

## Present Labor Peace And High Employment Rate Upsets Theory

Government Officials Puzzled, Discount Part Taft-Hartley Bill May Be Playing

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Government statisticians are seeing an old and trusted theory upset, and they don't know just how to explain it. The theory was that in times of industrial activity and high employment labor unions were most likely to strike for higher wages. Periods of depression worked the other way—unions were less disposed to risk the jobs of their members when prices and production were falling and unemployment was on the rise.

Industrial production is high; industrial employment and wages as well as prices are at all-time peaks. And strikes are at their lowest point since the first few weeks of 1946, almost at a record low for peace-time years of the last 15.

### Has Theory

Ewan Clague, U. S. commissioner of labor statistics, says the upsetting of the old theory may be due to abnormal conditions—that the present period, so far as strikes are concerned, probably is a calm after the storm.

Howard T. Colvin, associate director of the federal mediation and conciliation service, says the labor peace may be due to uncertainty over the workings of the new Taft-Hartley labor law.

Federal officials in general are more disposed to credit the uncertainty over the new law rather than actual benefits from the law itself for the industrial calm. They say the law is too new to have proved itself in this particular.

### Not Conclusive

None of the officials wants to risk a guess as to how long the peaceful conditions will last. They point out, however, that a large number of labor contracts expire in the fall, and that recently the number of "30-day notices," required by the Taft-Hartley act, has begun to rise.

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## Human Slaughter Continues in India

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NEW DELHI, Sept. 24.—The "considerable improvement" in India and Pakistan as reported by their governments meant merely a dwindling of casualties from thousands to hundreds a day, it became clear today.

In short, this carnage-wrecked sub-continent in the infancy of its independence still is in an awful mess. The savage lust for blood still is unslaked.

The equivalent of martial law throughout the land was the only thing which prevented the continuance of wholesale slaughter.

### Sickening Sights

Five thousand troops equipped for battle were required in Delhi alone to maintain a semblance of order. Their removal would start the carnage all over again.

Both governments were deeply involved in the greatest mass migration of modern history, involving an estimated four million persons.

Most cities had huge refugee camps bulging with thousands of half-starved, filthy, hysterical persons unable to make because of the generally broken down transport system.

Already disease and epidemics had killed hundreds.

Even military escorts could not guarantee the safety of the refugees. Trains were being derailed, from the labor market of school and college youngsters who had not found vacation jobs, but much of it, was due to increased hiring for the fall season."

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SINGING CHIEF—Chief Big Bear, said to be the only Indian chief living in Indianapolis, will sing Friday at an annual homecoming "pow-wow" of Daylight Chapter, 553, O. E. S., in Masonic temple. He will be accompanied by Princess White Beaver.

## Two to Attend Methodist Parley

Bishop Titus Lowe of the Indianapolis Methodist area and the Rev. Amos Boren will attend the seventh Ecumenical Methodist conference beginning today in Springfield, Mass.

Agriculture, which employs nine-tenths of the population, was at a standstill. Crops were unharvested and lands were untilled. The farmers had been killed or forced to flee.

The food shortage already was acute in many areas and thousands were doomed to starvation as an indirect result of the rioting.

The Rev. Mr. Boren is the new pastor of the Roberts Free Methodist church. He and Bishop Lowe will share in a nine-day conference with ministerial and lay leaders of 16 independent Methodist bodies on five continents.

The new model is the smallest set ever made by Western Electric.

It weighs only six ounces complete with batteries and is designed to fit in the palm of a hand.

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James D. Harrison, director of the Indiana Traffic Safety commission, which is sponsoring the meeting, said more than 300 persons are expected to attend the conference.

policy. The group has met at intervals of 10 years since 1881 except when war made it impossible to do so.

This year's gathering was to have been in Oxford, England, but was changed to Springfield because of food shortages abroad.

Other speakers will include Gov. Siegel, notorious underworld figure; Col. Robert Rossow, superintendent of state police; John H. Lauer, chairman of the state highway commission; Cleon H. Foust, attorney general, and Prof. J. L. Lingo, director of the public safety institute at Purdue university.

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## Hoodlums Overrun California, Bloody Gang War Feared

Governor Warren Lays Plans to Tear State From Clutches of Mobsters and Racketeers

By CHARLES T. LUCEY, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Mobsters and racketeers have moved in California's lush, green, easy-money pastures.

The only question for the wise boys with the slicked hair, open-necked sports shirts and dirty fingernails is how to "turn a quick grand" on each bright day.

There is much talk of protection being paid and of officials playing footie with the mobsters. Nobody state to insist that the conditions be remedied.

There is much in Governor Warren's own record to show that he can check crime.

When he was district attorney in Alameda county (Oakland) he took over crime suppression from the sheriff and his deputies and sent these officials to jail.

Senator Sheridan Downey (D-Cal) warned recently that the state was due for a period of gang warfare outdoing Chicago's Capone days.

As state attorney-general he knocked on the plush gambling ships doing a fabulous business in the harbors of Santa Monica and Long Beach, near Los Angeles.

When they opened up again after he became governor, he appealed to President Truman for federal aid in going after them—and he got it.

There are some quaint touches to crime out here. Some of the gamblers who have been thrown out of work by recent raids have applied for—and are getting—jobs less pay.

The movie and oil industries have been cited as particular attractions for the racketeers, and gambling itself is an industry status.

Gambling joints have operated in many areas and dice games and lotteries have run freely. Slot machines have been set up just about everywhere but in the postoffice lobbies. Racing wire services and bookie joints likewise are involved.

Promised Land

The killing of Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, notorious underworld figure, in the Los Angeles home of his rich friend, has been taken as a signal that the state is a new promised land for the hoodlums.

There have been at least a half-dozen other deaths of gunplay or garroting. And these have helped awaken the state.

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