

"Sit-Down" Strikes Put Respect For Law And Order At New Low

NATION NEEDS NEW LABOR PROGRAM BADLY

New York City. The wave of strikes since January first has cost the nation more than a half a billion dollars. The Chrysler strike alone is estimated to have wasted \$70,000,000 in wages and materials. To ask who is winning the battle going on in hundreds of plants throughout the country today is like asking: "Who won the San Francisco Earthquake?" Everyone is agreed that labor tie-ups must be avoided but few practical plans have been suggested.

In this great labor controversy, some basic truths have been forgotten. I will not take sides in the argument as to whether the Washington Administration has been fair or courageous during the "sit-down" epidemic. My only comment on this phase of the situation is that respect for law and order in the United States is today at an all-time low! Half a century ago the "sit-down" strike would have been treated as the weapon of desperate outlaws. Law and order is being flouted in the United States. This must stop! Certainly now that the Supreme Court has put its OK on the Wagner Law, there is no excuse for more "sit-downs".

Labor has just as much right as employers to ask for an increase in prices when operating costs are advancing. Labor's prices are, of course, its wages. Its operating costs are the cost of living. Wage workers have a perfect right to join unions and, through representatives of their own choosing, ask for higher wages. Naturally, I disagree with labor's current methods. Workers have always gone further and got more by peaceful collective bargaining than by violence. There are plenty of outstanding illustrations of this fact. Once a fair employer is forced to go through a strike in his own plants, he can never have the same feeling toward his workers, and vice versa. In the long run, workers and employers gain about as much from strikes and lock-outs as farmers gain from flood and drought.

Union Responsibility
To bargain collectively is labor's right. No progressive-minded man with practical experience doubts this. Managements which refuse to recognize workers' organizations simply do not see the handwriting on the wall. Company "spy" systems are the tools of foolish corporations. Employers, however, have a right to demand that the groups with which they deal be responsible for agreements just as employers are responsible. One of the most important factors being overlooked today is the fact that employers are legally responsible while labor unions are not. If this one grievance alone were cleared up, much of the current trouble could quickly be smoothed over.

These principles all point in one direction. The necessity of a National Labor Program. The United States and Canada have reached such a high degree of industrial efficiency that strikes must be treated as a matter of concern to everybody. For instance, a strike in an electric light plant can completely cripple a great city today and endanger thousands of lives. However, labor's right to strike and management's privilege to refuse the demands of labor must be protected at all costs. How to protect the public on one hand and labor and employers on the other is the big problem. Some practical machinery of settling unnecessary strikes must be set up immediately. The recent Supreme Court decisions open the way.

