

Labor Secretary Urges AFL-CIO Political Action

NEW YORK (AP)—Secretary of Labor Mitchell said today organized labor has both a duty and responsibility to speak out with a "loud and clear" voice in politics.

Mitchell's remarks prepared for the convention of the merged AFL-CIO indicated, however, that he expects labor support to be given to Republican party policies rather than to those of Democrats.

His speech, like one delivered by President Eisenhower yesterday to convention delegates via a long-distance hookup from Eisen-

hower's Gettysburg headquarters, said labor unions have a right to deal in political issues.

Eisenhower said that in such expression the rights of minorities in unions having "differing social, economic and political views must be scrupulously protected and their views accurately reflected."

The President and his labor Cabinet officer appeared to be answering, in part at least, the expressed fears of some Republicans that unions are taking too active a political role. The speeches also signaled an administration effort to vie actively with the Democrats for the labor vote in the 1956 campaign.

Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, a potential candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination next year, said in another speech prepared for the convention today that "we need more, not less, participation by working men and women in American political affairs."

Harriman saw "a glorious opportunity" to increase national production by 50 per cent in the next decade and thereby improve living conditions. But "to get this expansion, we must have wise and progressive policies," he said.

"It is up to labor to make its voice heard to be sure we have those policies," he added.

Mitchell said AFL-CIO leaders have denied they will "try to control the votes of union members" but will keep members informed on political issues. Nobody, he said, can object to that kind of political activity.

He said he expects the 16-million-member labor federation to support the labor policies which have marked the Eisenhower administration.

Eisenhower's address was hailed as a "very fine message" by AFL-CIO President George Meany. Walter Reuther, former CIO chief now an AFL-CIO vice president, said "it refutes completely the Goldwater line."

Reuther referred to Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz), chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, who has spearheaded a Republican group critical of union political activity.

Goldwater has charged the AFL-CIO plans "slush funds" to capture control of the government through the Democratic party. He has said the AFL-CIO has no right to endorse a presidential candidate.

Both Meany and Reuther have told the more than 1,400 delegates to the founding AFL-CIO convention that they intend stepped-up political activity but are wedded to neither party.

Mitchell said that combining the AFL and CIO should lead to improved labor-management relations. He expressed hope that the AFL-CIO and industry could reach a "live-and-let-live" agreement to reduce strikes and make for smoother collective bargaining.

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Francis Lander appeared before the council and requested the street department be instructed to remove snow from upper Portland Street.

City Engineer E. A. (Taxi) Thomas said that all streets are being cleared of snow as rapidly as possible. He added that funds for this purpose are limited and the city isn't in a position to step up its snow removal work.

Councilman Oliver Spiker presided at the council meeting in the absence of Mayor Paul Landry who is in Florida.

Council Delays Cafe Licenses

Several downtown cafe operators had their 1956 licenses held up Monday night by the city council pending certification by the municipal sanitarian, Max Braden, that they had complied with provisions of the new garbage ordinance.

The ordinance requires business establishments to provide uniform wooden boxes as containers for garbage cans.

The issue was raised by Councilman Walter Fleet who said he would refuse to approve new licenses, for any restaurants that have not met the ordinance requirements. The other members of the council voted to uphold Fleet's position.

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Kidnaping Sets Divorce Suit

REDWOOD CITY (UP)—The husband of a 32-year-old Millbrae woman who was arrested for kidnaping a man in his own automobile filed suit for divorce yesterday on ground of extreme cruelty.

Morris J. Latimer, a worker at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, asked for custody of his wife's two children by a former marriage. He legally adopted them in 1949, two years after the couple was married in Oklahoma City. Latimer's mother-in-law is now caring for them at his Millbrae home.

Latimer's wife, Norma Maxine Latimer, was arrested at a San Francisco hotel last Wednesday night on a kidnaping warrant issued in Ukiah.

A Ukiah street department worker charged she forced him to drive from in front of his home at gunpoint to Healdsburg, from where he escaped from her and she fled. Latimer's attorney, Orlin Miller, said Mrs. Latimer would disappear for months at a time and once had herself committed to a state hospital. Her mother, Mrs. Beatrice B. Taylor, said her daughter is a "sick girl" who should be receiving medical care.

INTERFERENCE—TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran accused the Soviet Union Tuesday of interfering in her internal affairs. The Iranian charge replied to a Russian protest against the Tehran government's joining the Western-backed Baghdad Alliance of Iraq, Pakistan, Turkey and Britain.

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Patent Suit Verdict Barred

PORTLAND (AP)—A federal court jury verdict awarding \$2,138,755 to an Oregon concern in a patent infringement suit was overturned Monday by Judge Gus J. Solomon.

He said the jury had disregarded his instructions in deciding the case in favor of Moist Cold Refrigeration Co., Inc., and further that Moist Cold had failed to prove sales of the two refrigeration companies for the period December, 1948, to October, 1953.

The damages awarded by the jury amounted to 5 per cent of gross sales for this period.

Judge Solomon said that the damage award was excessive even if the Oregon firm had offered adequate proof of its claim.

He said he expected the case would be appealed.

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Sex Committee Hears Increased Care Urged

PORTLAND (AP)—The Legislative Interim Committee on sex crime prevention heard representatives from several Portland citizens' committees at a hearing here Monday.

Increased psychiatric care for offenders—for the sake of public safety as well as for the sake of the offender—was one of the recommendations.

Cook, president of the state organization, said Kefauver had accepted the invitation in a conference with Cook at the recent National Young Democrats convention at Oklahoma City.

Oregon's delegates were pledged to Kefauver at the 1952 Democratic national convention. Kefauver is expected to announce soon whether he again will seek the Democratic presidential nomination.

