

Labor Session Opens, U.S. Apathy Assailed

NEW YORK (UPI) — The AFL-CIO, worried by dwindling membership, automation and the growing power of the political right, opens its fifth biennial convention here today in a mood critical of the average American's apathy.

"Labor is worried because the rest of the nation doesn't seem to be worried—about our economy, our chronic unemployment, the drift to the right," said an AFL-CIO spokesman on the eve of the convention at the Americana Hotel.

The 12.5 million member labor federation has lost 75,000 members since its last convention in 1961. Automation has re-

placed thousands of workers and at least 400,000 workers change jobs and even industries every month. Cost of living increases have offset one-third of the wage gains negotiated last year and the average national increase in purchasing power is slackening.

The convention is expected to endorse the AFL-CIO Executive Council's drive for a 35-hour work week without loss of pay and penalty pay of double time for overtime. It will also back the administration's tax cut proposals, a vastly expanded public works program, and a sizeable increase in the present federal minimum wage guarantee of \$1.25 an hour.

"Full employment cannot be reached in the United States without a cut in the basic work-week," said AFL-CIO President George Meany in his report to the convention. "It is as simple as that; it is as vital as that. This, then, is the primary task of the fifth convention."

Meany conceded that Negro demands for complete desegregation of unions and greater opportunity for apprenticeship and jobs may be a major subject for debate. The council's own civil rights task force will report to the convention next Monday with the railway porters' A. Philip Randolph, only Negro AFL-CIO vice president, leading the discussion.

High on the list of topics up for discussion are methods of boosting voter registration above the 60-70 per cent mark in the 1964 presidential election. Meany has stated that only greater participation at the polls, particularly by the working class, will stem "attacks on America's social gain and democratic institutions by organizations such as the John Birch Society."

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, first avowed candidate for the GOP presidential nomination, was the first major speaker on today's schedule.

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Life In Small Town Relaxing? — Eight-Year Study Finds It's Not So

TECUMSEH, Mich. (UPI) — Life in small town may not be as relaxing as some people would have you believe.

At least, that's what the University of Michigan found during its long study of this southeastern Michigan community of about 10,000.

More than one big city businessman, confronted with ulcers and jangling nerves, has had his physician tell him to relax and take it easy, perhaps adding the suggestion that quiet life in a smaller community would prove the cure.

But eight years of study by the U. of M. School of Public Health indicates that life in the small town may not be relaxing after all. Almost the entire population of Tecumseh took part in the experiment. The university has now issued its first report and some of the information is startling.

The report shows that "a remarkably high" incidence of heart disease in middle-aged people was evident in Tecumseh. The frequency of high blood pressure, high blood serum cholesterol and high blood sugar was also astonishing in people over 50. Chronic diseases in adults generally was well above what the researchers had expected.

The university set up the study in 1956 with the aid of a grant from the American Heart Association and the U.S. Public Health Service. The first report on the results were made this week in Kansas City at a meeting of the American Public Health Association. The report was made by Dr. Frederick H. Epstein of the U. of M. Cardiovascular Research center.

The report showed, among other things:

- One-fifth of the population of Tecumseh above middle age had abnormally high blood pressure.
- A striking climb, relative to age, was found in the percentage of people over 50 who suffered from multiple disorders.
- Six per cent of the women and 12 per cent of the men in their 50s had coronary artery disease.
- One-fifth of the middle-aged people had high blood sugar and high cholesterol.
- Diabetes was detected in 3 per cent of the women and 2 per cent of the men in their 50s.
- Eleven per cent of the men and 2 per cent of the women in their 50s have chronic bronchitis and 5 per cent of the women and 1 per cent of the men in the same age group have rheumatoid arthritis.



OTHER WOMAN — Mystery witness at the Eugene Thompson first degree murder trial in Minneapolis, Mrs. Jacqueline Olesen, is shown leaving court building Wednesday afternoon after giving testimony at the trial. Mrs. Olesen dodged photographers most of the day before emerging from the court wearing dark glasses and a dark scarf. Thompson is accused of murdering his wife, with the prosecution claiming his love for Mrs. Olesen and a \$1 million life insurance policy as the motive.

Thompson's 'Other Life' Unveiled By His Mistress

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI) — The story of Gene Thompson's "other life" finally has been told—and it's a tale of afternoons in downtown hotels and overnight trysts in Minnesota's northern woods and a lakeside cottage.

It's a tale of how a smooth, silken lawyer with everything going for him strung along his well-built, baby doll-looking secretary until finally she married a husky truck driver.

But the big question remains without an answer: Did the college kid criminal lawyer break off with his inamorata, swearing never to marry Jacqueline? Or did he tell her, "Give me 11 months," time enough to buy a million dollars worth of insurance on his wife?

Secrets Bared

Six men and six women in a jury box heard the secrets bared Wednesday of four people—Gene Thompson, the lawyer... his wife, Carol... his lover, Jackie... and her husband, Ronnie.

It will be the jury's duty to determine whether Thompson is guilty of murder in the slaying of his wife.

On the stand Wednesday was Mrs. Jacqueline Olesen, 27, shapely, pretty, clad in a black sheath with a black and white shorty jacket and a black hat covering most of her brown locks.

Also a mother of three, a divorcee, who married again, with a confessed desire to "be like other people."

Her eyes were red from weeping and she twisted a handkerchief in her hands. She talked with long pauses... admitted she couldn't keep dates straight... and unloaded double entendres without realizing it.

Once she looked around the room as if trying desperately to find someone to help her. Another time she turned to the judge and said, "You know what I mean?"

In the defendant's chair sat T. Eugene Thompson, a criminal lawyer who made \$40,000 a year, and once well-married, well-thought of.

Remains Composed

He looked at her directly during most of her testimony, occasionally even smiling. Once or twice he took off his glasses and looked down. But never was he shaken.

Ronnie Olesen, another witness, had married Jacqueline after her affair with Thompson ended. A big, blond truck driver, he testified he once sent word to Thompson to "stop bothering my wife."

And finally, the silent, invisible image of Carol Thompson, 34, an heiress, and by everyone's agreement—including her husband—"an excellent wife and a very, very good mother."

The "other woman" told about numerous trysts with Thompson in hotels, motels, the Thompson summer home at Lake Forest, and in her apartment. But she also told of breaking off her "relationship" with Thompson in early 1962 to get married after she realized the attorney never intended to marry her.

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