

AFL Likes Looks Of T-H Law Changes Ike Trial-Ballooned

By NORMAN WALKER
CHICAGO (AP)—The labor law changes which the Eisenhower administration tested out on Congress but never got around to recommending formally look pre-

ty good to the AFL. George Meany, president of the 10 million member senior labor federation, told newsmen yesterday that the reported Eisenhower plan for changing the Taft-Hartley Act seemed to promise "a definite improvement."

A proposed message to Congress was circulated among key congressional leaders just before Congress adjourned, but Eisenhower never sent it formally as his views to Capitol Hill.

The message was considered most favorable to labor. It stirred protests among business organizations, which generally have been campaigning to leave the present labor relations act alone or to stiffen its provisions.

"If the reports about the draft of the message are true," Meany told newsmen, "I feel that enactment would be a definite improvement in the law. Of course, they don't meet all the AFL demands for changing the law."

Meany and other top AFL leaders are here for an AFL Executive

Council session, a quarterly meeting largely devoted to lining up recommendations for the AFL convention in St. Louis, starting Sept. 21.

Some of the AFL men said privately they believe the Eisenhower administration let the details of the proposed labor legislation slip out on purpose, and then just as purposefully arranged to have the

message not delivered formally to Congress.

Meany, when asked about this, said he didn't know, but he said he felt sure that reports that Vice President Nixon was the one responsible for blocking formal sending of the message to Congress were untrue. He added that he didn't know who did block it. Friends of Sen. Taft (R-Ohio),

principal author of the present law, were most agitated by the draft message, which was later described by the White House as just a "preliminary draft."

Taft died on the very day that the message reached the selected congressional leaders.

The AFL council issued a critical statement yesterday about the record of Congress at the last session, winding up by urging

voters to prod Congress members to do better next year.

The council may come up today with a decision on its East-Gulf Coast waterfront affiliate, the International Longshoremen's Association, but action may be deferred until tomorrow. The council has threatened to oust the union, under fire for harboring criminal elements, from AFL membership.

In another spat within the AFL family, the council scheduled for

review today a "factional dispute" involving the Wayne County (De-

troit) Federation of Labor, Meany

said the fact so many Detroit area AFL unions have withdrawn support of the Wayne County group was troubling the AFL.

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"The town's grown a little bit," he said. "Never had this problem of automobiles last time."

The "last time" was in 1865, "when I was a little shaver going on 4."

Woodward, a retired farmer and resident of Hurley, S. D., will be 91 tomorrow. He came here on a trip with his son, Harry R. Woodward, school superintendent at Hot Springs, S. D.

Newell Baptists Begin Building

TULELAKE — Work is under way on a new Baptist Community Church at Newell. The structure will cost approximately \$10,000 when completed with actual value to be probably double that since much of the work and some materials are being donated.

The 40-by-80 foot concrete and frame building will be completed this fall, The Rev. W. B. Hodge is pastor.

Man Informs Police He's Educating Wife

DENVER (AP)—A man telephoned police yesterday and said: "If you receive a call about a disturbance at 250 S. Elliot St., think nothing of it. I'm just teaching my wife a lesson."

They checked, found the woman unconscious on a floor and put her in a hospital.

The man, against whom no charges had been filed, was sought.

HOW SWEET!

BOSTON (AP)—Dance experts from all parts of the country are demonstrating a new dance, the "Washington Glide," at their national convention.

Officials of the National Association of Dance and Affiliated Artists say the steps depict President Eisenhower's golf game.

Iowa Man Talks To Line-Jumping Czech Wife

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP)—"I was so excited I could hardly talk," was the way Leonard Cloud described his telephone conversation yesterday with his wife Lila in Regensburg, Germany.

Cloud said his Czech wife, one of eight persons who rode to freedom in a homemade armored car July 26, told him she had clothing and enough money to "keep going for another week."

"She wants only to come to Sioux City," the 28-year-old meat cutter said.

His 30-year-old blonde wife, who is awaiting a visa so she can fly to her husband in Iowa, and those who fled with her are being cared for under an American escape program.

CUT AND BRUISED
Rattlesnake Pete, colorful pioneer resident of this city, was taken to Klamath Valley Hospital Monday by Kalers ambulance where he was treated for cuts and bruises.

Pete, according to Jim Kalers, was scuffling with another man on the sidewalk in front of the Klamath Billiards, when he slipped on the curb and fell, hitting his head. He was released from the hospital following treatment.



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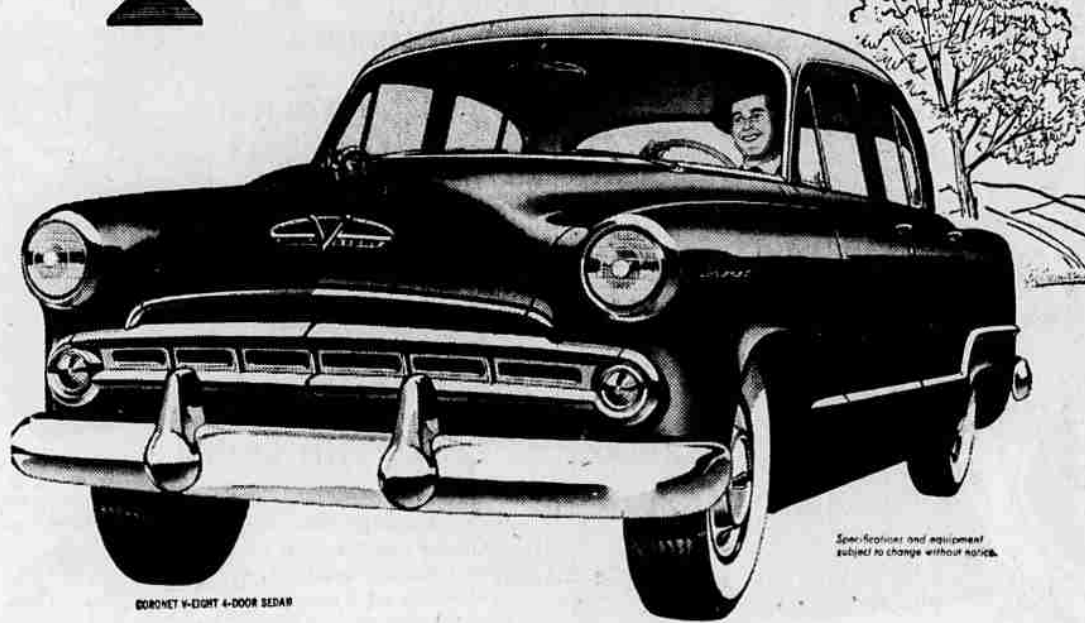
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