Most of the budgeted funds—\$33,231,028—would go for old age assistance. Some \$9,157,757 is listed for aid to dependent children and \$6,476,947 for general assistance.

# Thrift Case Charges Out

Two young men were released from the County Jail yesterday afternoon, the felony charges held against them dismissed.

They were Billy Gene Waters, 22, of Bly, who had been accused of strongarm robbery, and C. W. Morgan, 25, of Tulelake, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses.

In Waters' case, the complaining witness, Steiner O. Gullikson of Bly, failed to show up in District Court for a preliminary hearing. In Morgan's case, District Attorney Frank Alderson said the evidence was insufficient to convict.

Waters had been in jail almost a month, and Morgan two days.

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# Bennett Appeals Recall Ruling

PORTLAND (AP)—J. E. Bennett, barred by a court ruling from running for the office from which he was recalled, said Friday that he will appeal the case to the State Supreme Court.

A panel of three circuit judges ruled Thursday that Bennett could not file for election to the unexpired portion of his previous term as city commissioner.

# Rita Back With Aly In Paris

PARIS (AP)—Rita Hayworth stayed last night at the suburban Neuilly home of her estranged husband, Prince Aly Khan. The prince was there, too.

Both Rita and Aly have brushed off all talk of a reconciliation. The movie actress, who has a divorce suit pending in the U. S., said the prince, arrived at Le Havre Wednesday by ship from the U. S. and was driven here by Aly's chauffeur. The prince arrived Thursday from the Riviera.

# Singer Sues Over Beating At Club

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer Pearl Bailey filed a \$100,000 Federal Court suit yesterday against Bill Miller's Riviera nightclub in Fort Lee, N. J.

The Negro entertainer said she was beaten at the club Sept. 15 and suffered "severe nervous shock and physical and mental pain." A group of patrons attacked her while she was a customer, she said.

# Oregon Turkeys For School Meals

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Agriculture Department Friday bought 720,000 pounds of Oregon turkeys for the government's school lunch program.

This purchase, along with 1,290,000 pounds bought in California and 210,000 pounds in Texas, brought Baldy "against a determined government purchases under a producer price support program to 3,257,000 pounds during the past month."

# Moose Party To Be Held Tonight

The 40th anniversary fall party of Klamath Falls Moose Lodge, No. 1106, is to be held at the lodge hall tonight, starting with a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

All members of local men's and women's lodges are invited.

The floor show will feature Bill Fraser, "The Amusmaniac," and three other acts.

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# Outlook For US Business On Upgrade

BY RICHARD FISKE

NEW YORK (AP)—Reports of good business broke out all over this week. The retailers talked a record Christmas.

Operations of industries were close to their best 1952 figures. Some hit new high spots.

Salesmen's order books were well filled. Employment was high. Some industries were looking for more workers.

Defense orders accounted for a lot of the business. But many consumer goods manufacturers had something to smile about for the first time in months.

The New York Stock Exchange caught some of the optimism and prices on the average enjoyed its best advance in two months.

There still were differing opinions on how much of the good business was created by defense orders.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder said the nation is in a "real prosperity" supported by more permanent items than defense spending.

He said a swelling population and a large backlog of personal savings provide a solid base for the economy.

Real purchasing power income is crowding close to its all-time high, he added, and demand for new construction of all kinds may take up some of the slack when defense spending ends.

On the other side of the fence were economists who took the view things would fall flat without defense dollars.

Industrialists generally saw continued good business through the rest of this year. But many weren't ready to blueprint an over-all pattern for 1953.

Sumner H. Slichter, Harvard University economist, looked way ahead and said a "mild" recession was possible when defense spending slackens in 1954.

# Coal Miners Still Talk On Contract

BY NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON (AP)—John L. Lewis haggled today with northern soft coal operators over final details of their contract agreement while Southern mine owners faced a possible strike next Wednesday.

Lewis reached an agreement last week with Harry Moses, chief negotiator for the Northern producers, on the general principles of a new contract. They have been arguing over details ever since.

The agreement calls for a \$1.90 boost in the present \$12.35 basic daily wage, plus a 10 cent-a-ton increase in the present 30-cent royalty paid by the owners into the union's welfare fund for pensions and other benefits.

Moses was reported to be in labeling on a side stipulation that the higher contract terms wouldn't become effective until approved by the government's Wage Stabilization Board. Moses denied this to a reporter, and Lewis had no comment, but the reports persisted.

Lewis was said to be resisting such a stipulation, contending it was the industry's job to get government approval. He was represented as wanting to keep his hands free to call miners out on strike, in case the WSB disapproves the sizeable wage and royalty boosts, or gives only partial approval.

The negotiated wage increase is more than 11 per cent above present pay rates, whereas only a 6 per cent increase is allowable to the miners under self-administering rules of the WSB. The agency can, and sometimes does, exceed the self-administering rules, however, in passing on some wage cases.

A stipulation that the wage boost wouldn't be payable until the WSB approves it would, however, give the industry protection against the possibility the WSB may not come up with a ruling, one way or another, by Oct. 15.

That is the date the higher wages are to be distributed in semi-monthly paychecks. Without a WSB ruling, the industry would be faced with a possible choice of a strike in the mines if they don't pay the higher rates, and violating stabilization rules, if they do pay the increase without government approval.

Despite this difficulty, the guessing among persons close to the coal talks was that Lewis and Moses would finally complete a formal contract, and the Southern owners would probably agree to similar terms to avoid any walk-out.

# HST Demands Cost Survey

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman Saturday directed the Federal Trade Commission to make a far-flung special investigation to see who gets how much of the dollars spent by consumers.

Truman said he particularly wants to know how much of each dollar spent for food and other farm products gets back to farmers; and how a wage increase affects labor costs, profits and prices.

In a letter to trade commission chairman James M. Mead, Truman asserted "the consumer has a right to know who is getting his dollar."

"When he pays a high price at the retail store how much of that price does the retailer get?" Truman asked.

"How much does the wholesaler get? How much goes for transportation?"

"How much did it cost the manufacturer to produce the product, and of those manufacturing costs, how much went to labor, to materials, to overhead and so forth?"

The President said that no comprehensive data on this subject ever has been prepared by a government agency.

But he insisted government "must have the facts if it is to deal intelligently and responsibly with the major interest groups in the country. We should have such information for all items important in the budgets of America's families."

# Solon Refuses Expense Probe

RAWLINGS, Wyo. (AP)—Sen. Lester C. Hunt (D-Wyo) says he will withhold comment on a demand for an accounting of finances in his 1948 campaign.

The demand was made Thursday by C. J. Rogers, Wyoming's Republican secretary of state. Rogers told reporters that the Hunt for Senator Club reported receiving \$20,275 and spending \$9,519.

He contended that the Democratic senator should say what was done with the \$10,756 balance.

Hunt told newspapermen yesterday he heard of Rogers' comments but did not have his records here with him. Zan Lewis, his administrative assistant, said Wyoming law requires no accounting for any balances.

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