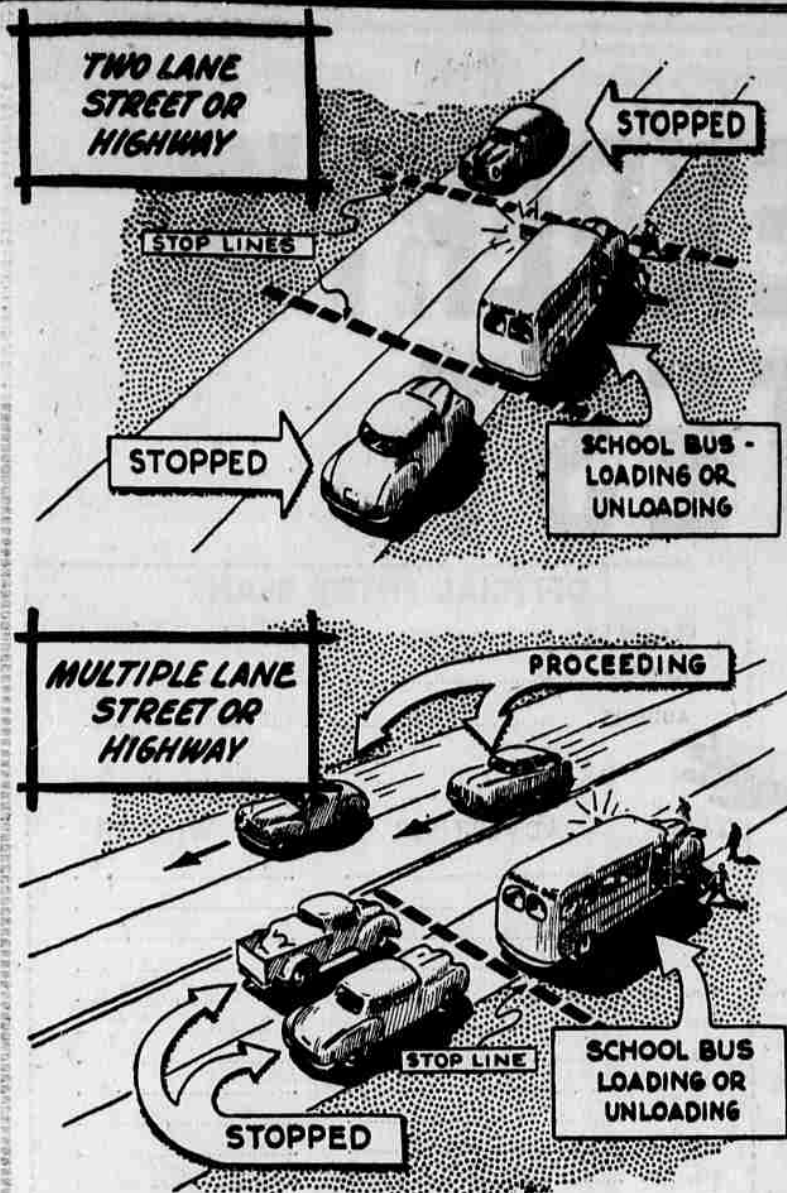




NOW THAT SCHOOL BUSES are operating again, Oregon drivers are required to stop whenever they encounter a bus stopped to load or unload children. The above illustration shows how the law works. On a two-lane road, you must stop when meeting or overtaking a school bus and must remain stopped as long as any children are leaving the bus or crossing the road. On roads with three or more lanes, as illustrated in the lower drawing, you must stop only if you're traveling in the same direction as the bus. The law applies on city streets as well as rural areas and drivers must stop whether or not the driver is displaying the school bus stop arm.

Mergers Planned By Big CIO-AFL Unions This Year

By NORMAN WALKER
WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite some setbacks, mergers of state AFL and CIO organizations are coming along steadily.

But the national AFL-CIO eventually may have to step in to force consolidations in some of the reluctant, more populous states.

Once-rival AFL and CIO organizations have already amalgamated in 14 states. Mergers in nine to a dozen more states are in prospect before the first of the year.

Where there are delays, jockeying among individual labor leaders for the top jobs appears to be the main deterrent. With all the fuss over integration in the South, the racial problem seems to be having little or no effect on the mergers.

That's the merger situation as shown in a nationwide survey by The Associated Press.

