

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 met 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 infuriated his colleagues on the council yesterday when he boldly called on the Federation's convention to demand new peace moves with the C. I. O.

There was no assurance that the council whose decisions govern five million workmen 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 to 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 strife.

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 disputes 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 groups could not agree to "some unselfish, unprejudiced body or board to decide." Mr. Tobin, a friend of Mr. Roosevelt, 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 did associate 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 Coe, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, 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 "peaceable 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 U. A. W. employees refused to work more than 32 hours. The shutdown 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 indicated 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. A. W. 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. A. W. 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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WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Long years of association between John L. Lewis and Daniel J. Tobin as labor chiefs with headquarters in Indianapolis may have provided the background for the fiery speech the latter delivered at the A. F. of L. convention it was reported here today.

For although President Lewis moved the United Mine Workers headquarters here the personal friendship with President Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, headquarters of which remains in Indianapolis, has been maintained.

After President Roosevelt's election in 1932, Mr. Tobin was recommended by the A. F. of L. for Secretary of Labor and the miners union, at that time the largest body in the Federation, joined in the recommendation.

Mr. Tobin had headed the Labor Division of the Democratic National Committee and he took the same job in the 1936 campaign, despite the fact that the Labor post went to Miss Frances Perkins.

No Mud-Slinging

When Mr. Lewis formed the C. I. O. and began the bitter battle with A. F. of L. President William Green, Mr. Tobin took no part in the mud-slinging.

Throughout the scrapping both Mr. Lewis and Mr. Tobin have had kind words for each other, and C. I. O. headquarters joined with New Dealers here today in cheering the Tobin speech.

Next to Mr. Green, another Indianapolis labor leader heads the C. I. O. list of pet hates however. That is President William L. Hutchison of the Carpenters Union. Mr. Lewis himself had a fist fight with Mr. Hutchison at the A. F. of L. Atlantic City convention three years ago.

Olive Branch to C. I. O.

The Tobin speech was so timed that it came as an olive branch to the C. I. O. constitutional convention called by Mr. Lewis to meet at Pittsburgh Nov. 14, it has been pointed out.

It also provided a lively second for President Roosevelt's plea to the A. F. of L. convention for restoration of peace in the ranks of labor. New Dealers particularly liked Mr. Tobin's praise for the National Labor Relations Board.

In commenting on the continued good will prevailing between Mr. Lewis and Mr. Tobin, one C. I. O. leader declared today:

"C. I. O. always has looked on Dan Tobin as the great white hope for labor peace."

C. I. O. Union Strikes U. S.-Financed Plant

GREENSBURG, Pa., Oct. 8 (U. P.).—A modern pants factory financed by the Government to give employment to homesteaders in the Norvelt Resettlement project in Mr. Pleasant Township was closed today by a strike as a C. I. O. union sought recognition.

Eighty women and 10 men are involved in the walkout, and demands of the Norvelt local of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America have been forwarded to Keel Oppenheimer, New York, head of the Washington Manufacturing Co., which has a management contract with the Government for the pants factory.

Although the workers are satisfied with pay and working conditions, Mrs. Sarah Karp, president of the Norvelt local, said the strikers are demanding recognition of the union as the sole bargaining agency, the check-off, closed shop, and reinstatement of night watchman Dewey House, dismissed by the factory management Wednesday.

Money Borrowed from U. S.

The Westmoreland Community Enterprises, Inc., composed of 123 Resettlement homesteaders who hold one \$5 share of stock each, borrowed \$260,000 from the Government to build and equip the Norvelt pants factory. Management of the factory, however, has been placed in the hands of the Washington Manufacturing Co., New York. The factory began operations in July.

It was reported reliably today that directors of Community Enterprises have refused the Government request to give the Government power-of-attorney, and have threatened to return from the board if the Government attempts to force them to issue such power.

The board "washes its hands" of the strike, one of the directors said, pointing out that while the Government lent the money for the factory, the board has nothing to do with its management.

COOK GETS WPA JOB

The appointment of Russell Cook of Boswell as administrative assistant director of adult education for the Works Progress Administration in Washington was announced today by the American Legion here.

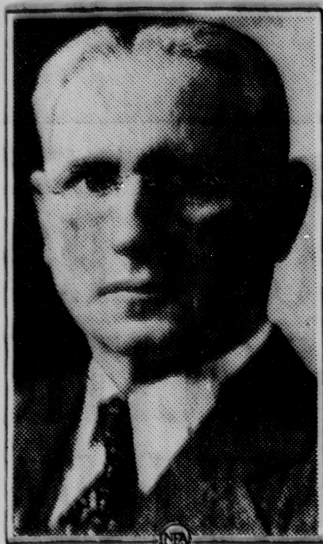
Mr. Cook served as national Americanism director of the Legion from 1929 to 1934.

