

An Epitaph For The Wagner Act

In a season of bad losses some sort of new record has been established by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers (CIO) which is petitioning the National Labor Relations Board to set aside results of an election held here at the Hudson Hosiery Plant. The Union was rejected as bargaining agent, 321 to 206 by Hudson's workers after a long organizational campaign.

Union complaint. It is charged that the Hudson Company offered its employees "inducements" to stay out of the union. Specifically, those inducements were wage increases, additional bonuses, additional holidays, and certain increases in overtime pay. This, the Union charges, was a grossly unfair labor practice.

Well, the Government has been trying to find some method of freezing wages until the inflationary emergency passes. Maybe this is it, courtesy the AFHW.

When the epitaph for the Wagner Labor Relations Act is finally written, we suggest that it include the line: Done to death by those it sought to aid.

Salute To A New Champion

We would never have believed, if we hadn't seen it, that 85 kids driving homemade racers in a class that could handle adult speedsters with the skill of thrillies they are accustomed to receiving at the two-mile-a-minute Indianapolis speedway. But all things are relative, and the 85 "soap-boxes" roaring down the Euclid Avenue hill yesterday would have bugged the eyes of Barney Oldfield.

We hasten, therefore, to make our manners to Co-Chairman Bob Allen and Lawrence Mason who staged the event. These gentlemen labored faithfully and well, and with the assistance of Gene Starks of The News, of Chevrolet, and of Station WAYS, they presented a flawless Derby yesterday. The chills and spills (none serious) that accompanied the dash down Euclid Hill were an integral part of the affair.

And we are not forgetting to sound a bugle for young Tommy Smith, driver of the racing car Tex DeGraves, who outdistanced that vast and speedy field and stands today a Winner and New Champion. He'll take the town's hopes with him to Akron; may his crown never tarnish.

A Note On Fire-Prevention

In the best-oriented editorial offices (and surely The Raleigh News & Observer) is as well-oriented as any we know of. It was with no wish to brutalize our feelings, we are certain, that the N & O reprinted an editorial from the pen of our distinguished contemporary of the morning and credited it to us.

A ready answer, have noted that two of these hostilities were equipped with cocktail lounges, and that the fires started in their vicinity. The way to prevent hotels from burning to the ground, they insist, is to outlaw the sale of liquor on the premises.

This is an interesting line of thought, and we have pursued it a little further. The third hotel is in Texas, a state which does not permit bars but confines bottled consumers to bottle purchases. Surely the advocate of outlawing the Demon do not believe that the Texas hotel was operating a speakeasy? It follows then that the sources of the trouble were (1) the 21 (1) lodgers who smoke in bed, (2) kitchens where open fires are used in the preparation of food. We are prepared to join in a campaign to outlaw the sale of food, and to require hotels to equip all beds with asbestos sheets.

We're even prepared to go a step further. In view of the disastrous fire in the ferry terminal on Star Island, New York, and the well-known fact that New York harbor is covered constantly with a film of oil, we recommend that in the future all ferry slips be built as far from the water as possible. (No rights reserved.)

Another Voice

There Have Been Other Strikes

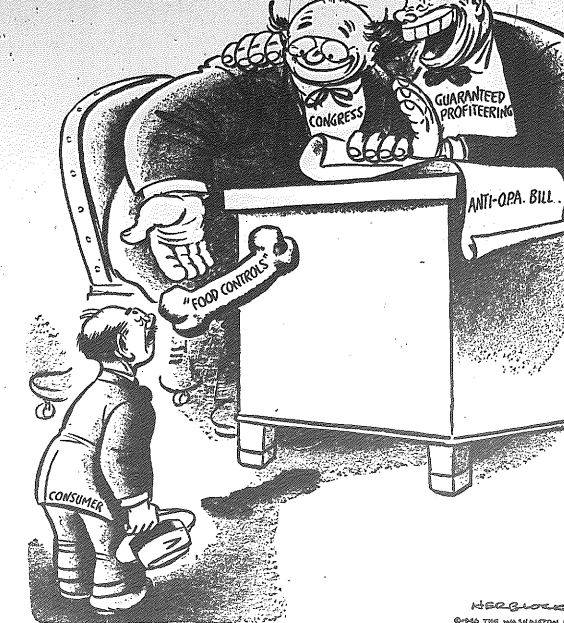
THE shortage of meat is in part caused by a sellers' strike. Owners of cattle and hogs, though not organized, hold onto their animals; they await higher prices. Comes the report that coal miners will go on strike unless they can buy more meat. These strikes of producers and sellers, in many industries and trades, besides those of miners and cattlemen, are not the first bunch of strikers of which we have been informed by reading. We read of a strike which a well known writer, who we wish were now in remembrance, on our staff, recorded. His name was Aesop. He said that the "Members' strike" (the word was spelled) which was "Betsy" insisting that old Betsy did no work. In short, the Members held that Betsy was an economic royalist, a capitalist, a lazy, loafing idler plutocrat and a wholly incompetent and superfluous representative of the leisure class. They refused to stand for him. They forthwith went on strike, they refused to lift a hand or leg, to use an eye or a finger in the service of Betsy, the old rascal. Well, you know what happened to those strikers. They were on the point of starving. The coal miners and the producers of wheat, corn, raisins of cattle, hives and lambs, sellers and workers, if they strike, will

