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LABOR

(The nation's two great labor organizations have failed to agree on unification. The A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. have been unable to decide upon a program for a merger.)

In Washington for two days delegations headed by A.F. of L. President Green and C.I.O. President Murray have been conferring, each side offering its own program to bring to an end the split in the ranks of labor. This afternoon, the sessions ended - concluded on a sober note of something not accomplished.

Both Union Presidents issued a joint statement. They ~~said~~ ^{said} they had agreed that unity should be established within the American Labor Movement ~~x~~ - that was unanimous. But each side had rejected the ~~plan~~ ^{plan} ~~x~~ presented by the other for a merger. ^{It} The idea has not been given up, but it is doubtful if any other unity meetings will be held in the near future. In other words, unification of the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. seems to be put off indefinitely.

TELEPHONE

A T and T has made its first offer of a wage increase, and, the union has turned it down. Late today the company proposed an advance of from two to four ~~to~~ dollars a week. Not enough, replied the union.

JAPAN

Today witnessed the return of a sight that a couple of years ago, aroused Americans to the fury of battle - the flag of Japan. (Once again that Rising Sun Flag is flying. This is by the direction of General Douglas MacArthur, who today authorized the Japanese to fly their national colors over four principal seats of government in Tokyo) - the Diet, the Supreme Court, the residence of the Premier, and the palace of the Emperor. MacArthur's permission, given on the eve of the inauguration of the new Democratic Constitution, was addressed to Premier Yoshida. The Commander of the victory that ripped down the hated enemy emblem - now restores the flag of the Rising Sun. That, really, is a sign of the completeness of the American triumph.

KOREA

In a message made public tonight, Secretary of State Marshall tells Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov that we are ready to resume talks on plans for unification of Korea, which is now divided into ~~AMERIF~~ American and Soviet zones.

A year ago negotiations on this were going on, and got ^{exactly} nowhere. A deadlock, Recently, Molotov suggested that we start all over again. To which ~~Sec. of~~ ^{State} Marshall ^{now} says -- okay - ~~with~~ ^{on} conditions that the Soviets not insist, as they did before, that a provisional government for Korea be made up entirely of pro-communists.

FRANCE

France having a Cabinet crisis. The point at issue, a strike, which began as a small wildcat walkout at the great Renault Auto Plant. This in defiance of measures taken by the Ramadier Cabinet against inflation a freezing of prices and wages. The Communists had supported the price-wage freeze; but all of a sudden, they changed around and supported the wildcat strike.

Ramadier called upon the Communists to withdraw their backing of the strike, and return to the support of the anti-inflation program. Said if they didn't,

he would resign, [^] and the fall of the Cabinet would throw France into political turmoil.

All of which seems to have had some effect, because the latest from Paris is word that the Communists are willing to settle on a basis of abandoning the Striker's demand for wage increases, in return for more money in the form of bonuses. Bonuses, that is, to workers *who* produce more than their normal quota. That's the compromise offered, and the indications are that it may be the basis for some kind of agreement to stave off the fall of the Ramadier Cabinet and a major political crisis.

ITALY

There was a fist fight in the Italian Chamber of Deputies today, and the brawl was followed *by an announcement of* a nationwide strike - *a* Communist demonstration.

The trouble rose over a savage outbreak in Sicily, where a parade of ~~a~~ peasants was machinegunned as they marched yesterday in a May day parade. It occurred in a mountain pass. A party of mounted men appeared, and opened fire with machineguns - eight killed and thirty-three wounded.

This was being debated at Rome today - the government stating that a heavy force of police has been sent to hunt down the killers, the intimation was made that the ferocious deed might have been the doing of the Maffia, Sicilian Blackhand, or perhaps ~~was~~ the result of some Sicilian feud, ^{the} traditional Vendetta - not necessarily political.

To this the Communists retorted with the charge that the machinegunning of the Leftist marchers on May Day was ~~political~~ political. They shouted that

it was the doing of the Common Man Party, a conservative group accused of being Neo-Fascist. They - and the Monarchists. The Communists howled - "Assassins!"

Whereupon, the leader of the Common Man Party in Parliament, Gianini, made a dash at the Red Deputies - followed by other conservatives. There was a wild clash with a swinging of fists. However, not much damage was done, cooler headed deputies separating the battlers.

The Communists thereupon announced a protest in the form of a general strike - a two-hour demonstration to be staged tomorrow.

UNKNOWN CHILD

Nearly every nation has its monument to the unknown soldier. In the ancient city of Prague today they dedicated a memorial - to the unknown child. This is the most pitiful and the most tragic indictment of the horror called "Nazism."

In the Cathedral of the Virgin of Victory, in Prague, a tiny casket was placed inside an altar - a casket containing all that is left of an unidentified child victim of a Hitler concentration camp. Over the altar there's a marble sculpture with an ~~xxx~~ inscription which reads: "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven - dedicated to all child victims of the war of 1939-1945."

Presiding at the ceremony today was Archbishop Beran of Prague, himself a victim of years in the Dachau concentration camp. The inscription was unveiled by two children ^{who themselves were} deported by the Nazis to Poland after Hitler killers had murdered their father and grandfather.

So Now, in addition to all of its

thousands of memorials, the world has one dedicated to the unknown child. And the echo is that Biblical phrase, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

ROOSEVELT

~~the~~ Documents ~~which~~ in the Franklin D. Roosevelt library at Hyde Park are not being kept a secret -- none of them. All the official papers at Hyde Park are available for public record. *This was the statement made* ~~so~~ tonight by the attorney for the **F. D. R.** ~~the Franklin D. Roosevelt~~ estate.

