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Mitchell Opposes New Laws Outlawing Labor Contracts

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell today came out flatly against state "right-to-work" laws outlawing labor contract provisions that workers must become union members. Mitchell's declaration that he was opposed "categorically" to such laws now in effect in 17 states, mostly in the South and West, came as a surprise in a speech prepared for the annual CIO convention.

Oregon Milk Warning Told

Some people have the idea that all controls on the sale of milk went out the window when the voters repealed the milk control act last month. This is not true, according to E. P. Black, Grants Pass, fieldman in this district for the state department of agriculture's division of foods and dairies. He says particularly that many persons, including some dairymen, seem to think milk can now be sold without any restrictions. The state milk sanitation laws are just as much in force today as they were before the election, he points out.

Both the CIO and AFL have outlined campaigns to have state legislatures ditch the "right-to-work" laws next year. They generally make illegal any labor contract arrangement for the union shop or similar proviso requiring workers to join unions. Mitchell, whose speech also conveyed "warm personal greetings" to the CIO from President Eisenhower, practically invited their repeal of such laws by recommending that they be "further considered" by states.

"They will find that these laws do more harm than good," he said. "In the first place, these 'right-to-work' laws do not create any jobs at all. In the second place they result in undesirable and unnecessary limitations upon the freedom of working men and women and their employers to bargain collectively. Thirdly, they restrict union security and thereby undermine the basic strength of labor organizations. I oppose such laws categorically."

The Tail-Hartley law permits union shop contract clause but specifically says they are illegal in any state which prohibits them. The wisdom and morality of compulsory union membership have provided one of the classic arguments in labor relations. Union claim that non-members they represent are "free riders" and get collective bargaining gains without contributing to the cost by paying dues. The employers steadfastly maintain it is wrong to make workers join unions. "I believe," said Mitchell, "that when employers and unions repre-

sending a majority of their employees agree on a union shop they should have the right to have one." The "right-to-work" laws are presently in effect in Arizona, Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, Nebraska, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, North and South Carolina, and North and South Dakota. The message read by Mitchell from Eisenhower complimented labor unions for helping "strengthen our general welfare, our national prosperity and our democracy."

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German Army Wear Tested

BONN, Germany (AP)—The Jack boot and Prussian steel helmet, old symbols of German aggression, won't be worn by the new West German army to be brought into the North Atlantic Alliance when the Paris agreements are ratified. "You'll have to look pretty close at the future German soldier to tell he is not an American. Only details like rank badges and maybe the color will show the difference, according to present plans of the Bonn Defense Ministry.

Top Communists' Conference Told

SINGAPORE (AP)—The Singapore Standard reported today that Malaya's top Communist leader is now en route to Indochina to confer with Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh, chief of the Vietminh forces in Northern Viet Nam. The newspaper said the Red boss, Chin Peng, apparently is seeking advice on how to pep up the Red terror war in Malaya's jungles. "The cease-fire in Indochina has had serious repercussions on the morale of the Malayan Communist leaders, who believe their long-term plan to overrun Malaya is now bogged," the Standard declared.

Doctors Agree To End Strike

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Striking government-employed doctors agreed early today to end their three-day walkout for higher pay. The government in turn said it would take back some 200 of the strikers it had fired for "an unpatriotic attitude causing damage to thousands of workers." The strikers, about 1,000 in all, had demanded a reclassification of all college graduates employed in the civil service with the aim of getting a 20 to 25 per cent raise in pay. The walkout left patients in free government clinics and many hospitals for the poor virtually without medical care. Brazilian army doctors staffed some hospitals to take care of emergencies.

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DENVER (AP)—A Denver grade school was entered yesterday and offices and rooms ransacked. But the only loot was candy placed in Christmas stockings, hung on classroom bulletin boards after school hours last Friday.

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