

Worker's Role in Politics Analyzed

Labor's Interests Fused With Average Citizen's

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WASHINGTON. — "There never will be a Labor party in the U. S." In the aftermath of the election, I couldn't help cogitating these words, spoken to me several years ago by an official who helped write some of the most important New Deal labor legislation a decade ago.



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The reasons given were that workers in America were individuals first and members of labor unions afterward—they were primarily citizens with group interests common to other citizens. They didn't look at themselves as a political unit.

In analyzing the new congress, some people have made the mistake of pointing to the defeat of candidates conspicuously endorsed by the CIO-PAC and the victory of those marked for purge. Then, because the PAC is an institution which has behind it one of the two big international union organizations, these people imply that because of the defeat of the PAC, labor itself was defeated. As a matter of fact, labor was not beaten by any opposing group. It was not a question of labor, politically organized, meeting organized political opposition. It was a case of a lot of men who happen to belong to unions plus a lot of others who don't go to the polls and utterly disregarding the wishes of a group which had tried to attach itself to the labor union and thus proving (as my friend said) that American labor is an American citizen first and a lot of other things next and when he sits in his union meeting he is a member of that local and not a member of a political party.

I haven't the slightest doubt that many an American citizen, who otherwise might not have voted, did so because of the energetic efforts of persons inspired by the CIO-PAC booklets and contacts, the chief aim of which was to get voters to the polls. I am equally certain that of these voters who exercised their franchise chiefly because of CIO-PAC nudging, many voted quite the opposite to what the CIO-PAC wished.

GOP Win Stems From Many Causes

But this election was something more than a revolt against the frank effort of CIO to reward those who had espoused specific measures or to punish those who didn't. When Guffy, Mead and Murdock were mowed down in the senate, men who certainly spoke the speech as labor considered it should be spoken, when 20 congressmen, marked for the purge at the PAC meeting in At-

lantic City last spring, were all re-elected with one exception (and that was Representative Slaughter, beaten by the President's own special efforts in the primaries); when things like that happen, you know that plenty of perfectly good union members in perfectly good standing were voting against the precepts of the PAC. Perhaps if it had not been for two other circumstances PAC's views might not have been so vehemently opposed up and down the line. Both have to do with good old American customs which spring from frontier days when emergency situations had to be met with emergency measures for the sake of simple self-preservation. One of those customs which has precedent implied all through the constitution is that too much power isn't good for anybody, and in a republic you don't elect people for life, or put one party in power indefinitely.

That is one thing that accounted for most of the votes against the "ins" regardless of the candidates' persuasions. Another factor which added to the landslide quality of the vote is the old law of action and reaction. Americans have a habit of going to extremes. They have certain tastes inherited from pioneers that make them like their music loud, their horses fast, their stakes high, their goals worth winning. They are not as fast to start either a fight or a frolic as some nations, but when they do get "het up"—oh, my! Failure to recognize that fact has caused what was the greatest military nation of its time to be licked twice in a generation.

It was this characteristic, I feel sure, which caused Americans of all sorts to swing much farther toward the conservative side than they normally would have done. Their patience had been exhausted by the efforts of a screaming minority to implant Communism on our soil and thus attempt to bring to this country the very thing from which America was supposed to be the escape, tyranny of the minority.

Of late it has become the style to sneer at the majority. The "vulgar herd" and the "mob" were the contemptuous epithets of kings. The modern majority-scorner is more careful of his language. He phrases it so that it will appeal to the "peasant and worker" or to the readers of persuasive and expensive page advertisements in metropolitan papers. The language differs when it comes from the extreme right and the extreme left, but its purpose is the same: minority rule. Totalitarianism as produced by a Hitler or a Stalin is not too different from that more subtly suggested by the powerful pressure group in a capitalist country.

The 80th congress has a tougher job than the 79th. We hope it will be able to handle it. It was not elected to smash labor. It was elected to carry out a mandate (among others) to help keep labor from smashing itself.

Marianne Forgives Fritz

"Twas the day after Christmas in Frankfurt, Germany, 1945, when all through the ether there was static enough to make a trans-Atlantic broadcast impossible. I had an exclusive story, so I sent it as a dispatch to David Wills, my substitute, in Washington.

The story (I said in my dispatch) would probably be denied, and I admitted it seemed incredible, for it revealed a plan of the French government to help re-populate France by admitting German war prisoners to citizenship. It seemed impossible, that, with the ancient Franco-German hatred so recently fanned to new fury, Marianne would take her

"traditional enemy" to her bosom. The story was broadcast and that was the end, until, some 10 months later, it was confirmed in a matter-of-fact statement of the French minister of population, then touring America.