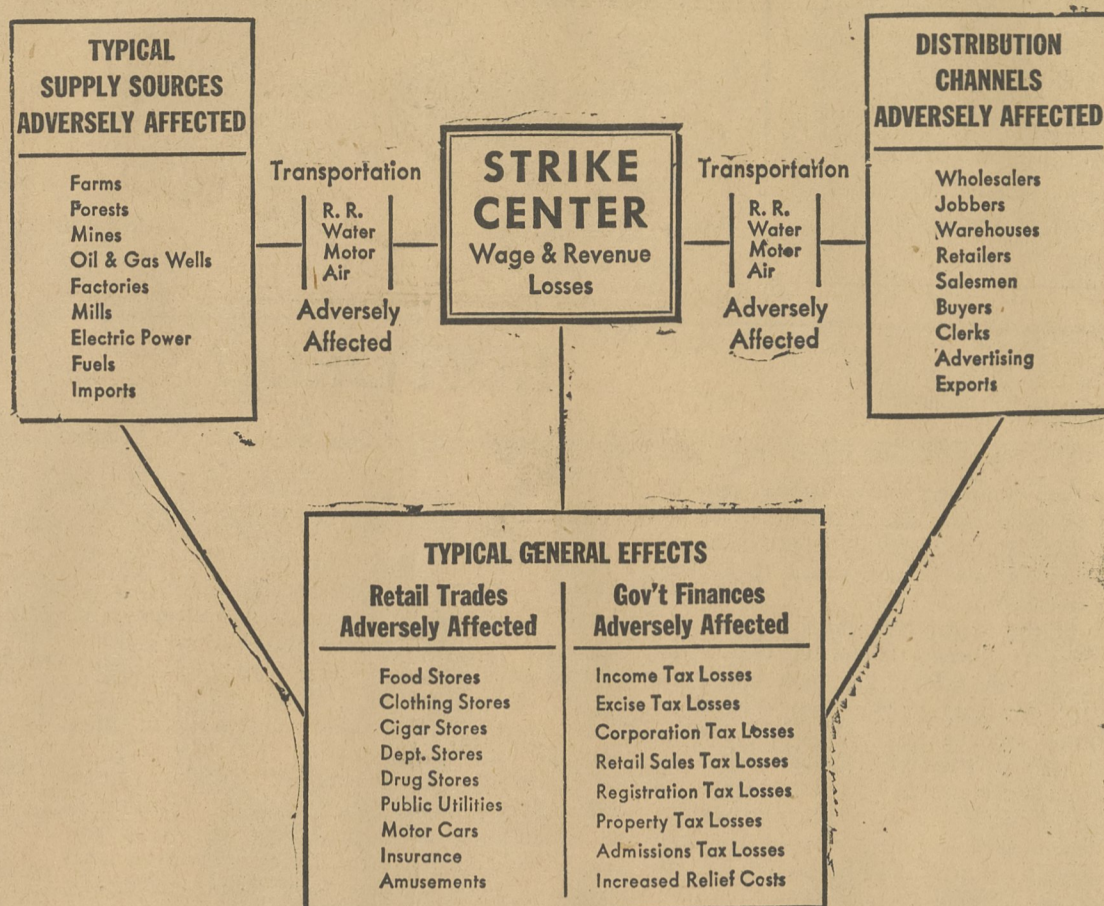
Dusts Off Old Program
During the War I was connected with the Labor Department in Washington. The subject of a national labor program was given a great deal of study at that time. It was found that both workers and employers were bitterly opposed to compulsory arbitration. However, a program was mapped out which seemed to get around this point. Here is a rough outline of the plan as suggested back in Post-War days:

- (1) That all workers should be free to join any Union which they might choose. Both employers and wage workers should be prohibited from coercion or intimidation.
- (2) Both employers and wage workers should have the right to bargain collectively with representatives of their own choosing.
- (3) When labor troubles arise, or when agreements expire, negotiations should begin immediately between the chosen representatives. If within a certain time these negotiations fail, the government should appoint a conciliator to sit in with both sides.
- (4) If, within a certain time, no satisfactory agreement has been reached, the government representative shall ask both sides to submit to voluntary arbitration.
- (5) If voluntary arbitration fails and a strike appears imminent, then the government conciliator may recommend to the President that a fact-finding Board be created with full power to examine records, accounts, present business, and prospects of both the employer and labor union involved. This Board would consider general economic conditions of the industry and of the community.
- (6) This Board would then present a report to both the employer and the union. If an agreement is then reached, well and good; but if not, a strike or walkout is in order. When such strike takes place, however, the Board may publish its report so that the public shall know the facts and who is at fault.

Used Plan Successfully
The principles of this program have been incorporated in the National Railway Labor Act and have worked satisfactorily. There have been many adjustments in railroad workers' pay since the Act was passed. All these changes have come about by arbitration,—without a strike or violence of any kind. After all, most people are fundamentally reasonable. If both sides can be gotten around a conference table before any fire-works take place, most issues can be settled without the tremendous cost of the current labor strike. All fair employers and all honest labor leaders would endorse such a plan!

I believe that the recent Wagner Decision of the Supreme Court opens the way for such a National Labor Program. Certainly labor has now been given all it ever asked. Labor can now organize to its heart's content; while any employer who tries to block a labor leader goes to jail. Labor is in a position to demand just how much of the products of industry labor shall have. Of course, labor has one more important hurdle to jump, namely that only as goods are produced are there goods to divide;—and only as employers make profits will they employ any men; only as corporations

TYPICAL EFFECTS OF A STRIKE IN ANY MAJOR INDUSTRY



The chart above shows how the chief effects of a strike begin immediately to spread in all directions. Back at the supply sources, cancelled orders for raw and semi-finished materials and equipment tend to create additional unemployment and lost business in ever-widening circles. In distribution channels, sales, employment, and income fall off more or less sharply. Transportation revenues shrink. Curtailed business and thin pocketbooks at the strike center, in the supply sources, and distribution and transportation channels result in generally reduced retail trade, smaller tax collections, increased relief burdens. This picture of the long trail of losses, even much simplified as it is, indicates why economists cannot estimate in advance the total cost of a strike. Studies of the losses from previous strikes show that their total cost mounts to anywhere from 6 to 700 times the value of wages lost by men thrown out of work at the strike center itself.

