

TOBIN DEPLORES SPLIT IN A. F. L.

Terms Machinists' Action
'Foolish,' Sees No Big
'Rebellion.'

Although withdrawal of the International Association of Machinists from the American Federation of Labor marks the first and only major split within the A. F. L. since the war's beginning, no serious union repercussions are expected, Dan J. Tobin said today.

While jurisdictional disputes have increased as a result of "overlapping" war trades, Mr. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (A. F. of L.), with headquarters here, said trade union officials anticipated no general rebellion in A. F. of L. ranks as a result of the machinists' move.

"I think their decision to withdraw was the most foolish and injurious step the machinists have ever taken," said the teamster president. "It gives an especially bad impression at a time when the mine workers are trying to come into the A. F. of L."

CITES 'ENCROACHMENTS'

He said the withdrawal, from the standpoint of workers involved, was the biggest break with the A. F. of L. since the mine workers and other factions bolted to form the C. I. O. back in 1935-36.

Decision of the machinists to leave the A. F. of L. was precipitated by a 40-year jurisdictional squabble brought to a head by the increasing inter-relationship of war trades, Mr. Tobin stated.

He pointed out that the union had long contended that the carpenters' union, the operating engineers' union and the Electric Railway Employees of America were overstepping their bounds in organizing certain repair men who, it charged, are machinists.

President Harvey W. Brown of the machinists' union, in announcing the break yesterday said the situation has "now become intolerable."

Mr. Tobin declared that although the union boasts more than 400,000 members, only 90,000 participated in an election which decided the withdrawal issue.

SEES HOPE FOR COMPROMISE

He added that the machinists' union had agreed to stop payments to the A. F. of L. on June 1. However, he said, the executive board of the organization has pledged to remain independent. Such a pledge, he pointed out, precludes possibility that the union would affiliate itself with the C. I. O., its lifelong enemy.

"The International Association of Machinists flourished for the past years under the A. F. of L. leadership," said Mr. Tobin. "They've consistently fought the C. I. O. by accepting some workers who actually don't come under their jurisdiction. That was to offset C. I. O. encroachments."

"Having just returned from Washington where I was in contact with the A. F. of L. executive council, I know there are still hopes for further negotiation and a compromise."

He said jurisdictional disputes within the A. F. of L. were expected to "temper down considerably" after the war.

DAVID JOHN SMITH IS AWARDED PRIZE

David John Smith, son of Mrs. Matthew F. Smith, 1433 N. Pennsylvania St., was awarded the Silberman prize for excellence in chemistry at the 11th annual commencement exercises of Wesleyan University on Sunday.

He is president of the senior class, a member of the Honors college, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He also was appointed a research fellow in chemistry at the beginning of his senior year, and is a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity, Sigma Xi, and the Mystical Seven.

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SOVIETS PRAISE U. S. AIRACOBRA

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By Russ in American
Combat Plane.

WASHINGTON, June 1 (U. P.)—An article published today in the information bulletin of the Soviet embassy praised the performance of American-made Airacobra fighter planes on the Russian front and said no German planes excelled them.

The article said that Fedor Karashevsky, an engineer, had made minor adjustments in the planes to make them suitable for operation on the cold northwestern front. After the planes went into action there last winter, the article added, Pilot Alexei Smirnov shot down nine German planes while flying an Airacobra.

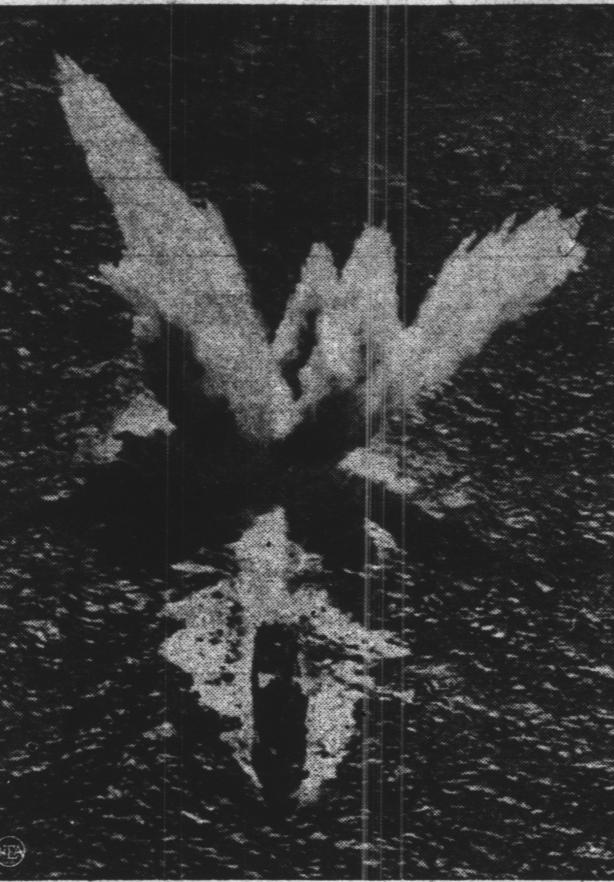
Comparing the Airacobra with the Focke-Wulf 190, reputedly the best of the German fighters, Mikhail Koriakov, author of the article, said:

"... The air battle of Soviet pilots proved that the highly praised German fighter was in no way superior to the Airacobra."

Oleg Raidonov, 25-year-old commander of a regiment flying Airacobras, is credited with shooting down four German planes while flying one of the planes.

"We received the Airacobras less than 12 months ago," Raidonov was quoted, "and during that period the pilots of the regiment have destroyed 141 enemy machines in air combats. This number includes 72 Messerschmitt 109s and 21 Focke-

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SOLDIERS TO BE GUESTS

Three wounded soldiers from Billings hospital who served in the South Pacific will be guests at the meeting of the 11th district American Legion, at 8 p. m. Thursday in the 40 and 8 chateau, 119 E. Ohio St.

FOOD WORKERS' PAY RAISE O. K.'D

Increases Up to 10%
Are Subjected to Review
By Byrnes.

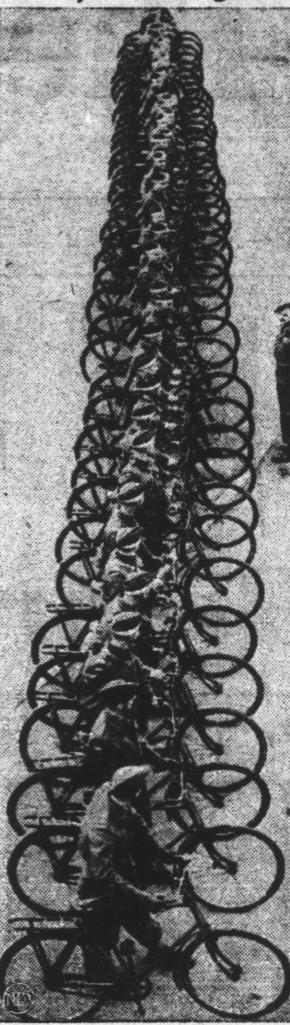
Wage increases up to 10 cents an hour over 1942 rates for seasonal workers in Indiana's food processing and canning industries were authorized yesterday by the regional war labor board, subject to review by James F. Byrnes, war mobilization director.

The regional WLB decision affects 85,000 workers in six Midwest states, but the announcement said it may not be put into effect by individual canners to overcome a serious labor shortage until Byrnes approves increases in ceiling prices asked by the canners.

Robert K. Burns, regional WLB chairman in Chicago, said that the board acted under Byrnes' recent directive order authorizing approval of wage increases above levels of the "little steel" formula and standards of living in "rare and unusual cases."

Burns said canners depend largely upon housewives, high school and college students and farm labor for 90 per cent of their seasonal workers. Average 1942 rates for common labor in canneries last year were 46.6 cents an hour, ranging from 40 to 55 cents in the Midwest.

BICYCLE BRIGADE



BANK DISPUTES LEWIS CLAIMS

Reports Average Profit
On 1942 Sales Was 4%
Instead of 12%.

By DALE McFEATTERS
Times Special Writer

NEW YORK, June 1.—The second largest bank in the country went to the mat with John L. Lewis today on the question of war profits.

In contrast to the 12½ per cent "profit" attributed to industry by Mr. Lewis, the actual average net profit on sales in 1942 was little more than four per cent, the National City Bank of New York reported in a special study of wartime profits.

"Evidence as to the truth about war profits is now readily obtainable," the bank said in its monthly review.

Shown as Sales

The bank called attention to the fact that Mr. Lewis, in seeking a wage increase for his mine workers, publicly stated that 12½ per cent of the government's war expenditures represented profit to industry or finance.

"The disbursements of the treasury to war industries appear in their income statements as sales," the report said. "Mr. Lewis' allegation therefore is that these industries have a profit margin of 12½ per cent on sales. He stated that this was an estimate.

"The facts now available show, however, that the actual average profit on sales, after taxes, reported by large companies for 1942 was but little more than four per cent.

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