A copy of the original dispatch which I exhumed from the files reflects my feeling in its incredulity as I stood amidst the ruins of a German city with the memories of a twice-devastated France clear in my mind. The idea now apparently is accepted without comment.

How well the plan will succeed, I do not know. But to me it is a comforting thought that it has been proposed because it shows so clearly how war hates are artificial things, and bear no part in the relationships between individuals.

PRODUCTION AT PEAK

More Work Urged To Fill Needs

WASHINGTON. — To meet its mushrooming industrial needs, the nation will have to work harder or return to longer working hours, the government warned.

Although the nation's economy is running at top pace, demand for most products still is unsatisfied, an agriculture department report maintained. Harder work or longer hours, the report added, appear as the only means of boosting industrial production.

Shortages Persist. "Production of many basic materials is now near capacity, demobilization is virtually completed and unemployment is now at a level generally considered to be close to a practical minimum," it said.



WISDOM OF AGE, CHARM OF YOUTH . . . This study of the blending of youth and age in friendship shows silver-haired Tom Davis, legal counsel for Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, intoning a bedtime prayer for a young friend, Frank Adler Jr., aged two, at Miami. For his words of wisdom, Davis is rewarded by the winsome charm of his young friend.

NEWS REVIEW

Decontrol Boosts Prices; Polar Jaunt Scheduled

Price rises all along the line accompanied decontrol of the nation's economy, with producers hiking items for full coverage of higher wages and material costs and promising lower prices when output reached volume proportions.

Biggest manufacturer in the industry, International Harvester boosted prices of farm implements and tractors 9 per cent to offset wage increases amounting to 60 per cent since 1941 and higher material costs. Declaring its intention of keeping prices at a minimum, the company stated that it based its increases on present costs and did not anticipate future higher operating expenses.

Zenith Radio corporation announced an increase of from 2 to 20 per cent on radios and radio-phonograph combinations.

Leading shoe manufacturers expected a 10 per cent rise in all standard lines as a result of the increase in the cost of hides from 15 1/2 cents a pound to 30 cents.

Previously, General Motors and Crosley had boosted the price of passenger cars by \$100 and industry spokesmen predicted increases in some steel items, building materials, clothing, batteries and lumber.

Long held within rigid ceilings despite mounting janitorial and maintenance expenses, landlords petitioned for a 15 per cent boost in

rentals. An estimated 16 million housing units have been under rental control in addition to hotels, rooming houses and tourist camps.

HIGH JUMP:

Important Operation

Amid rumors that other nations were preparing expeditions to search for reported uranium deposits around the south pole, the U. S. announced that Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd would lead a navy contingent to Antarctica in December on a scientific study.

While Byrd's force will make exhaustive geological surveys in the polar wasteland to uncover any uranium, the famed explorer declared that his band also would undertake intensive studies of geographical, meteorological and electro-magnetic conditions. Weather developing in Antarctica affects all parts of the world.

Four thousand men, 12 ships and at least a score of aircraft will compose Byrd's operation High Jump, as the expedition will be known. No part of the task force will be kept in the region during the Antarctic winter but Byrd will establish a small base capable of supporting a small party for 18 months in the event of national need.

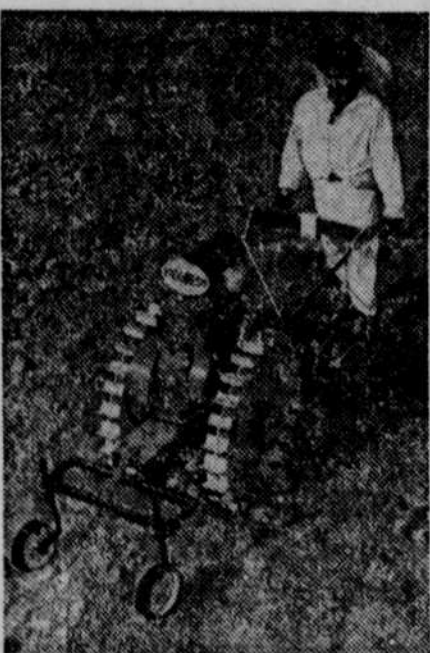
PANAMA CANAL:

Study Alteration

Working under a special congressional grant, top meteorologists and hydrodynamic, dredge and excavation engineers are busily engaged in studying the alteration of the existing Panama canal or construction of a new waterway to accommodate heavier modern traffic and decrease vulnerability to atomic warfare.

Erected at the turn of the century, the canal's narrow channel and locks are too small for the latest warships and merchant vessels. Water storage capacity of Gatun lake reservoir will be insufficient to handle prospective traffic by 1960 or a diversion of traffic from Suez canal in event that vital artery is closed by war.

