

Randolph discusses March for FEPC before Huge Throng

New York City (WDL) — Before an enthusiastic crowd of 17,000 at New York's Madison Square Garden, A. Philip Randolph, International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and co-chairman of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, called on members of minority and other groups to stage a silent, non-violent march down the streets of the nation's Capital if Congress fails by June 30th to enact fair employment practices legislation.

Warning against words of hate towards the Bilbos and that the fight for a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission was "morally stronger now than it was before the poll tax Southern senators conducted their 17 day fascist filibuster, striking down majority rule."

Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach sounded the keynote of the rally when he stated the fight for the FEPC bill had just begun, that it would eventually win, because it was right, decent and American.

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ed with full authority to speak on behalf of President Truman. The Labor Secretary declared, "I come with authority to tell you that he is just as determined as was his predecessor that this fair employment practices principle be enacted into law by the Congress of the United States. And he intends to carry on that fight just as did Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Other speakers at the rally which was chaired by Max DeLeon, Workers Defense League National Counsel and chairman of the Legal Committee which drafted the FEPC bill, were: Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; George K. Hunt; for the Catholic Interracial Council; Rabbi William J. Rosenblum; Roy Wilkins for the NAACP; Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon and Senator Dennis Chavez of New Mexico, two of the principal Senatorial sponsors of the legislation; Fiorello H. LaGuardia, James B. Carey of the CIO, and Matthew Woll of the AFL. Mr. Woll read a message from William Green, President of the AFL, who said:

"Those who conducted the filibuster in the Senate in opposition to the FEPC bill actually served to strengthen the fixed determination of the friends of this legislation to fight on."

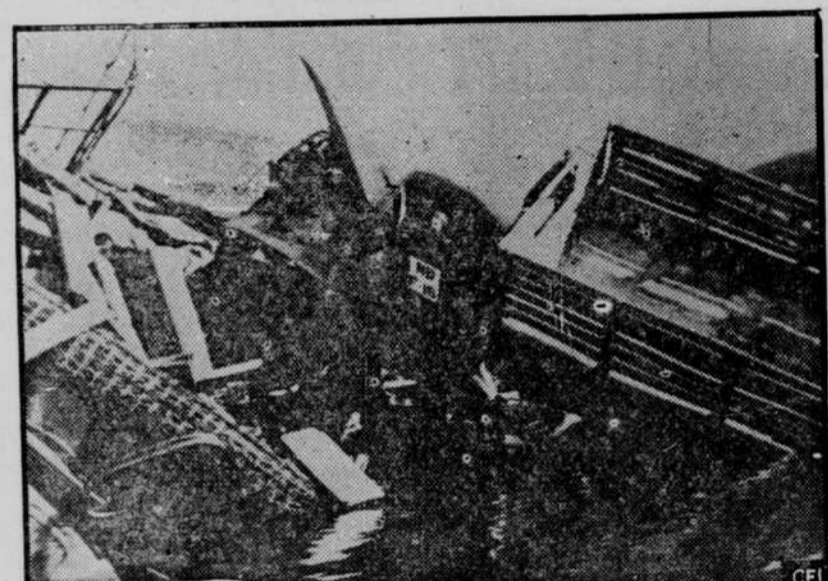
Speaking for the CIO, Mr. Carey declared that discrimination meant lower wages, and compared the General Motors strike with the battle for FEPC, as struggles workmen could not afford to lose.

Stars of stage and screen who participated in a dramatic skit portraying the continuous fight against bigotry and job discrimination were: Helen Hayes, Canada Lee, Muriel Rahn, Orson Welles, Katharine Dunham, Jane White and John Carradine. The rally was under the auspices of the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC.