LANGDON MUST PAY EX-WIFE

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Harry Langdon, movie comedian, must pay his former wife one-quarter of his salary until he catches up on \$27,000 in delinquent alimony payments, a court order said today.

TRAFFIC INJURIES FATAL

TERRE HAUTE, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Funeral arrangements were made today for Mrs. Frances J. Cozart, 77, who died of injuries received when she was struck by an auto driven by William H. Mead.



Daniel J. Tobin

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.

Committee members explained, however, that they do not construe existing statutes as barring Federal employees from making contributions to candidates for state offices or even to a state committee for us in support of a full party ticket.

Secretary Morgenthau had asked the committee for its construction of Federal statutes on the subject. Recent primaries had been marked by charges that Federal employees were being subjected to "shake-downs" in several states.

BERMAN, PUBLISHER AT LOGANSPOET, DIES

LOGANSPOET, Oct. 8.—S. O. Berman, publisher of the Pharos Tribune, died early today after an extended illness. He was 56.

Mr. Berman came to Logansport in 1904, after being in business at Elwood and Kokomo. He spent his early years in Chicago.

He is survived by two brothers, Abe Berman of South Bend and Harry Berman of St. Paul, Minn., and three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Czech of Miami Beach, Fla., Mrs. Rae Drick of St. Paul, and Mrs. Fannie Clynan of Chicago.

POLICE HOLD 'RIDE' SLAYING SUSPECT

PEORIA, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Police today held Theodore R. Smith, suspect in the eight-year-old "ride" slaying of Henry Fash, after three witnesses identified him as the alleged killer.

Smith, arrested Wednesday at Terre Haute, Ind., denied the witnesses' statements. The State planned to file a formal charge against him Monday. Mr. Fash was killed when he shouted to a Peoria policeman that he was being taken for a ride.

TWO INDIANA CITIES GET SEWAGE GRANTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Two sewage treatment plants for Indiana cities are included in the last of 112 PWA projects approved by President Roosevelt, the Public Works Administration announced today. A grant of \$503,181 was made to South Bend for a disposal plant costing \$1,118,181 and a \$12,437 grant to Osgood for a \$27,637 plant.

TAX REFUNDS REFUSED

BATON ROUGE, La., Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Louisiana and Mississippi stood firm today in their refusal to refund gasoline taxes to Dr. Alfred Bilmanis, Latvian Minister to the United States, although Arkansas agreed to pay the envoy \$1.63.

Georgia authorities admitted a refund was unlikely.

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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 latest 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 agents in 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.

The American note to Italy, handed to the Rome Government by Ambassador William Phillips, was the most trenchant this Government has written on recent discrimination against U. S. nationals.

Federal agents in the Department said the note contained no implications not obvious on its face, some observers read into it an implied warning that Italian nationals residing in the United States might expect to receive treatment from this country commensurate with treatment accorded American nationals in Italy.

The note to Italy pointed out that Italians "may in the United States" freely engage in private business, trade or occupation; they also enjoy religious freedom, and there is 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."

Siamese Revolt Failed, Singapore Reports

SINGAPORE, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Reports of an abortive revolt in Siam, intended to dethrone boy King Ananda Mahidol and enthroned former King Prajadhipok, his uncle, in his place, reached Singapore today.

It was asserted that a number of prominent men had been arrested. One Cabinet minister was reported to have fled to Penang, Straits Settlements.

It was learned here that numerous Siamese in the Malay Peninsula had been awaiting a coup.

King Ananda Mahidol, who was 13 years old Sept. 20, is at school in Switzerland—as he was when he was named to succeed his uncle, who renounced the throne March 2, 1935.

Former King Prajadhipok is in England, at his country estate near Richmond, outside of London. He now assumes the title of Prince of Sukhodaya and never seemed to care greatly for the throne.

BANGKOK, Siam, Oct. 8 (U. P.).

—Reports of an attempted coup against boy King Ananda Mahidol were denied today.

Jap Airplanes Cut Railroad to Hankow

SHANGHAI, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Japanese airplanes raked the railroad from Peiping to Hankow today, breaking a path through Chinese troop concentrations for the push on the former capital from the north.

Prince Naruhiko Higashi Kuni, commander of the Japanese forces making a three-sided campaign against Hankow, reported to military authorities here that his column had reached Liutienchen, near Sinyang, on the Peiping-Hankow Railroad about 100 miles north of the former capital.

