



Labor— Tobin Indorses Anti-Red Part Of Labor Law

Green Says All of AFL
To Swear Allegiance

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CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—One of the first kind words from a union leader for any part of the Taft-Hartley law was spoken here today by Daniel J. Tobin of Indianapolis, president of the Teamsters' union.

Mr. Tobin, whose big union of 600,000 members has just re-elected him, announced the teamsters were in accord with the requirement that union officers swear they do not belong to the Communist party.

"We are pleased," he said, "that the government has taken this stand. But we fear that it has come too late because some labor unions now are dominated by Communists."

Tobin Against 'Old Friends'

Mr. Tobin noted that he was "going against some of my old friends" in making the statement.

In two past presidential campaigns he was head of the labor division of the Democratic national committee, but in 1944 when Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected he was a fourth-time—this old-line A. F. of L. leader was overshadowed by the C. I. O. Political Action committee.

The inference drawn from Mr. Tobin's statement was that the Communists in labor unions had been encouraged by Democratic administration policies.

Other important segments of the A. F. of L. have declared in favor of complying with the Taft-Hartley law to the extent of leaders' signing affidavits that they are not Communists.

William Green, A. F. of L. president, predicted the decision would be unanimous.

However, it was delayed until

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Boy, 4, Rescued From Open Well

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port the accident to her superiors "because there wasn't anyone hurt." Police were not called.

She said, however, that since then, workmen had covered the well with boards with a rock to hold them down.

Rate neighbors of the school, however, feel that the well should be filled in.

Some 50 children have registered for the free kindergarten and at one time or another yesterday were playing near the open well.

Mrs. Baker said today the well was covered last year and she presumed it to be in good shape. She said that after the accident she was informed by "some young girls" that vandals had removed the covering during the summer.

The large two-story frame building which houses kindergarten pupils has a growth of four-foot weeds in the rear and along the side. It was into these weeds that young Jackie wandered yesterday, not more than 15 feet from slides and swings.

The society said they hired a housekeeper to take care of the inside of the building and that "a man" takes care of the outside. A small area around the swings had been cleared today.

A spokesman said the man wasn't hired full time and that he didn't say anything about the condition of the well.

The spokesman said the grounds were not inspected before school started because "it was all right last year."

Slash Beech Grove, Southport Taxes

Drastic reductions were made today by the Marion county tax adjustment board in the 1948 rates for Beech Grove and Southport.

The board trimmed 57 cents off the proposed \$1.25 rate for Southport. In fixing Southport's rate at 68 cents, the board eliminated funds that had been requested for construction of a new sewer.

The amount listed was discovered to be far short of the total needed for a new sewer and Southport officials were advised to float a new bond issue for the project.

The board cut 23 cents off the proposed tax rate for Beech Grove. The board fixed the rates for Beech Grove at \$2.10 for schools and \$1.41 for city government.

The 1948 tax rates of nine other towns in the county were approved by the board as they were submitted. These were the rates for Woodruff Place, Ravenswood, Rocky Ripple, Warren Park, Meridian Hills, Williams Creek, Wynndale, Castleton and Lawrence.

Ex-Actor's Role Ends in Prison

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 9 (U.P.)—Vincent Serra, Columbus, O., 38-year-old ex-convict who boasted that a small fortune in stolen jewelry was "just handed to me" was sentenced yesterday to five years in prison.

Serra said jewelers got "so excited over the big deals I made they let me walk out of their stores with practically anything."

He was convicted in federal district court of crossing state lines with stolen property.

A one-time vaudeville actor, Serra said he started a series of alleged "confidence" larcenies last December. Since then, he said, he talked jewelers and others into "just handing me" about \$40,000 worth of jewelry.

Serra admitted "taking" a Decatur, Ill., jeweler for \$5000 by impersonating a local businessman. He also admitted another \$5000 "deal" with a Tulsa, Okla., jeweler.

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