

TOBIN LABOR PEACE DEMAND ANGERS A. F. L. LEADERS

Threat of Revolt Expected to Force Move for Harmony

THE LABOR SITUATION

HOUSTON—Executive council studies Tobin demand.
INDIANAPOLIS—Tobin-Green friendship recalled.
DETROIT—U. A. W. leaders to meet Chrysler officials.
GREENSBURG, Pa.—Resettlement workers on strike.

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HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 8 (U. P.)—Angry, tight-lipped members of the A. F. of L. executive council meet in special session today to discuss a stern warning that continued fighting with the C. I. O. will precipitate a rank-and-file rebellion.

From Daniel W. Tobin of Indianapolis, hard-fisted boss of the Teamsters, the largest union in the Federation, came a threat of open revolt if the A. F. of L. did not attempt to set labor's house in order immediately. Mr. Tobin informed his colleagues on the council yesterday when he took call on the Federation's convention to demand peace moves with the C. I. O.

There was no assurance that the council whose decisions govern five million workingmen would settle the issue today. A responsible Federation official promised, however, that before adjournment next week the convention would give a clear and unmistakable answer to Mr. Tobin and to President Roosevelt who made a personal plea for an armistice.

Blame to Be Put on Lewis
A clear-cut expression of a desire to restore harmony in labor's ranks and of a willingness to cooperate in conferences toward that end, is virtually certain to be placed before the convention for approval. Likewise, the council is expected to emphasize even more strongly the position it took in its annual report that John L. Lewis, C. I. O. head, must accept full responsibility for breaking off peace conferences last October and thus prolonging the strike.

President Roosevelt's suggestion that no door be closed in the Federation to block access to peace, will be observed, it was said. Yet there were few in Federation high places today who believed that the council or the convention would go to the extreme of inviting outside mediation of the dispute as suggested by Mr. Tobin.

The teamsters' head called on the convention to instruct the council to name a committee to meet with the C. I. O. and to leave points on which the group could not agree to "some unselfish, unprejudiced body or board to decide." Mr. Tobin, a friend of Mr. Roosevelt's, served as chairman of the labor committee of the Democratic National Committee in 1932 and 1936.

President Not Named

Although he did not mention the President's name as a potential mediator, friends said he referred to Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Tobin told associates that he did not call the President's name because he did not desire to embarrass either the Chief Executive or the Federation in the event the proposal was rejected.

John Coadie, Plumbers' Union leader, openly scorned Mr. Tobin's proposal as "utterly impractical." Others on the council privately used harsher words to describe their feelings. Many were unaware that the President as early as last March was asked by a powerful federation leader to intervene in the struggle.

Dan Tracy, president of the electrical workers, indirectly proposed to Mr. Roosevelt that he appoint a committee of three to attempt a solution. Mr. Tracy said Mr. Roosevelt declined and gave as his reason his desire not to disturb peace conferences then in progress.

Mr. Tracy expressed the sentiment of most federation leaders when he said he desired an "honorable peace" and then made it clear that no agreement under which the powerful craft unions lost their identity and are merged into Mr. Lewis' "one big union" program could or would be acceptable.

The federation's convention was in week-end recess today. The resolutions committee will submit a partial report Monday.

The San Francisco Central Labor Council, an A. F. of L. organization, announced its support of Mr. Tobin's plea and the San Francisco local of the C. I. O. International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, messaged its congratulations to Mr. Tobin.

U. A. W., Chrysler to Talk 32-Hour Week Issue

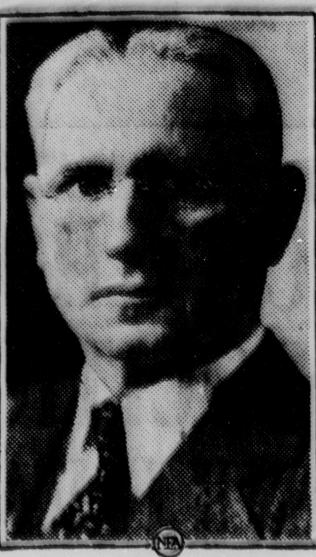
DETROIT, Oct. 8 (U. P.)—The United Automobile Workers Union, endeavoring to force a 32-hour work week on manufacturers as a means of increasing employment among its idle members, disclosed today it would discuss the plan Monday with Chrysler Corp. officials.

One of Chrysler's big divisions, Plymouth, was idle yesterday after A. W. employees refused to work more than 32 hours. The situation forced the Briggs Manufacturing Co. to close its Mack Ave. plant for the day. Briggs supplies Plymouth bodies. Sixteen thousand men were idle at the two plants.

Both were expected to resume operations as usual on Monday, but union employees at Plymouth insisted they would not work more than four days of eight hours. This ultimatum indicates that unless the conference between union and management reaches an agreement Monday, the Plymouth plant again will be forced into idleness next Friday. The plant does not operate on Saturdays.

