

4 CONSIDERED FOR LABOR POST

Willkie and Smith Among Those Studied by FDR For War Board.

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ervation the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively," recommended that the closed-shop question be ruled out as a grievance for consideration by the war labor board.

Although declaring that employers should not attempt during the war to change present labor contracts providing for the closed shop, they argued against efforts by unions to extend the closed shop.

Fear Wider Agitation

They said: "To accept it as an issue for Government arbitration would intensify agitation, increase labor disputes and divert the energy of both management and labor from the vital job of production."

A closed-shop demand in coal mining brought on the breakdown of the National Defense Mediation Board, and the threat of anti-union legislation which is lying dormant in the Senate after 2-to-1 passage by the House.

No mention of the subject was made in the President's executive order for the new board, and incidentally it is left to the processes of that agency.

The board may be plunged immediately into a crucial test on the closed shop issue.

The Board named comprises four public members, four labor representatives and four representing employers. In addition, Mr. Roosevelt named four alternate labor members and four alternate employer representatives.

Davis Is Chairman

The public representatives, in addition to Mr. Davis, are George W. Taylor, professor of economics at the University of Pennsylvania, vice chairman; Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina and NDMB member, and Wayne L. Morse, dean of the Law School of the University of Oregon, and chairman of the recent special Railroad Mediation Commission.

Labor representatives are Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers and former NDMB member who resigned when the board ruled against U. M. W. Union shop demands; George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the A. F. of L. and NDMB member; R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.), and Matthew Woll, A. F. of L. vice president.

Employer members are A. W. Hawkes, U. S. Chamber of Commerce president; Roger D. Lapham, chairman of the board of American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. and NDMB member; E. J. McMillan, president of Standard Knitting Mills, Inc., and Walter C. Teague, chairman of the board of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, and NDMB member.

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HITLER FLEES AS REDS GAIN

Leaves Smolensk; Nazis Fall Back All Along Moscow Front.

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round and cut off German strong points.

Stockholm dispatches said that the Russians trapped at least two German regiments, numbering 6000 men and 250 tanks, by surrounding Orel, 200 miles south of Moscow.

A Kuibyshev dispatch intimated that Kharkov, great Donets River industrial center 210 miles south of Orel, might soon be in Russian hands again.

Stockholm reported additional Russian troop landings on the Crimean coast, near the north end of the peninsula.

This would mean that, in combination with the threat from the Kerch Peninsula on the east and Sevastopol and the Yevpatoria landing point on the southwest coast, the big German-Italian-Russian army in the Crimea was in serious danger.

On the Leningrad front the Russians were reported advancing steadily toward Novgorod, 90 miles south of Leningrad, and that the Russians had taken two additional points on the south Finnish front. The Finns were quoted as admitting that Russia forces were now moving across Lake Onega.

Rations Reduced at Home

At home, the Germans are living on reduced meat rations and their slender clothing allowance has been sharply cut. It has not been possible to keep them in complete ignorance of the setbacks in Russia, the heavy casualties nor the sufferings of the men. The entry of the United States into the war has not raised their spirits.

In the occupied countries, the

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are factors bound to have a bad spirit of revolt is rampant. The subjugated peoples are bidding their time to turn on their oppressors.

This means that large forces of occupation must be maintained everywhere, immobilizing men needed for the fronts.

Jugoslavia is a striking example. The Germans have not been able

to subdue the fighting Serbs. The latter are even reported to have obtained airplanes to use against their invaders, who have been forced out of a large part of the country.

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