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North Dakota Senator To Press Public Investigation Of Dixon-Yates Contract

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Langer (R-ND) said today he will press his demand for a public investigation to show whether backers of the now-repudiated Dixon-Yates contract contributed to President Eisenhower's 1952 campaign fund.

In a surprise move yesterday Langer demanded that a Senate Antimonopoly subcommittee on which he serves subpoena Postmaster General Summerfield, who was Republican national chairman in 1952; Sherman Adams, top White House aide; Stephen A. Mitchell, the 1952 Democratic national chairman, and others.

His request was in the form of a handful of resolutions filed with the subcommittee at a public hearing. It is investigating what Chairman Kefauver (D-Tenn.) termed "a criminal side" of the contract negotiations.

Kefauver said Langer's resolutions might be considered by the three-member subcommittee today but probably any decision would have to be passed on by the full Antimonopoly subcommittee.

He said that Dec. 16 had been tentatively set for a resumption of his group's public hearings.

At issue is a contract negotiated at Eisenhower's orders and under which a utility firm headed by Edgar H. Dixon and Eugene A. Yates would have sold electric power to the Tennessee Valley Authority to replace TVA current consumed at atomic installations.

The 107-million-dollar contract between AEC and the Dixon-Yates group was canceled after the city of Memphis, Tenn., one of TVA's big customers, announced it would build its own power plant.

Langer proposed that Summerfield be asked about any utility contributions to the 1952 Republican campaign fund made with "the Dixon-Yates contract in mind."

Adams should be asked, he said, about any Dixon-Yates contributions to his earlier campaign for

governor of New Hampshire, and "in all fairness," Mitchell should be asked about possible Dixon-Yates contributions to the 1952 campaign of Adlai E. Stevenson for president.

He proposed also that all officials of the First Boston Corp., a New York financial firm which arranged financing for the Dixon-Yates contract, be called to tell "of the part played by them, if any, in the last Republican and Democratic election."

Langer acted after both AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss and

Budget Director Rowland Hughes had declined to tell the subcommittee whether they had discussed matters concerning the contract with White House officials.

But Hughes contended "there was nothing phoney, or dishonest,"

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or any conspiracy with anybody." Ralph H. Demmler, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission from June 1953 until May 25, 1955, testified at last night's subcommittee hearing that he had attended three conferences at the White House relating to the Dixon-Yates contract.

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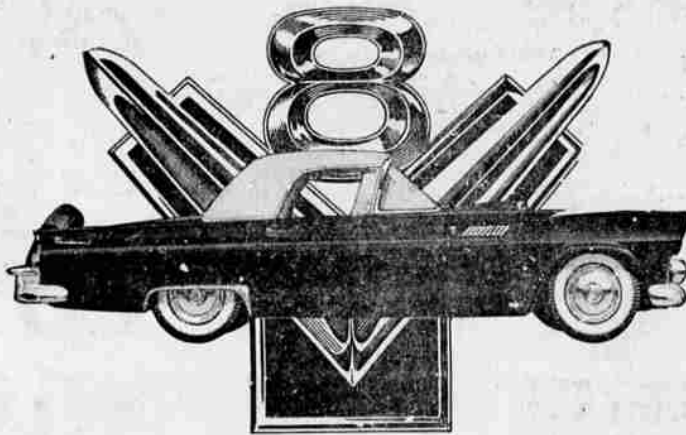
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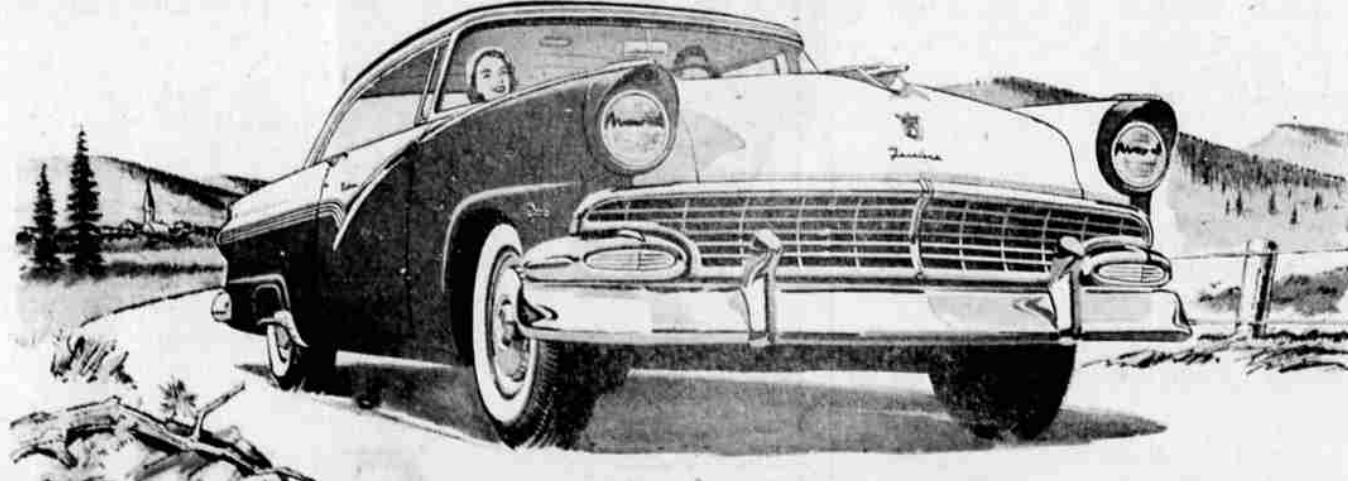
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