Chinese military authorities denied that the Japanese reached the railroad, but admitted they were dangerously close.

KILLED BY STEEL BEAM

HARTFORD CITY, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Ira Mannix, 55, former sheriff of Blackford County, was killed in a factory late yesterday when a steel beam fell on him while he was helping wreck a wall.

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LONDON FEARFUL OF NEW TROUBLE IN CZECH CRISIS

Warns Hungary and Poland; Air Force Mission Visits Paris.

LONDON, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Great Britain fears the possibility of a new, grave European crisis as the result of Polish and Hungarian demands for a portion of Czechoslovak territory calculated to give them a common frontier, it was learned today.

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.

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 Czechoslovakia.

Such action 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.

It was understood that the Polish intimation was sent to London after a Polish-Hungarian conference at Warsaw Thursday. At this conference, it was reported, the Polish and Hungarian representatives decided to press immediately for cession of sufficient Czechoslovak territory to join their frontiers.

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, after its agreement to the country's dismemberment in the interests of Nazi Germany, was that as part of the Munich agreement, Great Britain and France promised to guarantee Czechoslovakia's new frontiers.

PARIS, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—A British Air Force mission led by Sir Cyril Newall, Chief Marshal, arrives today for week's conference with French air officials on methods of co-operation in event of a war.

The latest French fighting planes and ground equipment will be shown to the British experts.

French officials said that only general methods of co-operation would be discussed.

Police Halt Street Fight; Germany Makes Loan To Turkey.

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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 Buerkel, Nazi Commissioner for Austria, announcing that religious education in schools was no longer compulsory.

On Wednesday police forbade a meeting of Catholic leaders.

Priests' Trials Secret

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

Even before last night's incident there had been rumors that Cardinal Innitzer was stiffening his attitude toward Nazi Government and swinging more and more to the side of Cardinal Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich and chief prelate of the Catholic Church in Germany.

Nazi quarters in Berlin expressed surprise at the clash.

Benes to Teach in Praha University

PRAHA, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Former President Eduard Benes declared today through his personal adviser, Dr. Jaromir Smutny, that he intends to remain in Czechoslovakia as a private citizen regardless of what the future holds.

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 sociology.

Nazis Negotiate Loan to Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Germany and Turkey have concluded an agreement under which Germany grants the Turkish Government a credit of 60 million dollars for industrial and armament requirements, it was announced today.

Conclusion of a new loan was a defeat for Great Britain which has sought close co-operation with Turkey and has granted her big credits.

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ITALY RECALLS LARGE GROUP OF TROOPS IN SPAIN

Parliament Is Transformed; Nazis Cancel Passports Of All Jews.

ROME, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—Italy is withdrawing all its Spanish civil war troops who have served in Spain more than 18 consecutive months, it was announced today.

How many men would be affected, or how many actually were in Spain with the rebel army, was not disclosed.

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

Note Unpublished

The American note, submitted by the American Embassy by order of Secretary of State Cordell Hull, was not published in Italian newspapers.

Fascists said that no official decision had been reached regarding the note, but it was believed that American Jews would be exempted.

Some quarters reported that the troop withdrawal would include about 10,000 men and it was added, in those quarters, that there were probably about 30,000 Italian troops in Spain.

By his action today, Premier Mussolini took the first step toward concluding arrangements to bring the British-Italian friendship agreement into effect.

Great Britain, in proposals made this week, demanded that a substantial proportion of Italian troops be withdrawn from Spain before the agreement was made effective.

Corporate State Decreed

The Fascist dream of a "20th Century" Parliament nearer reality today.

The Fascist Grand Council, at a meeting which ended early this morning, approved a law creating a Chamber of Fasces and Corporations to replace the present "old-fashioned" Chamber of Deputies.

Members of the new Chamber will represent every element of the national existence through the Fascist Party and the confederations and corporations provided for in Premier Mussolini's plans for a corporative state calculated to conduct national business with the greatest possible efficiency.

ST. JEAN DE LUZ, France, Oct. 8 (U. P.).

Ten thousand Italian troops will leave for Italy from Seville on Oct. 15, reliable advices said today.

German Jews' Passports Voided

BERLIN, Oct. 8 (U. P.).—The Government today enacted a law invalidating all passports held by Jews who are German subjects.

Jews must surrender their passports within two weeks. They will be given instead identity cards containing their photographs and fingerprints.

Jews who obtain from the Ministry of Interior permission to emigrate are to be given new passports, valid for a journey abroad; it was said.

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