He said he had received a letter from President Truman asking him to look through the F D R records for documents pertaining to the Senate Committee investigation of U.S. Navy wartime purchases of Arabian oil. Says the attorney: The Hyde Park library was purchased and is being operated by the United States. Any papers in the ~~the~~ library are public property".

WALLACE

Tonight we have another Wallacism. The Former Vice President is becoming a past master at the art of saying things that make you wonder if you're hearing right. ~~thi~~ This time Henry's verbal gem harks back to his previous clarion call - for this country to give billions to Soviet Russia. He repeats a previous argument, and phrases it with a rare choice of words, which you'd find hard to duplicate if you were trying to turn out a parody on Henry, and make fun of him.

On previous occasions, Henry has contended that, if we give the billions to the Soviets, the Soviets won't demand all those enormous reparations from defeated Germany - the payment of which would turn Germany into a menace of starvation and despair. Now, if you wanted to turn that into a mocking satire, could you do any better than the following?

At Cleveland, where he is making a speech tonight Henry said: "Russia feels that it is entitled to get everything possible out of the German hide. If

Russia gets that," he went on, "It will make Germany a plague spot of the world. Germany can't furnish what Russia wants, and the only country that can furnish it is the United States," said Henry.

Well, it's cheerful to think that we are the only country that can furnish what the Soviets want, and it's ~~amight~~ delightful logic that we should - to save Germany. *Like some fuzzy minded* ~~sort of like the philanthropist who is~~ *half-wit who to keep some* ~~keep the~~ victim from being robbed, gave his own bankroll to the hold-up man.

U.N.

The United States has called for a hearing of the Jewish side of the question. Our delegate, Warren Austin, has introduced a resolution whereby the Zionists will be asked to present their argument ^{to the U.N.} The move was made this afternoon at a meeting of the Steering Committee of the special session of the United Nations Assembly.

Delegate Austin proposed the Jewish Agency be given the principal voice - though other Zionist Organizations may present statements. He noted that the Jewish Agency does not speak for all the Jewish Zionists in the world, not even for all of them in Palestine - but he recognized the special position of the Agency, because it was recognized in the mandate that assigned Palestine to the control of Great Britain.

The Austin resolution was entered as a substitute for a previous Polish proposal to give the Jews a hearing. The difference between the two is mostly technical - the question being whether the hearing

shall be before the Assembly - the Polish idea; - or, before a Committee which actually includes all the members of the assembly - the American suggestion. One point is this - the question of whether or not the charter of the U.N. permits any group, if not a nation, to join in a debate of the United Nations. The Austin resolution this afternoon included a proviso that a hearing of the Jewish side shall not be considered a precedent for the entrance of private organizations into the debates of the U.N.:

The American stand today represents a change - our delegates having previously argued that there was no need for the presentation of the Jewish case. No need - because the Arab demand for a general debate on Palestine independence had been defeated, and the business of the present special session of the assembly is merely to appoint a commission to investigate the Palestine dispute. ^R However, while this was being decided, the Arabs took advantage of the

situation to make a parade of their own ideas about Palestine, and it is felt that the Zionists are entitled to a chance to express their own views. We hear that strong representations to that effect were made by Jewish organizations.

The latest tonight is a committee vote -- the American resolution carried. The Polish version of a hearing for the Zionists was voted down, whereupon the American plan for the same thing was adopted without a dissenting vote.

BOULDER

Today brought a new development in an idea for the United Nations, an idea with plenty of weight - sixty-tons of weight. In New York, ~~thre~~ they ~~were~~ going ahead with the project for a United Nations Headquarters, and one of the features of this will be - a cornerstone. What kind of cornerstone? One answer suggested was - "A sixty ton boulder from old Cape Cod."

The idea emanated from a Cape Cod millionaire, Charles Henry Davis - who recently nominated himself as Republican candidate for President. Meanwhile, before taking over at the White House, he decided to provide the U.N. with its cornerstone - the sixty ton Cape Cod boulder. Of course, Plymouth Rock might be still more appropriate, but then Cape Cod is up in that historic neighborhood. So millionaire Charles Henry Davis had the sixty ton boulder packed for shipment to New York.

This, you'd think, would have meant thrills of elation for the U.N. and the city fathers of the Big

Town. But, alas - it was nothing like that. Mayor O'Dwyer announced that if the huge hunk of rock ever arrived, he'd have it dumped in the East River.

Which must have been quite a shock to millionaire Charles Henry Davis, but he was not to be deterred. He took a train to New York to confer with the officials of the United Nations. Meanwhile, he gave instructions to a contractor up at Cape Cod to send the boulder along. It was loaded on a ponderous trailer, which a powerful truck would haul down to New York.

Well, today's news is just too bad. Maybe the officials of the World Organization don't know anything about Cape Cod. Maybe the United Nations never heard of Provincetown, Truro, Hyanus or Yarmouth. Anyway, they don't seem to want a Cape Cod cornerstone.

The latest news tells of a wire sent by millionaire Charles Henry Davis, ordering the contractor to hold up the shipment of the boulder. But, when the

message arrived, the sixty ton hunk of rock had already been loaded on the trailer, and is on its way to New York. What happened is related succinctly by the news dispatch: "The trailer was pulled to the side of the road and the workmen unloaded the rock on a field."

So all that remains now is for the farmer who owns the field to get the sixty ton boulder off his field.

And now Nelson if you will gracefully climb down off your chair I'll make way for you.