Officers Named By Township PTA

May Day Plans Discussed At Monthly Meeting Of School Group

All officers were re-elected at the meeting of Dallas Township Parent Teacher Association in the high school on Monday night and plans for a May Day celebration were launched with Mrs. Thomas Kepner and Mrs. Grace Nicholson as co-chairmen.

Miss Beth Love, fifth grade teacher, had charge of the program. The amateur snow committee reported that \$53.44 was realized on the recent entertainment.

Miss Hildebrandt Is Honored At Party

Miss Marian Hildebrandt entertained in honor of her sister, Beatrice, on Friday evening at a surprise party at her home at East Dallas, the occasion being Beatrice's birthday anniversary. Those present were, Jean Trebleton, Nellie Honeywell, Lottie Breyse, Ruth, Doris and Martha Kunkle, Irene Brace, Mary Eipper, Jean Hildebrandt, Edwin Lumley, Fred Girton, Chester Austin, Charles Condon, Charles Brace, Marvin Elston, and Russel De Remer. The evening was spent in playing games and at a late hour refreshments were served.

Class Of '32 Has Reunion At Staubs

The Class of 1932 of Kingston Township High School held a reunion at the home of Eleanor Staubs, Trucksville, last Saturday night. Attending were: Earl Crop, president; Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Bennett, Luther Hontz, Howard Isaacs, Verna Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harris, Palmer Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. August Strautzus, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams, Anna Stencil, Dorothy Hay, Ruth Coolbaugh, William Thomas, Helen Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Avery, Franklin Marrow, Edward Staubs and Dorothy Staubs.

Amateurs Win Prizes At Legion Contests

Twenty-six amateurs competed for prizes at the first Amateur Show of Dad-da-Isaacs Post, No. 672, American Legion, on Friday night in the high school. Jimmy Allen, Wilkes-Barre, won first prize in the youngest group, and Betty Jones, Dallas, took second prize. Both sang solos. In the 11-15 age group Lois Hammonds, Kingston, tap dancer, won first prize, and David Scherer, Dallas, tap dancer, took second prize. In the group for older amateurs Bill Jones, Wilkes-Barre, won a prize playing on spoons, and Wayne King, Dallas, guitar player, won second prize.

Loyalville

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shultz and Miss Martha Moss visited Mr. and Mrs. Steven Moss on Sunday.

Mrs. H. E. Payne attended the Wyoming Conference at Binghamton, N. Y., over the week-end.

A play entitled "Here Comes Charlie," given by the Pikes Creek young people, will be produced in the Loyalville church hall, Saturday evening, April 24. Everyone welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolfe had as callers on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis, Miss Rose Davis of Dallas and Miss Lidie Garland from Kingston, William Hausch and Mr. and Mrs. John Jones.

A number from this place attended the funeral of Amos Shupp of Pikes Creek on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Eckerd are rejoicing over the birth of a son.

Services for the Loyalville M. E. church Sunday, April 25: Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

pay dividends are any life insurance policies, bank accounts, or even government bonds worth a penny. Hence, labor leaders are playing with high explosives!

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Miss Adelaide Hough visited friends in Wilkes-Barre on Saturday.

Harold Kline of Wilkes-Barre visited Mr. and Mrs. William Housch on Sunday.

William Housch visited his daughter, Mrs. Bud Garinger on Monday afternoon.

Zel Garinger and his mother, Mrs. Ada Garinger, visited her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Austin, of Binghamton, N. J., over the week-end.

Miss Betty Cunningham and J. Mesresky of Wilkes-Barre and Eyan Davies of Plymouth visited Mrs. M. Oberst on Tuesday.

Miss Helen Culp and Mrs. Mildred Garinger were to Alderson on Tuesday night to the Conference Supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Strausser of Trucksville visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Garinger on Sunday. Mrs. Strausser was the former Audrey Castle, and she was a college room-mate of Mrs. Garinger.

Little Arnold Garinger went home with his two aunts, Miss Adelaide and Florence Housch, on Tuesday afternoon to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Housch.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kern are redecorating and painting their place of business at the Inlet.