NMU PROTEST TERROR REIGN, LYNCHINGS OVER NEGROES IN TENNESSEE. March 1—New York Protesting the lynchings and reign of terror against the Negro people of Freeport and Columbia, Tennessee, 2,000



RIOTING IN CALCUTTA. CALCUTTA, INDIA — RADIO- PHOTO—This blazing jeep was a casualty in the rioting in Calcutta last week when 500 Indian seamen started a strike in sympathy with the revolt of Indian seamen in Bombay. The jeep is shown after rioters had set it afire on Chittaranjan Avenue in Calcutta. In Bombay, heavily armed



DESTRUCTION OF SUPPLIES IN PACIFIC. WASHINGTON, D. C.—SOUND- PHOTO — Pictures showing widespread destruction of Army-Navy supplies in the Pacific brought a prompt demand for a Congressional investigation. The photos, accompanied by letters from servicemen overseas, were exhibited to the House Executive Expenditures Comm., by Rep. Henry J. Latham (R) N. Y. The photos showed

members of the National Maritime Union in a special meeting held in the Port of New York today, demanded immediate investigation and action against those responsible for these fascist acts. Joseph Stack, Agent of the Port of New York, sent wires to President Truman, Attorney General Thomas Clark, Department of Justice, and Governor McCord at Nashville, Tennessee, expressing the seamen's protest.

Full text of the wire to President Truman reads: "America is at the crossroads. Is our bitter fought victory over Germany a Japan worthless? Are Fascist night shirts to continue their present reign of terror over Negro citizens and veterans with impunity? Is our Department of Justice winking its eye at this planned terror? We, 2,000 seamen at special National Maritime Union meeting, urge you to set in high gear immediately all government agencies necessary to smash this Fascist trend in our country. No more Freeport, Long Island, or Columbia, Tennessee, Murders, Mr. President."

Pointing out to Governor McCord that "Shot Gun and Mob Rule in Columbia is the answer to people's problems," the seamen asked for the "Arrest of the Murderer" under protection of City officials of Columbia."

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British Tommies and Indian troops went into action when the seamen, who had been staging a hunger strike in the Castle barracks, attempted to break out into the streets from which they had been banned after demonstrations earlier. The seamen responded with rifle and machine gun fire.



ONE OF 32 NEW CARDINALS. VATICAN CITY, ROME—RADIO- PHOTO — SOUND- PHOTO—In solemn ceremony in the Vatican Hall of Benediction, His Holiness Pope Pius XII bestows the red biretta on Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. Bestowal of the biretta on the 32 prelates is the first insignia distinctive of their new dignity.

what apparently were new or serviceable jeeps, trucks, sheet iron, rubber tires, etc., dumped into the ocean off Caledonia and other Pacific islands. Photo shows ten wheel truck in the ocean.

Snookum Russell Wows 'Em at R. R. Men's Club Dance. The Railroad Mens Benevolent and Social club presented Snookum Russell and his orchestra as guest band at the club Saturday, Feb. 23. A large gathering of dance lovers was on hand to dance to the sweet tunes of Snookum and his orchestra. The dance was given by the World War Veterans II. A group of ambitious young men who have just returned from the service. They are all members of the railroad men club. Some of them are large shareholders in the club. These men hope to bring to their club for their members and their guests, more outstanding attractions and some of the nation's best bands. Now get your friends together and come on out to your club, and enjoy the comfort of your beautiful lounge. The club is open daily from 2 p. m. until 1 p. m. If you are not a member, come down to the club and be interviewed for your membership. Delicious meals are served daily.

Farmer Is Squeezed. It is certain that the action of the President and his advisers in breaking the wage line and offering increased prices to management to offset labor wage increases will become a part of the pattern when revision of parity prices for farmers comes up for action. For to raise wages 10 per cent and to boost prices for manufacturers comparatively, most certainly will boost the prices of the supplies and equipment the farmer must buy, such as farm machinery and fertilizer. All of this must be added to his cost of production. Besides, the things he and his family consume will also be more expensive.

In the meantime, the unrest in the rural areas grows. The farmer fears inflation, more, probably than labor, certainly more than industry. Thousands of farmers felt the force of inflation when they lost their farms following World War I. They saw the value of their dollar toboggan and the price of everything they bought spiral high. And they suffered as a result. They fear a repetition of inflation, and then bust or depression. They know that farm prices go down fast and far, and stay there a long time when the tobogganning starts.

