

Secretary of Labor Cites Reasons For Repeal of Taft-Hartley Law

In a recent article, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin cited 18 reasons why the Taft-Hartley Law should be repealed.

The following excerpts from that article are a summary of Secretary Tobin's position already outlined by Congress but brought up to date in the light of more recent developments:

"As I testified before the Congress, the T-H Act has served to restrict the exercise by workers of their right to organize and to bargain collectively. The law was the product of anti-labor bias and hysteria. As Sen. Aiken stated on the floor of the Senate on May 12, 1947:

"It is a wonder that members of the Senate can hold their tempers and vote on the bill according to their best judgment because we have been subjected to the most intensive, expensive and vicious propaganda campaign that any Congress has ever been subjected to."

"I do not refer to the propaganda campaign of labor unions, although I hold no brief for that. I refer to a propaganda campaign which has cost well into the millions of dollars. I should not be surprised if the total amount spent in this campaign would amount to \$100,000,000."

"I told the Senate last spring that the single March advertising campaign in the newspapers against labor by the National Assn. of Manufacturers cost \$2,000,000 and that statement has not been contradicted as yet, although it was made a year ago."

The Taft-Hartley Act must be repealed by the Congress as the Christian Science Monitor stated in an editorial:

"A lot of water has rolled under the bridge since the wave of big strikes and the framing of the T-H Act in 1946 and 1947. A few widely held assumptions have been swept down the stream of experience. It ought to be clear by now that the American workers, by and large, and the rank and file dictate the acts of their leaders and back them up and chat with very few exceptions, American labor doesn't like political strikes or communist machinations any more than do Americans in general."

The truth of these statements was attested by the votes of workers in union shop elections conducted by the NLRB under the Taft-Hartley Act.

"This act has brought about confusion to the field of labor relations, limited the scope of collective bargaining, unnecessarily injected the government into labor disputes, and abridged the rights of workers."

Some Basic T-H Defects

Among the basic defects of the T-H Act, Mr. Tobin listed the following:

1. The act's banning of union security agreements mutually beneficial to both labor and management for a period of over 100 years.
2. The special emphasis placed by the act in the general counsel of the NLRB, making him virtually "a labor czar."
3. The act's provisions for numerous elections which keep employer-employee relations in a constantly unsettled condition.
4. The act's outlawing of peaceful picketing in many situations.
5. The act's restrictions on the check-off.
6. The act's denial of the right to vote in NLRB elections to economic strikers.
7. The act's provisions for representation elections.
8. The act's restrictions on health and welfare funds.
9. The act's surrender of federal jurisdiction where state laws are more restrictive on union security.
10. The act's broad ban on political contributions and expenditures by labor organizations.
11. The act's provision for damage suits against unions.
12. The act's indiscriminate outlawing of all secondary boycotts whether justifiable or not.
13. The act's provision for mandatory injunctions against certain labor practices.
14. The act's elaborate and inflexible procedures including an 80-day waiting period enforced by injunction in emergency disputes, combined with the prohibition against recommendations by boards of inquiry to assist the parties to settle such disputes.

Heads Navy Nurses



Commander Winnie Gibson (above) of Nacogdoches, Tex., was named director of the U. S. Navy Nurses Corps. At present on duty at the Naval Medical Center in Guam, she will become a captain when she succeeds Capt. Nellie J. DeWitt on May 1. (International)

State Liquor Store Sales Volume Drops

18,742,654 Gallons Sold During Past Year

By Pennsylvania News Service

Sales of distilled spirits and wines for the past year in Pennsylvania dipped downward 1.8 percent, the State Liquor Control Board announced today.

Actual sales volume of the liquids amounted to 18,742,654 gallons in 1949, the board said. A breakdown of the sales volume shows that distilled spirits amounted to 9,272,925 gallons—a decrease of six percent. Wine sales accounted for 9,470,129 gallons or a gain of 2.6 percent.

As previously announced, net profit in 1947 was 10 percent of sales yielded \$53,222,910, or a decrease of \$4,167,149 as compared with 1948.

These amounts are in addition to taxes on malt or brewed beverages collected by the State Dept. of Revenue. In addition, the Liquor Control Board returned to municipalities the sum of \$5,717,100 in license fees during the past year.

Some idea of the decline in net profits of the state liquor monopoly can be gained from the fact that in 1947 such profits stood at \$17,366,107. In 1948, the figure was \$38,481,663, while last year it was \$35,209,647.

On the other hand total dollar sales during the same years were as follows: \$208,390,184 in 1947; \$208,172,473 in 1948, and \$198,317,824 last year.

Appendicitis Now Is Joining List Of Minor Causes of Nation's Deaths

Appendicitis is now joining the list of minor causes of death. There were 14,113 deaths from this disease in the United States in 1949.

Last year, less than one-third of this number died of appendicitis.

It is expected by various authorities that within the next few years appendicitis will be reduced to a very minor cause of death in this country.

Appendicitis itself is seldom a fatal disease and the operation for it is a simple one.

Deaths from appendicitis are almost always caused by complications that need not have become serious if the person with the trouble had done the right thing—and not the wrong thing.

The right thing in such cases, is to call a physician for any abdominal pain that lasts for more than four hours.

The wrong thing is to take a cathartic under such circumstances.

There are several factors that have contributed to the reduction in the deaths due to appendicitis.

Education of the public which resulted in earlier seeking of treatment by patients is one of the chief factors.