To meet modern needs engineers are considering increasing size of reservoirs, lengthening locks from 1,000 to 1,500 feet and widening them from 110 to 200 feet. Against these plans, some technicians argue that it would be better to build a new canal with fewer curves and wider turns. However, it would be necessary to clear the bordering jungle, install sanitary facilities, and erect dock and administrative installations. The U. S. also would have to dicker with Panama for land rights.



NEW TRACTOR . . . Unable to buy sufficient farm tractors in the United States to supply the demand, Progresso Industrial de Mexico had this tractor designed and built for sale south of the border. It will run on gasoline, kerosene or cleaning solvent.

Star Dust

STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO
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By VIRGINIA VALE

MARGARET O'BRIEN has the Technicolor Blues. She's doing a color picture for M-G-M, "The Unfinished Dance," and as a result — (1) she can't play tag or hopscotch between scenes with the other children; her face gets so flushed that it shows up beet-red when she returns to work; (2) she can't roller-skate; falls down so often that her bruised knees



MARGARET O'BRIEN

show up like sunsets. As a result she's become an expert at jacks, so good that few little girls will play with her, and has taken to swimming, with characteristic zeal. In fact, she's become so good at it that she wants to do a picture with Esther Williams. She likes color pictures, but says they're exasperating to make!

Jack Leonard makes his film debut in "The Gull of Janet Ames," at Columbia, starring Rosalind Russell and Melvyn Douglas. A juke box favorite, he was a featured singer with Tommy Dorsey from 1936 to 1940. He spent five years in the army, appeared at one of New York's smart night clubs; then Columbia signed him up and is launching him on a new career.

Want to rent a movie? An article in the December Woman's Home Companion tells you how to go about it—provided you do it on a non-profit basis. Clubs, schools and churches should find the article most useful.

Following that command performance before England's king and queen, Ray Milland and his wife plan to do some traveling—Paris, Brussels, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Nice and Rome are on their list. They're due back in Hollywood in December, when he's going to try to talk Paramount into giving him an actor-director contract. Looking ahead to the days when he doesn't want to act any more?

It happened at Mahan Hall, at Annapolis. Some 1,500 middies, listening to a warm-up speech by Milo Boulton before "We, the People" was to be broadcast from there, let out a howl when part of Phil Baker's "Take It or Leave It" came through, and they heard Baker say, "And now you have 30 seconds to answer tonight's jackpot question, 'What is the name of the Secretary of the Navy?'"

Nancy Lauck, daughter of Chet Lauck, who's "Lum" of "Lum and Abner," celebrated her 13th birthday not long ago, and was given a St. Bernard puppy, her favorite present. She didn't hesitate about naming him — called him Kilroy.

The audience got a surprise when Paulette Goddard showed up at the Coast CBS studio for "Bachelor Mother," a "Hollywood Players" broadcast. Late shooting on the C. B. DeMille set left her so little time that she arrived wearing the tattered dress of a bond slave, her role in "The Unconquered." She had to sacrifice those terrifically long fingernails for the part. And on one occasion, when she was wearing a gold bracelet spelling her name, and couldn't get it off, a workman had to take a saw to it; in 1763 slaves didn't wear gold bracelets!

Producer Walter Bunker puts on a special treat for studio audiences at Fanny Brice's "Baby Snooks Show." He doesn't close the curtains, but allows the audience to watch the last 15 minutes of the music and sound rehearsal.

Louise Barclay, who's the actress on "Right to Happiness," spent her time crawling around on all fours during her first stock engagement. The company did fables, and Louise played alternately a fox, a lion and a wolf.

ODDS AND ENDS—When Ed "Archie" Gardner, of the "Duffy's Tavern" broadcasts, is not busy at the mike he usually sits with his wife in the front row. . . . George Montgomery and Dinah Shore have been building their own home at Encino, Calif.—in the process George dropped a log on one foot and broke a toe. . . . Arline Francis has been on many a radio show—"What's My Name" was one of her best; but she's doing what she likes most on her new NBC series, "Affairs of Ann Scotland," creating a new character. . . . After hearing all those gun shots on "Adventures of a Tin Man" Elsiebeth Eric's learning to shoot.

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When making a new dress for your little daughter, make a matching hanky. She'll remember to take one then, for she'll always be looking for one to match.

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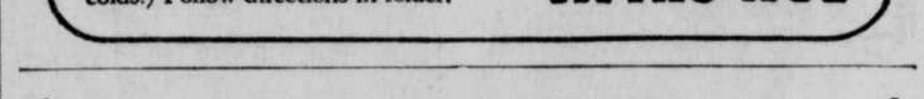
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