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The Home Town Reporter in WASHINGTON By Walter Sheard WNU Correspondent WNU Washington Bureau, 1616 Eye St., N. W.

Continued Strikes Raise Farmers' Ire

LEADERS of farm organizations here in Washington are not a little disturbed by reports of threatened farm strikes in Nebraska and Oklahoma, and the outspoken sentiments of farmers in other sections as a result of the unsettled conditions in the labor-management field.

While some farm leaders here declare that it is traditional that farmers and the rural population in the smaller towns are antagonistic to labor, the fact is that your Home Town Reporter finds a wide divergence of opinion here among the leadership of the farm organizations.

The consensus is that the threatened strike of the "vigilante" group of farmers in Nebraska is confined to a small locale, and likely was "engendered by influences outside the state." Nevertheless, farmers everywhere are of the opinion that the continued lack of production due to the labor-management difficulties is bringing a hardship on the rural population in more ways than one. The difference of opinion lies in whether the blame should be on Management, Labor, or Government.

One leader here expressed the belief that at the present moment, the rank and file of the farm population was more sympathetic to the laboring man than to business, with a general feeling of "a plague on both your houses."

But the yardstick by which this sentiment, for or against Labor and Management, can best be measured, in the opinion of this writer, is by the position taken by the three large farm organizations with reference to the Case bill which passed the house by a vote of 253 to 154 which is now in senate committee on education and labor, where it likely will stay.

Grange Favors Case Bill

The Farm Bureau federation, headed by its president, Edward A. O'Neal, took the lead in favoring passage of the bill, which even its proponents say is a "tough" bill on Labor. The Farm Bureau was backed by the National Grange and a statement from the latter organization declared:

"The National Grange considers the Case bill a sound measure deserving the full support of all fair-minded people. We believe the bill offers a practical approach for protecting the public interest without penalizing either labor or industry or in any way interfering with the orderly settlement of industrial disputes."

But the National Farmers Union bitterly opposes the Case bill and says that insofar as their group is concerned they are receiving no complaints with reference to labor strikes.

"As a matter of fact," a Farmers Union spokesman said, "quite the reverse is true. Many Farmers Unions near strike areas have contributed supplies to feed the families of strikers, and we have backed labor pretty thoroughly."

Insofar as any general farm strike is concerned, there will be none. Farmers are too practical in their thinking to withhold from market food for 130 million people just because a million are on strike. And it may very well be true that the anger of the farmers is directed more at the long indecision of government in settling the labor disputes, than at either labor or management, on the theory that it is patently unfair for the government to hold the line on farm prices and at the same time break the line on wages to workers and prices to management.

Reflecting increased provision against a rainy day and potential purchasing power, national savings jumped 20 billion dollars in 1944 for a total of 142 billion, the Institute of Life Insurance reported. Holdings included U.S. bonds, insurance, bank deposits, postal savings and accounts in savings and loan associations. The 142 billion dollars total exceeded record consumer purchases in 1945 by 40 per cent.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS Reds Charge Canada With Bad Faith in Atom Row; Strive to Hold New Stabilization Line

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Pointing up army warnings of short food supply in reich, Germans are shown scouring rubbish pile behind Allied barracks in Berlin for edibles.

ATOM SPIES: Russ Reply

Canada's disclosure of an atom spy ring had ticklish diplomatic ramifications with Russia's angry protest against the dominion's announcement of the news without prior consultation with Moscow with a view toward correcting the situation.

Though admitting that the soviet military attache had received atomic information from Canadians, Moscow said the data was of a minor nature and the recipient official had been recalled when it learned of his activities. It was hinted that dominion's action was calculated to impair Russian prestige at a time when the Reds were advancing the cause of independence for subject people in the United Nations organization.

In discussing the atomic information, Moscow declared that it consisted of data already compiled by Russian scientists or included in a book by Dr. Henry DeWolfe Smyth of America. A consultant to the army on manufacture of the A-bomb, Smyth detailed atomic developments from the 1920s through the war, but omitted vital figures in the formula for producing the necessary materials.