Miss Arline London visited Miss Betty Weed at Dallas on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cobleish visit-

Bible Conferences Start Next Thursday

The first of a series of interdenominational Bible Conferences to be held among the churches of this vicinity will convene at Outlet Bible Tabernacle Thursday, April 29, at 7:30. The speaker will be Bob Mathews of Wilkes-Barre, who uses a large colored chart as illustration. Special music program will feature the Belles Girls of Reuburn. The conference will end on Sunday, May 2.

Former Resident Dies In Kingston

Mary Elizabeth Smith Ruff, 80, a former resident of Dallas, died on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 at the home of her cousin, Linnie Werkheiser, 446 Elm Street, Kingston, of general debility.

Mrs. Ruff lived for some time on Main Street, Dallas. She was born July 16, 1856, at Thornhurst. She moved from Dallas to Kingston in 1934.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crispell on Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Cobleish spent last week with her parents.

Lester Todd of Plainfield, N. J., visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Todd over Sunday.

Mrs. Kenneth Todd and children, Ethel May and Duane, left Monday morning for Plainfield, N. J., for two weeks.

Mrs. Marie A. Oberst visited Mrs. Edna Mayer on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Colvin of Wilkes-Barre visited Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mayer on Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ayer and daughter, Betty, and friends from Wilkes-Barre visited Mr. and Mrs. Anthony D. Mayer on Sunday.

Goodleigh Groignet Makes New Record

Peterborough, N. Y.—A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class as just been completed by a five-year-old cow, Goodleigh Groignet of Bruser 324648 of Dallas, tested and owned by Col. Dorrance Reynolds. Her official record, supervised by the Pennsylvania State College and announced by the American Guernsey Cattle Club, is 14089.0 pounds of milk and 689.4 pounds of butter fat in Class A.

Local Woman Marks 82nd Anniversary

Mrs. William Whipp of Machell avenue celebrated her eighty-second birthday anniversary recently amidst the congratulations of friends, neighbors and relatives. Members of her family who visited her were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Whipp, Mrs. Faye Whipp, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Frantz, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whipp, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Whipp, Louis Frantz, Evelyn Whipp, Adella Miller, William Whipp, Edwin Miller, Robert Miller and Leroy Miller.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Eckerd of Loyalville, son, April 8, at home.

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L. H. Cornell of Lemon, Leland Gay at Centerville, and Arthur Newman of Dallas are roofing their barns with Channel-drain steel sheets. Let us show you this roofing.

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than the completely dead journalism we have in this country. I find the same alive, vital, invigorating quality in the film series, "March of Time", also American.

"Lately I've been forming a theory that American civilization is shaping a completely new culture for the universe. In all its art I see a crude strength, a reaching out for truth, above all a getting at grips with life which is the exact opposite of our decadent, mannered, unreal, devitalized British art.

"The best American films are worthy to rank with the classic productions of any art. American fictional literature has a truth-seeking and vibrating quality which is the basic value of the best art ever. It is true I am guaging only by the best, but it is the best which really represents any people. In the realm of social affairs I have an idea that America will lead the world towards a juster system".

On politicians: "I note your unflattering comments on American politicians. It seems hardly believable that a great country like the United States can be adequately governed if so many of its representatives are downright selfish or in some cases fraudulent. Government could not go on unless there were some strong balancing factor.

"Would you say that the balancing factor is supplied by the chief administrators, executives, and other high officials at Washington? Despite what you say, I do not think it matters whether Roosevelt is or is not carried away by megalomania. I feel the point is that he is the instrument of an historic function—the transition from one social system to another."

And so on to other, more local, items. Ham Fisher, erstwhile Wilkes-Barrean, has just signed a new contract for Joe Palooka with McNaught Syndicate.

The story of how Ham, whose drawings first appeared in the Times-Leader and later in the short-lived Pictorial, which he published with Norman Davis, is fairly well known by now, even that part which relates how Ham, confident that he had a hit in "Palooka", went on the road himself and sold his comic strip to enough papers to convince McNaught that it should sign Ham up.

We are not informed as to the amount Ham will receive under his new contract but an authoritative source says it is "probably the largest figure any present day cartoonist ever received". For a Wilkes-Barre boy, that's doing well. Joe Palooka, Ham's creation, is now appearing in approximately 400 newspapers.

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