Fairy story: "As no brains of ours went into this," said the anthology compiler to the publisher, "let's agree not to make any money on it," and the publisher agreed.

"We must choose," says the British Minister of Food, "between making whisky and feeding the people." Solomon was a good man on a close decision, but one like this he never had to call.

A sociologist feels the disappearance of the cracker barrel from grocery stores marked a decline in the citizen's preoccupation with affairs. Improved the crackers, though.

We were never very clear about Government subsidies. We don't even understand how the burlesque show candy butcher-encloses a wrist watch in each 15-cent package.



People's Platform

A Kind Of Censorship

Without any scenery, Bill Hart stood in front of the footlights and merely narrated "The Shooting of White Hill Hickey. There was many a tear-dimmed eye as thousands of these people of the theater stood on their seats and wildly cheered-one of the great figures of the American stage."

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der that belief when he made public proposals in Paris in April of this year. If Stalin really meant what he said on December 24 and Byrnes believed that he did then the first duty is to see if any logical reason exists which could justify such an interval between Dec. 24 and Molotov's abrupt rejection of the Soviet ultimatum...

KREMLIN INTERPRETATION

Running through that speech was the intimation that the Soviet system, alien, unchangeable, could scarcely exist in the same world with the Western democracies. At any rate, as read in the Kremlin, it was subject to that interpretation.

The Churchill speech caused the most violent outcry we have heard from Moscow since the end of the war. The masters of the Kremlin have not forgotten, of course, that Churchill became, after 1919, the chief fomenter of the crusade against Bolshevism. I believe a careful examination of relations between the speaker and the hearer show a striking change that could be directly attributed to the Churchillian era.

Case Hopeless?

Perhaps the case is hopeless, as we are told often by those who have pondered the situation. Lines-on atomic energy, on Trieste and on sea-ism to confirm this, we could make out were a few phrases from one of the sound trucks which seemed to be an attack on Austria...

Journey To Mexico

WE DROVE southward from Los Angeles where even the undertakers had been called in for their beautiful girls on them, and took the coastal road to Mexico. At a rest stop where the water was explored our order for hamburgers because, she said, it was a class where the proper name was 'dish was ground round. The sea-side drive was fascinating, because every once in a while California forgets its California, and assumes a mid-Western look. Then it self-consciously remembers about the Spanish influence and for a patch, everything, including the apples, is reminiscent of the mission of San Juan Capistrano. I saw the awnings of Capistrano apples on a hillside under the ancient walls to read in a modern newspaper of how Gen. Eisenhower has succeeded in convincing the Russians of holding up the war.

Empty Land

Then south again into that strange emptiness above San Diego where the people who have a few miles of perfect seashore and where the forest and vacant hills wait patiently for the people who never come. One drives through this vast, rolling, unpopulated country thinking that if the people in this land who have no place in which to live, and looking at these hills which have been having the great open place run mad, nothing but place. They into San Diego, where suddenly they are having the world universe to oneself a moment before one can find a place to park. In the past few years the rate of driving through California and then on to Mexico and the Pacific coast has been tremendous.

A people's peace cannot be won by flashing diplomatic trumpets. It requires patient and intelligent tolerance and understanding. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

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