As the Canadian case developed, pressure in this country increased for added safeguards for protecting America's secret of manufacturing the A-bomb. Declaring that more atomic information had been divulged since the introduction of the A-bomb than during actual work on the project, army men were said to have charged some of the leaks to scientists' discussions.

STABILIZATION: New Rules

In determining wage adjustments under the new stabilization program formulated by the administration to clear the hurdle for postwar production, the stabilization board will permit pay increases within a pattern set for an industry, as in the case of oil, steel and automobiles where the figure of approximately 18 cents an hour was established.

To speed settlement of current disputes, the new order also permitted employers to grant wage increases without prior government approval in industries where pay patterns have been formed, or where only so-called "fringe" adjustments involving vacation and holiday pay and shift premiums are involved. Wherever any advances are made the basis for applications of higher

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MEAT:

World meat output in 1945, excluding Asia and relatively unimportant countries in Africa and Latin America, totaled about 59 billion pounds, according to the department of agriculture. This is a drop of 6.8 billion pounds from 1944. The reduced output in 1945 reflects the war losses of livestock in European areas; declining feed supplies in many countries and unfavorable pasture conditions.

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GERMANY: Private Relief

As a result of President Truman's approval of the establishment of a private relief council composed of religious, labor and social agencies, needy Germans may receive up to 2,000 tons of supplies each month if shipping and port facilities allow.

Set up after heavy pressure had been exerted for the alleviation of starvation and privation in the conquered Reich out of humanitarian considerations, the new council, known as CRALOG, will include the American Friends Service committee, Brethren Service committee, Christian Science War Relief committee, Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, International Rescue and Relief committee, Labor League for Human Rights (AFL), Lutheran World Relief, Inc., Mennonite Central committee, National CIO Community Service committee, Unitarian Service committee, and the National Catholic Welfare conference.

With the U. S. army in over-all control, and a CRALOG representative checking on distribution and surveying needs shipments will include evaporated and powdered milk, sugar, fats, clothing and shoes and medical supplies.

Relief Racket

With the shipment of private relief packages to European countries outside of Germany growing into a big business, the OPA moved against fraudulent operators in New York City accused of overcharging clients for food deliveries to Europe.

Begun four months ago when government officials noticed the discrepancies between the prices and contents of packages, investigations reportedly disclosed that cheaper foods were being substituted, items listed were not enclosed, excess postage was charged and insurance fees were asked on uninsured parcels.

With several hundred companies already engaged in the business, firms are now shipping packages at the rate of 3,500,000 a year.

Connie Still Bosses A's

As the major league baseball teams, strengthened once again by return of their stars from the service, opened spring training in the sunny southern and western climes, 83-year-old Connie Mack was on hand to greet his Philadelphia Athletics at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Manager of the A's since 1901 and winner of nine American League pennants and five World Series, the



Connie Mack greets A's.

soft-spoken, balding diamond wizard gathered a group of hustling youngsters about him in another effort to develop a championship club from promising raw material. So had he built up his great teams of 1904-14 and 1929-31 and so he would try again, leaving the other clubs to build around expensive stars purchased around the circuit.

As the A's settled down to work, interest centered on 6-foot 4-inch Dick Fowler, who pitched a no-hitter against the Browns last year, and Eddie Collins Jr., a Yale graduate and son of the former great second baseman who paced Mack's famed 1910-14 aggregation.

VETS: Unemployment High

Speaking at a meeting of the American Legion's national employment committee, designed to spur community services for vet hiring, Gen. Omar Bradley declared that 13 per cent of the G.I.s in the labor force remained jobless, with 1,035,000 receiving unemployment compensation in the early part of February.

The relatively high percentage of unemployed vets contrasted with the general rate, Bradley said, stating that only 5 per cent of males in the labor force were out of work, and the total jobless approximated 4 per cent.

Employment of disabled vets has similarly lagged, Bradley said, with the hiring of handicapped G.I.s three times behind applications in September and even lower in December and January.

WHEAT:

When flour mills, under new wheat conservation measures, begin milling flour containing 80 per cent of the wheat, this country still will have a lower milling percentage than most of the rest of the world, the department of agriculture reported.

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