Improved technique in operation and improved methods in treatment before and after operation are aids.

Another factor includes the use of the sulfonamides and penicillin. Ten years ago the United States had the highest death rate from appendicitis of any civilized country in the world.

Today, deaths from appendicitis are comparatively few.

The Want Ad wasn't bold but is certainly sold.

was eligible for a teacher's pension. I retired from active teaching 16 years ago and settled down in Spokane, Wash.

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St. Francis College Has Something New In Way of Pledges

The students of St. Francis College of Loretto have come up with something new in the way of pledges.

In these days of countless monetary campaigns, the Loretto boys are out to pledge a maximum number of spiritual efforts for Pope Pius XII.

Francis O'Brien, senior delegate to the National Federation of Catholic College Students, will lead the students in a week of prayer. The week beginning yesterday, Feb. 22, will be devoted to prayer by all Catholic Colleges in America. The week will be called, "National Week of Prayer."

The combined spiritual program is being directed by the Overseas Service, affiliate of the NFFCS (National Federation of Catholic College Students).

The purpose of the Week of Prayer is threefold. One is the successful accomplishment of the Overseas Program and the second the success of the Holy Year and place. The final objective is the accumulation of a large spiritual bouquet for the Pope. This spiritual bouquet will be presented to the Pope in August. Presentation will be made by American Catholic Students.

A spiritual bouquet is made up of prayers, rosaries, Communions, and other spiritual offerings. Each member of the Loretto student body and faculty has been asked to "pledge" a certain number of prayers and spiritual offerings.

Over 200,000 American college students will join in the program.

E. D. Deloizer Marks 76th Anniversary

E. D. Deloizer of Cresson, a retired coal miner and railroad engineer, celebrated his 76th birthday last week.

He was born on Feb. 21, 1874 in Clearfield Township, a son of Peter and Sarah (Lutzinger) Deloizer. He came to Cresson in 1906 and was an engineer on the Cresson Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mr. Deloizer's wife died within the past year. The couple were married May 10, 1898 in the Immaculate Conception Church in Cresson.

The celebrant, a member of St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church in Cresson, spends most of his time keeping his home in order. No celebration was held.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

AN ASTRONOMER estimates there may be a billion other planets in the universe just like this one. Hmmm, even so—it's no consolation that there may be another billion guys with problems just like yours.

In Paris, France, a girl has been permitted, by order, to keep a pink pygmy as a pet. As long as she doesn't let it get loose on Saturday night!

A Missourian, we read, has just suffered two cut fingers in an electric fan. It's been a warm winter, sure—but isn't that pushing the seasons?

A Nigerian newspaper calls for a "teasing price" on bride's dowries. At last, it seems, the upkeep has been exceeded.

by the original cost—in African marriages!

Guatemala may change its name to Isthmania. This will come as a great blow to those, who, studying geography, have just learned how to pronounce it *Hwastaymahlyuh*.

One thing we've got to hand to that Cincinnati zoo crocodile (operated on for pop bottles): she didn't shed any of those legendary tears.

A Moscow magazine now claims that film and the movie camera were invented by the Russians. Next thing we know, the Kremlin is going to lay claim that Madames Stalin, Vishinsky and Gromyko were the original Mack Sennett bathing beauties.

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Margaret Houzie, Marsteller, Marries

Miss Margaret Houzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Houzie, became the bride of Joseph Vozar of Barnesboro at 9 a. m. on Saturday, Feb. 18 in the Holy Incarnation Catholic Church in Marsteller. Rev. Father John Marneshek officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mary Vozar as the maid of honor and Joseph Houzie, her brother, as the best man. Julia Baron was the bridesmaid and Sylvester Romett was the usher.

Mrs. Vozar is employed by the Phillips-Jones Corp. in Barnesboro and her husband, a veteran of World War II, is employed by the Rich Hill Coal Mining Corp. of Hastings.

A wedding dinner was served at the church hall and a reception was held at the Marsteller Union Hall. Following a short wedding trip the couple will reside in Barnesboro.

'Mercy Slayer' Home

SMILING Carol Ann Paight, 21, acquitted in the mercy slaying of her cancer-doomed father, Police Sgt. Carl W. Paight, greets Mrs. R. A. Gandy, a neighbor, in front of the Paights' home in Stamford, Conn. Looking on are the freed girl's mother, Mary, and brother, Carl, Jr. (International Soundphoto)

Gable's Continuing Anniversary Event

The William F. Gable Co. of Altoona announces that its 66th Anniversary sale will continue through March 13.

This great annual sale offers bigger and better values than ever before. Every department in Gable's is participating, with unusual reductions on regular merchandise and special purchases which are selling at a fraction of their worth.

The people of Central Pennsylvania are flocking to Altoona for this annual event, for they come to expect unusual bargains during the Anniversary sale period.

Started 66 years ago by Gable's founder, William F. Gable, the anniversary sale has become a tradition with the people of Altoona and Central Pennsylvania. It has become not only an occasion for great values, but a meeting time for friends who have been unable to gather any other time of the year.

Gable's extends a very cordial invitation to everyone to attend this great sale.

Central Safety Group To Elect Friday Night

The annual reorganization meet of the Central Pennsylvania Safety Assn. will be held at 7:30 p. m. Friday of this week in the Courthouse at Ebensburg.

Plans for the yearly get-together and election have been announced by Dennis J. Keenan of Barnesboro, president.

The group each year conducts a first-aid meet for mine teams in the region.

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