Here at national AFL-CIO headquarters a spokesman said that in all states organized labor forces are pulling together politically more than ever before. The AFL-CIO has endorsed the Democratic ticket of Adlai E. Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver.

States where former AFL and CIO statewide organizations have already merged are Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arizona, Montana, Vermont, Colorado, Virginia, Wyoming, Oregon, Iowa, South Dakota and Utah.

Generally these are the smaller industrial states, mostly in the South and West, with relatively small numbers of AFL-CIO union members. Absent from the list of completed mergers are such heavily unionized states as New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and California.

States in which mergers are in

prospect in the next few months include Alabama, Delaware, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Florida, Maine, South Carolina and Texas. Here again are none of the largest industrialized states.

Several months after the national AFL-CIO merger last December, efforts began to get state mergers rolling. The National AFL-CIO constitution allows two years, until early December 1956, for state mergers. After that, the AFL-CIO plans to lift charters and compel mergers.

Mergers have been voted down in two states, Mississippi and North Carolina. But in Mississippi locals which voted last June against merger now say publicly they approve it. Leaders predict merger early next year.

What blocked the Mississippi merger and probably also North Carolina's was a national jurisdictional squabble among former AFL building trades unions and former CIO industrial or manufacturing plant unions. This was a revival of an old AFL-CIO feud over which type union's members should do construction work around factories.

The building trades ordered all their unions in the states to block state mergers until this fight was settled. Then, on urging by AFL-CIO President George Meany, the building trades revoked the order.

This has led to confusion in many states and has temporarily delayed mergers in such states as Ohio, Oklahoma, Michigan, Texas and West Virginia. It is being straightened out in most places.

But stronger measures, including headquarters action, may be needed in Michigan, where the jurisdictional question is just one of many fiery issues between rivals Walter Reuther of the auto

workers and James R. Hoffa of the teamsters.

"Generally speaking," said an aide of Meany, "our problems are no more or less than the problems of any two organizations which decide to become one. Naturally there's the question of who's going to take the top jobs in the new out-

In all states joint merger committees are going through the motions of working out details and new joint constitutions. The national AFL-CIO has a set of standards on general things that must go into all the state merger constitutions.

Delays in most states are occurring because top men on both sides are conducting a waiting game hoping to stall their rivals into taking lesser jobs in the merged organizations. But as the December 1957 deadline for forced merger gets closer the tempo probably will pick up.

Also, some of the AFL and CIO state rivals have been fairly bitter foes in the past and it just isn't too easy to forgive and forget, although they all realize sooner or later they will have to get together.

Dues are also a problem. Rival state organizations have usually had different dues rates. In North Dakota, for example, the much

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Israel Border Battle Flares

JERUSALEM (AP) — U. N. officials today investigated new border violence in which Jordan gunfire killed three Israelis in an archaeological party and wounded 18 others. Jordan blamed the incident on one of her soldiers "suddenly taken by madness" and voiced regret.

The senior Jordan delegate to the U. N. Mixed Armistice Commission said the soldier seized a Bren gun and opened up on a group near Ramat Rahel settlement, just across the border, yesterday. He said the man was taken to a hospital for mental examination.

Israel, in a protest to the U. N. truce commission, gave a different version. A military spokesman said both machine-gun and rifle fire raked the excursion party without warning.

The spokesman explained the party of 700 persons from an archaeological congress in Jerusalem was inspecting ancient sites in Jerusalem's southern limits.

Israeli sources said the shots came after the party had been standing in full view of a Jordan military post for at least half an hour. One witness said that before the firing began he saw four Jordan soldiers standing on a ridge near the Jordan-Israeli line.

The shots were fired while Dr. Yohanan Aharoni, an archaeologist from Hebrew University, was addressing a group assembled at the water tower in Ramat Rahel, a witness said.

Bar Association Plans Convention

GEARHART (AP) — Grant B. Cooper of Los Angeles, vice president of the California State Bar, will be principal speaker at the opening luncheon meeting of the Oregon State Bar convention here Thursday.

Windsor Calkins of Eugene will be toastmaster at the affair, which will honor the Oregon judiciary.

The convention will end Saturday with election of officers.

AID OFFERED

COLOMBO, Ceylon (AP) — Russia has offered aid "without strings" to Ceylon. British high commissioner Sir Claude Corea said Monday on his return from an official visit to Russia and Red China. He added that the Soviets are interested in buying Ceylon rubber and tea.

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