High officials of the U. W. A. hurried to Detroit from Washington today to take up the cause of the 32-hour week. It is understood pressure from idle members of various locals led the union's international executive board to approve a 32-hour week throughout the industry at its meeting during the week in Washington.

There was no immediate indication the U. W. A. would seek a 32-hour week in General Motors plants, although it was indicated a strike vote among Buick workers at Flint scheduled for this afternoon might be postponed.



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SHEPPARD ASKS STRICTER LAWS

Urges Federal Employees Be Barred From Giving to Campaign Funds.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (U. P.)—Chairman Sheppard (D. Tex.) of the Senate Campaign Investigating Committee today proposed thorough revision and clarification of laws governing activities of Federal employees in political campaigns.

His proposal coincided with his previous suggestion that the Senate ultimately may find it desirable to prohibit any political activity on the part of men and women who are employed by Federal agencies.

Senator Sheppard recessed his committee for 10 days to await reports from committee agents in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Kentucky. The committee disagreed with WPA Administrator Hopkins' denial that WPA workers were active in the Kentucky primary, and ordered its field agents to dig further into the campaign in that state.

Senator Sheppard, while insisting that Federal laws now bar Government employees from making contributions to political funds, pointed out that the statutes contain contradictory provisions and badly need clarification.

Contradictions Reported

The whole fabric of existing laws on political contributions by Federal employees ought to be clarified and revised," Senator Sheppard said.

"The present law contains several contradictions."

His statement followed the committee's notification of Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau that it considers all Federal employees barred from making contributions under current statutes.

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Catholics and Nazis Clash at Vienna; New Law Against Spies to Be Proposed; U. S. Waits Answer From Rome on Jews

Roosevelt Comments on Espionage; Siamese Revolt Denied.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (U. P.)—Rep. Martin Dies (D. Tex.), chairman of the House Committee investigating un-American Activities, announced today that he would sponsor legislation to effectuate President Roosevelt's recommendations for a drive against spies and alien propagandists.

The State Department today awaited a reply from Italy to its stern representations against repressive anti-Semitic measures in the Fascist state which directly may affect more than 200 American Jews residing in Italy.

When Congress convenes next January, Rep. Dies said, he would offer a comprehensive legislative program designed to co-ordinate Federal machinery for a drive to stamp out activities of agents of foreign governments in this country.

Central Agency Asked

He proposed a central agency to handle all problems of foreign propaganda and espionage; outlawing of political groups under control of foreign principals and strengthening of immigration and deportation laws.

Rep. Dies announced his plans after President Roosevelt disclosed at Hyde Park that he has ordered a survey of methods of controlling foreign espionage in this country and favors creation of a centralized Federal agency to co-ordinate counter-espionage.

Mr. Roosevelt said that he feels that the present Federal machinery used to combat spies and propagandists is too diversified. It now is divided among the Treasury, State, Navy, War and Justice Departments.

Reliable quarters said that Poland, in reply to this warning, has intimated to the Government that it was determined to give the fullest possible support to Hungary's claim for immediate cession of Czechoslovak Ruthenia when negotiations begin at Komarov tomorrow. Such cession would give Poland and Hungary a common frontier, cut Czechoslovakia off from her Little Entente ally, Rumania, and form a strong barrier between Germany and Russia.

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On behalf of the former president, Dr. Smutny said Dr. Benes is most grateful for offers received from America, including a professorship at Brown University. Dr. Benes' present plans were said to include returning to his old post at the University of Praha, where he holds the professorship of what the future holds.

To make the threat of trouble more serious, it was reported in reliable diplomatic quarters here that Italy probably would support Poland and Hungary in their demands, despite indications that Germany was opposed to them.

The reason for the Government's new anxiety over Czechoslovakia, freely engaged in private business, trade or occupation; they also enjoy religious freedom and there is no discrimination either on the ground of race or creed.

The note continued that the United States "believes therefore that upon further consideration the Italian Government will decide that American citizens lawfully residing in Italy will not be discriminated against on account of race or creed and that they will not be subjected to provisions of the nature of those embodied in the decree-laws in question."

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London Fearful of New Trouble in Czech Crisis

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trend in church-state relations in Austria.

Last Sunday priests of churches throughout Austria were compelled to read a decree by Joseph Buerckel, Nazi Commissioner for Austria, announcing that religious education in schools was no longer compulsory.

On Wednesday police forbade a meeting in Vienna.

Official quarters meanwhile forecast that the United States would gain its point in asking special consideration for American Jews, resident in Austria, who might be affected by anti-Jewish regulations.

Priests' Trials Secret

It was understood that the Justice Ministry had forbidden publication of any reports regarding arrest or trial of priests.

Britain has warned both Poland and Hungary against seeking to dismember Czechoslovakia for political and strategic reasons—the reasons, in the British belief, for the demands.

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