

GM Sets Stage For New Labor Law Test

Debate Restraining Order Tomorrow

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—Using as a text the current action against the country's largest private employer, General Motors Corp., NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham today warned that the injunction procedure under the Taft-Hartley law "cuts both ways"—against management as well as against labor unions.

Since this law went into effect last Aug. 23, Mr. Denham's division of the National Labor Relations Board has been under frequent attack from union leaders who charged it was "anti-labor" and pro-employer and a creature of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Five days after a complaint by the CIO United Automobile Workers, the general counsel's office charged an unfair labor practice and sought an injunction against General Motors.

Issue Restraining Order

A temporary restraining order was issued last Thursday by Federal District Judge John Bright in New York, and the company was ordered to show cause tomorrow why the order should not be made permanent.

The alleged unfair labor practice is the company's refusal to bargain with the union on a new group insurance plan which it announced Dec. 1 to go into effect yesterday for GM's more than 350,000 shop and office employees.

"All the injunctions sought up to now," said Mr. Denham, "have been directed toward restraining labor organizations from secondary boycotts, featherbedding, striking to force the closed-shop issue, and such."

"But this one, sought at the instance of a union acting for a quarter of a million employees, is directed to restrain action on a matter to which the corporation had committed itself to bargain."

Says Coercion Used

Walter Reuther, head of the union, also charges that the company used "coercion" in attempting to get employees to sign up. He intended to use a liberalization of the insurance plan as an issue in forthcoming wage negotiations.

General Motors' position, to be presented in the court hearing tomorrow, is understood to include arguments that its group insurance is a benefit, and not a condition of employment, and therefore not a subject for bargaining; that its employees are represented by 17 other labor unions, in addition to the UAW, and that it would be impossible to set up differing insurance plans within the same organization.



Fish Industry Sees Hope in Meat Shortage

High Prices May Change Eating Habits

By EARL RICHERT
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—If you like fish, you needn't worry about the coming meat shortage.

Plenty of fish is available and production could be expanded immediately by at least 20 per cent if demand warranted. Also, fish imports could be increased sizably almost overnight.

During last year when U. S. slaughterhouses were operating at top speed to give Americans an average of 150 pounds apiece of beef, pork and bacon, U. S. fishing fleets were taking it easy so as not to bring in more than enough to furnish the 14 pounds per capita demand.

As it is, public freezers in the United States now hold about 134 million pounds of frozen fish, 12 per cent above normal. While the average American was eating 31 more pounds of red meat than 10 years ago he was eating only a half pound more fish.

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Billions in New Benefits Asked by Veteran Units

Bonus Bill Alone Would Cost \$25 Billion; Hike in Student Allowances Also Urged

By DOUGLAS SMITH, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—Veterans' organizations have submitted to Congress a long list of new benefits that would cost the government more this year than the Marshall Plan would cost in the next five.

The bonus bill alone, backed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, would cost \$25 billion.

Other benefits, mostly based on the higher-cost-of-living argument, would amount to several billions more.

The government is spending about \$6,630,000,000 on veterans this year, and President Truman's proposed budget asks only \$6,100,000.

Election Year Cited

The bonus is probably out of the question this year, but some of the other proposals have a good chance; it would be unusual for Congress to fail to "do something for the veterans" in an election year.

There is considerable Congress sentiment for increases in the allowances paid to veterans attending school under the GI Bill, as well as in pensions to disabled veterans and to widows and dependent children.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is plugging for a flat pension for World War I veterans when they reach the age of 65, as many of them already have. It argues that such a pension long ago was granted to Spanish-American war veterans. This would cost at least a billion a year now, and much more in a few years.

Urge Homestead Act

The American Legion wants a Veterans Homestead Act, with grants which would cost \$200 million. The VFW is pushing a Veteran RFC which it says wouldn't cost the Government anything; loans to small business to provide jobs for veterans would be made from a revolving fund of \$500 million.

The VFW's big bonus bill would pay vets \$3 a day for their U. S. service and \$4 a day for over a year, time, with a maximum of \$4500 chamber.

C. of C. Executive To Speak Here

Ralph Bradford, executive vice president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, will give a luncheon meeting of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Feb. 12 in the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

Mr. Bradford will speak on "The Last Great Hope of Earth."

The talk by Mr. Bradford will be a feature of the Indiana Commercial Secretary's Association midwinter conference, which will bring many members of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce to Indianapolis.

Mr. Bradford has served with the national chamber more than 20 years and previously was manager of the Corpus Christi, Tex., chamber.

Dr. Nilson said.

Miss 'Satisfied Feeling'

Development of the frozen-fillet industry has brought fresh fish to many parts of the country that never had anything but canned fish before.

Dr. Hugo W. Nilson, chemist with the U. S. Division of Commercial Fisheries, says there is no actual difference in food value between a serving of fish and red meat. In fact, the fish in many cases has more calories than the meat.

The difference, Dr. Nilson said, comes in "the satisfied feeling."

"For some chemical reason fish or pike leaves a more fully satisfied feeling under the belt than the same amount of fish," Dr. Nilson said.

All the trouble, it appears, began when Sydney's taxi companies won a new fare increase recently.

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Ask Mrs. Manners—

'Females' a Problem to Striking Blond

I AM 27, and 5 feet 8 inches tall, blond, blue-eyed, and have a model figure. I've been married eight years to the most wonderful man in the world. He is 43. We don't know what arguing is like as we share everything and respect each other. We have "barrels" of fun in our home with our son, 6. My 65-year-old mother-in-law lived with us six years and said she never knew that anyone got along so well.

My problem is females. My husband and I went to a party with nine couples. Suddenly a wife got mad and left with her husband, giving no reason. The party continued.

Later, the hostess called us. The couple that left separated and another couple almost separated. The latter wife claims that one of the women made "passes" at her husband and she is going to give me a black eye. I'm still wondering what I did and so is everyone else. The rest think it's funny, but not I. The party was decent.

I've been bored with all this for years. I feel like taking one of my son's comic books and read all evening, but that would attract attention too. Gals, when you say "Oh, if I could only have been a striking blond" you don't know what you're wishing. I would share my "magic wand" if I knew what made it magic. Maybe it's because I always keep myself neat—yes, even when my husband gets home from work.

Stop resenting your men looking at attractive girls—try glamorizing yourselves so they won't see blonds. You might be surprised how beautiful you can be. Men have always respected me, and I'd love to be a friend, instead of an enemy, to their wives.

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