

# Here Is Text Of Eisenhower Talk On Taft-Hartley

WASHINGTON (AP)—The text of President Eisenhower's labor message to Congress Monday:

The Congress of the United States is the only body in our government which has the honor and responsibility of recommending to the people the laws which will govern their lives. It is the duty of the President to recommend to the Congress the laws which he believes will best serve the interests of the people.

My recommendation is that Congress should enact legislation which will protect the rights of working men and women who are engaged in the construction, amusement and maritime industries. These industries have unique problems because their employment is usually casual, temporary or intermittent. I recommend that in these industries the employer be permitted to enter into a pre-hire contract with a union under which the union will be treated initially as the employees' representative for collective bargaining. I also recommend that in these industries the employer and the union be permitted to make a union-shop contract under which an employee, within seven days after the beginning of his employment, shall become a member of the union.

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my recommendation that Congress promptly, for they will more firmly establish the basic principles of the law. The appropriate committees of the Congress will, I am certain, wish to keep the law the light of experience under it propose further amendments to implement its objectives and constantly improve its administration.

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## Father Drops In On Big Family Reunion—Late

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP)—John Bolin, 64, dropped in at a family reunion at his brother's home yesterday and explained, "I was busy and just took a notion to wander," when they asked him where he'd been since 1911.

Bolin, a minister and farmer at Alto, Ky., said he had come back for the two small sons he left here with his first wife. He wanted them to join him on his 115-acre farm in Breathitt County, Ky. But he couldn't sell the idea to his two sons—now in their 40s.

As 45-year-old Roscoe Bolin put it, "I've got a good job in St. Louis, and I'm too old to start farming now." His brother Oral, 47, who lives in Evansville, seemed to agree.

The farm might be a little crowded, anyway. Bolin said he had a wife and 10 of their 14 children are living there. The six oldest live in Covington, Ky.

Bolin said he wandered while, served in the Army in World War I, settled in Kentucky and remarried. His second wife died soon afterward, and he married again. He said he had been a Christian Church minister for 29 years but he does not have a regular pastorate.

He learned that his first wife, hearing he had been shot to death in a card game, remarried and moved to St. Louis many years ago. She died in 1940. There was no record of a divorce.

The card game rumor made him mildly indignant. "I never played a card game in my life," he said.

## Borrowers To Be Insured

SALEM (AP)—The State Veterans Department is going to cover borrowers home and farm loan borrowers with low-cost mortgage life insurance.

State Finance Director Harry S. Morgan asked insurance companies Monday to make proposals for the insurance, which would pay off mortgages if the veterans die before completing payments.

The veterans would pay for the insurance, but they would get it at a much lower rate than is ordinarily charged for such protection.

Gov. Paul L. Patterson asked the veterans department to consider the plan. Officials went to California to study that state's plan, which is similar to that which Oregon has.

The loan program started in 1945, and 50 million dollars has been loaned to Korean and World War II veterans. Of that amount, millions still is outstanding.

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