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EDITORIALS

UNLESS LABOR CLEANS HOUSE

Victor Riesel, the well-known labor columnist, recently had an article in Look entitled, "Labor Still Hasn't Cleaned House." He then made several specific charges, including: "There is a cold and brutal dictatorship in many unions . . . Many unions are closed baronies that refuse to admit new members, charge ludicrously high initiation fees and ban applicants for racial and religious reasons . . . Skilled communists, now using key labor unions for political purposes, have not been ousted by national labor leaders." Such charges have been made before. But they are especially impressive when made by Mr. Riesel, as he is completely sympathetic to the legitimate organized labor movement and writes about nothing but labor matters. It is evident that labor's best friends are now dismayed by the policies and points of view of some of the enormously powerful leaders. These leaders have lost almost all touch with actual labor—the people who do the work of the country. They are busy creating dynasties for themselves and the inner circles which surround their courts. And, as the growing concern over communists in labor's ranks shows, some of them are moved by ideological beliefs which are at the opposite pole from the American tradition.

What this all adds up to, as Mr. Riesel also observes, is that the unions must clean house—or the public will clean it for them. The labor leaders who are now spending much of their time indiscriminately denouncing the Taft-Hartley law should realize that this measure is innocuous in the extreme with what will come if labor excesses continue. Union labor is not bigger than the nation.

THE PAY ENVELOPE

No theory has been more thoroughly exploded than the argument that higher wage rates

Furse's Fresh Flashes

Saw a sign on a barber shop Sunday that read, "Closed on account of improved financial conditions. May reopen next week."

He who can take advice is sometimes superior to him who can give it.

A pessimist is a man who looks at the world through morose colored glasses.

A local woman says she thinks it's perfectly wonderful how little chickens get out of their shells. We think it is more wonderful how they get in 'em.

Any kind of a child will grab at a straw—if you put it in the top of a bottle of pop.

Another thing this country needs this fall are weekends that last until about Wednesday.

Be stubborn if you want too—but the fellow who sets his head seldom hatches out anything.

Prices are so high in restaurants that it is forcing some bachelors to get married.

Every hubby should have a hobby—which is what lots of women don't have time to have because they have a hubby.

The biggest trouble with one word leading to another is that it usually ends up in a speech.

need not be reflected in the selling cost of commodities. Since 1939, the wholesale prices of manufactured goods have risen 78 per cent. That corresponds almost exactly to the increase in wage costs since 1939—73 per cent.

The theory might have had validity had it included the stipulation that production per man hour rise along with wage costs per unit of production. But that has rarely been mentioned by the labor economists—with one or two distinguished exceptions. On the basis of the latest available figures, production per man hour is only about 12 per cent better than in 1939, despite that 73 per cent increase in wage costs. And production per man hour is under the 1941 level.

There is only one real arbiter of prosperity—and that is the amount of goods the people can buy. It is obvious that doubling the number of dollars in a pay envelope does no good if each dollar will buy only half as much. In the past, we managed to hold down prices even as we raised wages because workers and management steadily increased output per man hour. We are now seeing what the reversal of that does to the wage-price structure.

So far, pay increases for most workers may have offset the price increases. But if inflation ever gets the bit thoroughly between its teeth, the purchasing power of everyone will decline catastrophically. The solution is more output to offset the record wages paid in all industry today.

Handless Vet Husks Corn



With the aid of artificial hands, Marion Walton is able to husk corn on a hybrid corn company farm at Congerville, Ill. Walton, who served three

years in the Marine Corps never got a scratch, lost his hands in a corn husking machine shortly after his discharge. (NEA Telephoto.)

Eight Mile Grove

Mrs. P. A. Hild spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Verner Hild and family.

Celebrating their 6th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kiser and Sharon Kay entertained at dinner. Mrs. Kiser's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cisler and daughters, Rita Frances and Mary Margaret of Omaha.

Mrs. Sheldon Smith and Carol Ann spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Vearl Smith and Robert. They all attended the show in Plattsmouth during the evening.

Mrs. Verner Hild visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Hennings in Louisville Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Hennings left for Oklahoma on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutton of Omaha were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Topliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kiser and daughter, Sharon Kay, were Tuesday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Blotzer.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Valery and sons are Mrs. Valery's uncles, Dr. and Mrs. Sophus Winther of Seattle, Washington and Mr. and Mrs.

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South 49 1-2 Feet of Lot 8 in Block 33, in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska,

real names unknown. You and each of you are hereby notified that Henry E. Frazier and DeLores F. Frazier, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, filed their petition and commenced an action against you and each of you in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, on October 16, 1947, the object, purpose and prayer of which is to obtain a decree of the Court quieting the title in and to said above described real estate and for equitable relief, including costs.

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After that time the dial tone (a steady humming sound) will be heard when the receiver is raised. This will indicate that the dial equipment is ready for use. Temporary cards over the dial on your telephone should then be removed.

Please consult your new telephone directory for new telephone numbers before dialing. The directory also contains important instructions for the correct operation of your telephone.

After October 23, the Company's Business Office will be transferred to the new Telephone Building where the payment of accounts, placing of orders and other transactions will be handled.

Within the next few weeks the public will be invited to attend an "open house" at which the building and equipment may be inspected. The date will be announced later.

Plattsmouth is the second largest exchange served by this company to receive dial service. The cutover to the new system will culminate several years of intensive effort on our part to provide Plattsmouth with the best in modern telephone service. This forward step is an important asset to Plattsmouth in which the citizens of this progressive community may take justifiable pride.

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