

SHORTER WEEK DRIVE FORESEEN IN WASHINGTON

Militant Action Predicted
as Labor Struggle's
Outgrowth.

My United Press
WASHINGTON, July 24.—A militant drive for short-work week legislation next session as a result of the break in the American Federation of Labor was predicted by leaders of the John L. Lewis wing today.

"First we are out to organize the unorganized," said one leader. "But after we do that, we will make a militant fight for our economic rights. One of our chief purposes will be to cut short the work-week to put some of the 10,000,000 to work."

At the same time leaders of the Federation, aligned against the Lewis independent movement, said they expected to continue their fight next session for the Black-Connery bill. The measure, drafted with the help of Donald Richberg, former NRA Administrator, and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins after the Supreme Court NRA decision, is designed to circumvent constitutional issues. It provides for a 30-hour week in industries dealing in interstate commerce, with exceptions where necessary.

Clean Break Expected

The probable clean break within the Federation over the industrial versus craft union system may result, labor experts said, in even a stronger drive for short work week legislation. It was pointed out that the competitive efforts along "band wagon" lines of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion resulted in a militant fight for the soldiers' bonus.

Chairman William P. Connelly, of the House labor committee, has predicted that the short-work week bill, if enacted, would put 6,000,000 more men to work. The 30-hour week principle was approved by the Senate four years ago. It was shelved from House consideration by the NRA substitute. The new bill has been favorably reported twice by the House committee.

As explained by leaders of the Lewis A. F. of L. faction aligned behind the independent industrial unionization drive, a "militant" organized labor movement is the primary objective of the insurgents. "But first we need numbers," this leader said.

"The fight for strength was going on today primarily in the steel industry. It was shaping up in one way as a drive against time—gaining recruits before the Federation convention in November in an effort to stem efforts to expel the 12 recalcitrant unions in the Lewis movement.

Suspension Predicted

Meanwhile, there were indications from Federation officials backing President William Green that the executive council, due to meet Aug. 3, would be forced to suspend the Lewis groups. The insurgents already have served notice that will not appear for trial before the council on "insurrection" charges.

Industries employing more than 3,000,000 workers, and for the most part unorganized, constitute the recruiting field for the Lewis "rebels." The Lewis faction now claims 1,250,000 workers of the Federation out of 3,500,000 are backing it.

Steel and steel fabricating plants—the major potential field for organization—now employ more than 900,000 workers. The automobile industry employs 400,000, rubber 150,000, textiles 1,000,000.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS OPENED BY LIONS

60-Day Campaign Is Directed by
Lewis G. Ferguson.

Indianapolis Lions Club members today opened a 60-day membership campaign, Lewis G. Ferguson, campaign chairman announced.

Rules of the campaign provide that each member must wear a black tie to the weekly luncheons until he has enlisted a new member.

Kiwanians Host to Clubs

Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., July 24.—Service clubs of Hamilton County were guests of the Noblesville Kiwanis Club at the supper last night in Forest Park. Carl Endicott, Huntington, international Kiwanis president, spoke.

So Much for Love

by NARD JONES

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Helena Derrick, youthful head of the women's sportswear department at Havig's store, goes on a week-end party at Crest Mountain Lodge. There she meets handsome Peter Henderson. It is the case of love at first sight between them. Peter asks Helena to marry him and the ceremony takes place.

Later the crowd goes swimming. Peter makes a reckless dive and is seriously injured. Lingering between life and death, Peter asks Helena to summon his lawyer, John Courtney. Courtney arrives and a short time later Peter dies.

Helena is informed she is sole heir to a large fortune, holding the personal belongings of Peter and Leah Frazier, who had expected to marry Peter, and realizes Leah is an enemy. Peter's uncle, Roger Barnes, is also hostile. Helena has planned to give up all claim to Peter's fortune, but this hostility makes her decide to take over management of the store.

John Lassiter, banker, and Courtney are present. Leah Frazier tells Helena that unless she leaves town Leah and her friends will boycott the store.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER EIGHT
ROGER BARNES stood up, banging his first on the desk. "I won't be cross-questioned or doubted by this—"

"Take it easy," John Lassiter said. "It's natural that Mrs. Henderson should want to know the facts."

Helena smiled sweetly. "Yes, Mr. Barnes. Of course, there's no reason why you should stand my cross-examination, but you can—"

"I'll be pleased to have you continue as manager of the store. But if you feel that you wouldn't be happy working under the new ownership."

"She shrugged slightly, letting her voice trail into silence.

Barnes spluttered. Finally the sounds merged into some semblance of coherence. "I'll be glad to be of what service I can . . . Mrs. Henderson. But I do want to remind you that I have been in charge of the store for—for a considerable period. Peter—that is, your husband—was not often here to decide upon matters of policy."

"I'm sorry," Helena underlined that.

"Of course," agreed Helena. She looked at her wrist. "It's almost 5:30. I believe that's closing time. Would you mind calling the employee together? I'd like to talk with them, if you don't mind."

Barnes' jaw dropped. "Why . . . yes, why. I'll get them together in the auditorium, if you like. But, really, Mrs. Henderson, they know the of—the ah—change. There's no reason to put yourself out."

"Oh, I don't mind at all," Helena told him, gathering up her gloves and bag. She turned to Lassiter. "While Mr. Barnes is notifying the employees, perhaps you can show me where the auditorium is?"

The banker's son left his chair. "Indeed, I can." He extended his arm and Helena took it, conscious of Roger Barnes' malicious glare. In the hallway Lassiter told her in a low voice, "I'm mighty glad you shot it into Barnes about the credit list he's been carrying. I've argued with him for months. To my mind, he's courting disaster for the Henderson Department Store by allowing these big, long-time accounts. There's a limit to how far an establishment can go to keep good will."

"I'm awfully pleased to know you agree with me," Helena said. "I'm going to need your help, Mr. Lassiter."

HE did not answer directly, but the slightest pressure on Helena's arm was all the reassurance that she needed. She would have been less than a woman had she failed to realize that John Lassiter was attracted to her, and that he respected her judgment as well as his.

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"I DON'T agree with you," Helena told him, holding her temper with an effort. "I happen to know that there's one thing a loyal employee appreciates—and that's an occasional word from the owner of the firm."

"Courtney nodded. "I don't know whether your psychology was calculated or not," he said, "but it was perfect. I feared you might try to impress them?" Helena repeated. Then she laughed. "With what?"

As she spoke, Lassiter walked ahead he said quietly, in answer to her question. "With your own name, of course." Then he reddened. "Forgive me. I—I shouldn't have said that. It was stupid of me. But then, I'm a stupid person."

"I refuse to believe that," Barnes told him lightly. "And I don't take such things seriously anyhow." Then she thought, oddly, "I do, though. I believed them from Peter, and that's why I'm here."

In the elevator she turned to Barnes. "Could I see a list of the customers whose accounts have been running 90 days or more?"

"Why, yes . . . of course."

IN his office he instructed his secretary to bring the list to Helena. Swiftly she surveyed it, saw the name of Leah Frazier, and of Mrs. Frank J. Frazier. Their accounts showed no amount paid for more than 10 months, and Leah's alone was over the thousand mark. Helena turned to Lassiter, handing him the list. "These names mean nothing to me. What would you say about them?"

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