

THE Taft-Hartley Labor Bill becomes the law in labor history will have ended, an era that saw a tremendous increase in union membership and power, and also saw many spectacular abuses of that power.

Labor's attack on the Congressional supporters of the bill argued, had-made union curbs mandatory. It was an argument in which most of the people, including the President of the United States, and the Congressman from the district in which the bill was introduced, were clear that the Congress could not distinguish between the mandate of the people and the clamoring of labor's traditional enemies.

Yet, it is equally obvious that Mr. Truman's veto was not a mere act of political expediency. Mr. Truman is not endowed by nature with an overwhelming sympathy for organized labor; the New Deal program of social and economic reform he inherited was well within his power.

The Bulwinkle Bill Should Be Vetoed

AMONG the collection of knotty problems passed along to President Truman in recent weeks is the Bulwinkle Bill exempting the railroads from the anti-trust laws.

The case for the Bulwinkle Bill is plausible enough on its face. Its proponents contend their purpose to allow competing railroads to join in the fixing of rates, a practice that now constitutes a violation of the various Federal anti-monopoly statutes.

All of this is true enough, in theory, but opponents of the bill have argued, with good reason, that they also argue that pretty much a creature of the railroads. And they raise an extremely pertinent question: If the railroads intend to fix rates only in the anti-trust division of the Department of Justice?

General Eisenhower's Retirement

THAT cryptic announcement from the War Department Bureau of Public Relations apparently confirms the recurring rumor that General Eisenhower is ready to retire—probably to accept appointment to the presidency of Colium bika University.

It is curious indeed that the nation's top-ranking soldier should be willing to step down at a moment when the nation's leaders are warning that we are heading for another military crisis. And it is even more curious that an Administration that has shown a marked preference for converting military men into diplomats should allow one of its most skilled negotiators to depart from the Federal service.

Another Voice

Smoke-Filled Locker Room

SENATOR CAIN of Washington sounds a kind of indictment, as if he would like to break a nibble over some lobbyist's pocket. He has registered in Washington as a lobbyist registered in Washington.

lions—plus the hysterical yammering of the union bosses—have served to obscure the Taft-Hartley Bill itself. Labor's rabid enemies and uncritical friends have reduced the issue to black and white, without fact it is a peculiar and disturbing shade of gray.

Mr. Truman to be recognized, as the Congressional majority apparently did not, that when the bill is introduced. He believes that the measure will serve its primary punitive purpose—to weaken the union bargaining position while strengthening the employers'—but he does not believe that this will necessarily guarantee an era of peaceful labor relations.

The people wanted something done to increase the responsibility of unions as well as that of the employer. If Mr. Truman's analysis is correct, the Taft-Hartley Bill does not meet this test.

People's Platform

OXFORD ABC advocates will be closely observed to see if they improve conditions in drinking and crime. Success to them in this respect would be a great deal.

Non-Existent Funds

THE editors of the Charlotte News in the ABC election campaign suggested that a "three-year experiment" in ABC liquor business should be tried.

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