

THURSDAY, MAR. 31, 1949

What's a Preposition for But to End a Sentence With?

**Bernard Shaw Tells Off a Stone Mason
Who Tries to Correct His Grammar**

WINDLESHAM, England, Mar. 31 (UPI)—George Bernard Shaw, the Irish playwright and philosopher, told a British stone mason by mail today that he would not tolerate a rewrite job by a tombstone carver, even if the rhetoric involved was only an epitaph.

The 92-year-old wit blasted Mason Jack Eastaugh with one of his famous postcards after the famous playwright to a rewrite in the epitaph with the preposition "for."

The mason charged Mr. Shaw with using sloppy grammar. Stick to carving tombstones, Mr. Shaw responded.

Mr. Shaw supplied the epitaph for the gravestone of his housekeeper and her husband. It read:

"Bernard Shaw, writer of many plays, raised this stone in grateful memory of . . . faithful friends and helpers . . . for many years they kept his home and garden at Ayot, St. Lawrence, in the county of Hertford, thereby setting him free to do the work he was fitted for. No playwright was ever better served."

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Hint Labor Forces Due For Setback

Rules Committee Reveals Sentiment On T-H Repeal

By FRED W. PERKINS
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (UPI)—The House rules committee, now putting on a preview to the forthcoming House battle over repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, affords no comfort to pro-union forces.

The committee has been at it for three days now and is still in the argumentative stage on giving the green light to the administration labor bill or Taft-Hartley repealer. Rep. Andrew Jacobs (D. Ind.), labor lawyer from Indianapolis, has suggested that this is a House version of a Senate filibuster.

It still another way the rules committee doesn't please Labor Committee Chairman John Lesinski (D. Mich.) and others who

say they want to hurry up in redeeming the Democratic Party pledges of immediate Taft-Hartley repeal. The rules members,

some of whom past power but still something to reckon with, show the familiar old line-up between Fair Deal Democrats on one side and Republicans and conservative Southern Democrats on the other.

Predict Failure

If this committee division indicates roughly the division of sentiment in the House—coalition leaders say it does—the final result will be so close to present Taft-Hartley terms that organized labor will consider the repeat drive a failure.

The same situation exists in the Senate. The hard mathematical fact is that while two-thirds majorities were required in both branches to enact this law, only a simple majority in either branch can block a repealer.

That makes the uphill battle for the pro-union leaders, and they are far from claiming a victory. AFL political forces, meeting here yesterday and today in an effort to speed up the campaign, have received discouraging reports and are ready to make plans for another effort in the 1950 congressional elections toward producing a pro-union Congress.

The rules committee hearings are mostly good-humored but occasionally reflect growing bitterness over the labor-law question.

IKE'S IN THERE PITCHIN'

KEY WEST, Fla. Mar. 31 (UPI)—The Navy reported today that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's health is so improved he spent a half hour this morning pitching golf balls with his approach irons. He arrived here Monday from Washington.

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