

Labor Act Will Work No Hardship on Employers, NLRB Chief Says

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WASHINGTON, April 21.—J. Warren Madden, chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, whose office has been enhanced in prestige by recent events in the Supreme Court, had a reassuring word today for employers.

"Industry," he said, "will find no hardship in the National Labor Relations Act if it will make itself familiar with the act's simple provisions and reconcile itself to the doctrine of industrial freedom just defined in the Supreme Court decisions."

Mr. Madden is a slow-talking former professor of law at the University of Pittsburgh and at other universities, whose intrinsic qualifications (apparently without aid of political backing) commended him in 1935 to Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and President Roosevelt for the Labor Board post.

Newspaper clippings about the Supreme Court's validation of the Wagner Labor Act covered his desk when he was interviewed. But he seemed to be most interested in one of the sports pages of The Pittsburgh Press. It contained a large drawing of his son "Bob," who at 20 is captain of the University of Pittsburgh tennis team, is first-ranking tennis player of Western Pennsylvania, and is regarded as a big-time net prospect.

There are four other Madden children. The five form a family orchestra. All have remained in Pittsburgh, because "they are rooted there," while their parents are living and gardening in a Virginia suburb of Washington.

"Our labor law is very simple and easy to live up to," said this man whom some industrialists apparently regard as in a position of autocratic power. "The law doesn't require the employer to do anything at all in the way of paying fees or filing reports or keeping records."

"It merely requires him to refrain from taking any interest in the question of whether his men belong to a union or don't belong."

"The collective-bargaining provision is the only one that imposes any affirmative duty, and that is merely the duty of sitting down and negotiating with the chosen representatives of employees. It would seem that any employer would want to do that whether there were any law to require it or not."

Mr. Madden admitted he had seen evidence of unwillingness on the part of many employers in the past to accept collective bargaining. But, he continued:

"The recent decisions of the Supreme Court show beyond any doubt that employees do have a right to enjoy collective bargaining. No doubt most employers will accept these decisions as final and in the future will refrain from interference with the right of their workers to form unions, if they desire to do so."

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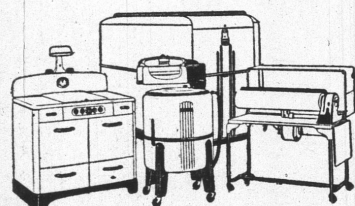
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