

LABOR

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The big unification - took place, today. The merger of the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. -- in one giant labor organization of sixteen million members. The proceedings in New York, with fifteen hundred delegates present - were momentous. And there was a curious turn - of the dramatic.

The merger of ~~nationwide~~ nationwide unions was featured by an address - President Eisenhower speaking. From his place of convalescence, his Gettysburg farm, the President spoke to the join^t convention - by telephone. His words - piped into the great hall, New York's Seventy-First Regiment Armory. The presidential address - his first formal speech since his illness, back in September.

But, before the President spoke, there was an address - by the new President of the unified labor organization. George Meany - hitherto President of the A.F. of L. Who delivered - a violent attack on the Eisenhower administration. Slashing - at both domestic and foreign policies. In the foreign field, he declared - the American people were "hookwinked" into

thinking the Geneva Conference, last summer, was a success.

Meany declared: "The American people were fooled, if you please, and told tensions were lessened - and everything was going to be all right."

So that was what preceded the presidential congratulations. With an Eisenhower call- for an end to bitterness and strife.

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The President told the Labor convention: "You are more than union members, bound together by a common goal of better wages, better working conditions, and protection of your security - through collective bargaining. You are," he added, "American citizens."

There was some slight conflict of sentiments. But, anyway, ^{the} A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. have merged - and are one. So what's the name of the new unified organization? Well, they didn't use much imagination. They just combined the two names. / A F L - C I O. So it's officially - the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Not so clumsy, if you use the initials. But, if you speak the whole name,

it's a mouthful - the American Federation of Labor and Congress
of Industrial Organizations.

FARM.

Farm surpluses piled up by the government are at a record-breaking high. The figure, as reported by the Department of Agriculture, comes to an enormous - seven billion seven hundred forty-five million dollars worth. That much government money tied up in the price support of agricultural commodities. An increase of more than a billion dollars worth - over last year.

This year's figure gives an average of forty-eight dollars worth of surplus farm products for every man, woman, and child in the United States.

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The Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, today, refused an answer to a question. Chairman Lewis Strauss, appearing before a Senate Sub-Committee, declared - that the Atomic Energy Commission took action on its own responsibility, in the cancellation of the Dixon-Yates contract. But he wouldn't say - whether or not there had been discussions with White House officials, like Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams.

(Senator Kefauver of Tennessee demanded an answer. But Chairman Strauss replied - that White House discussions of policy were not to be divulged. He said: "I believe a great constitutional issue is at stake.")

Well, it's an old argument between the White House and Congress. The White House having always claimed - presidential privilege.

VLASOV

The latest Communist nonsense - a charge that the American police incited moves against Vlasov, a member of the party of Soviet architects who visited this country. The cops - trying to get Vlasov to desert Communism.

Today Vlasov declared in lugubrious tones: "The dregs of society tried to darken our stay in the United States. They left provocative leaflets in our hotel rooms, and carried out hooligan acts." ^{RP} The news was - that Vlasov had been rebuked in the current Soviet criticism of Russian architecture. So some people advised him - not to go home.

"I gained the impression," says Vlasov, "that the provocation, was deliberately organized by the police."

Strange doings by the cops in our country. -
But it's even more remarkable, ^{also} Because Vlasov goes on

to blame the American police, ~~also~~ for events in France. Where crowds, in demonstrations, advised Vlasov not to go home. He says the French demonstrations were, as he puts it - "in accordance with a plan worked out in advance and apparently prompted by the American police."

Vlasov must think - the cops of New York or Boston operate like the old Soviet OGPU. With secret police machinations - around the world.

EDEN

British Prime Minister Anthony Eden will be in Washington - January Thirtieth, So announced at President Eisenhower's Gettysburg farm. In Washington, the President will confer with him on what are called "mutual problems." That gay Geneva spirit, so blithesome for a while -has all vanished. So where do we go from here? That's the question the President and the Prime Minister will discuss.

BERLIN

The menace of a Red blockade of West Berlin increases.

With East German Communists - making gestures to assert their "sovereignty". Soviet Russia has given those East German Reds - full recognition, as an independent government. So they're *now* boasting *that* they'll control traffic across their territory.

They say they'll withdraw permits for barge ~~and truck~~ transportation. And will decide - about insurance rates on trucks. All - an expression of "sovereignty". If the Western powers don't agree, barge and truck travel - will be stopped. That's the threat.

(The Western powers base their stand on the four-power treaty regulating the control of Berlin. A treaty - signed by Soviet Russia. But now the Russians back up their German satellite. To a British protest they reply *that* they're sending it to the "proper authorities". Meaning - the German Reds.)

CHURCHILL

Once again - the familiar voice of Churchill. Sir Winston - making his first major political address, ~~ever~~ since his retirement as Prime Minister last April. Talking to a Conservative Party meeting, he took a fling at the Bulganin-Khrushchev circus which has been touring in southern Asia.

Churchill calling it - a "surprising spectacle". And intimating - that Britain might call off the visit the two Soviet leaders are to make to Britain in the spring.

Churchill said: "It certainly has been a surprising spectacle - and one which Her Majesty's government will, no doubt, study carefully, ~~Before~~ they allow it, with suitable variants - to be repeated here."

However, the former Prime Minister did not limit himself to the Bulganin-Khrushchev road show. He went on to point out - that Soviet Russia is making rapid progress in technology. Actually, out-doing Great Britain -- in the vital field of scientific training.

"We are already surpassed by Russia," said he, "on a
Going on to say that
scale which is most alarming." "In the last ten years, ~~that~~
Soviet higher technical education for mechanical engineering -
has been developed to an extent which far exceeds anything we
have achieved."

Which echoes an alarming thought, constantly repeated
in this country. Technological education - lagging ^{*here.*}

Britain will grant home rule to Cyprus - "some time".

So stated by Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan. Who, today, said there would be - self determination for the people of that island. Where - nationalism and anti-British terrorism is rampant. But he didn't say - when.

In the House of Commons, the Foreign Secretary was asked what he meant by "some time"? But he wouldn't be specific - about the time element.

(On the troubled island, meanwhile, three persons were killed today - when terrorists ambushed a party of British Royal Marines on a mountain road. The assailants - ^{driven}~~driven~~ off after an exchange of gun-fire.)

ALGERIA

News from Algeria tells of a savage battle - between terrorists and French soldiers. Forty persons killed - in an orgy of gunfire.

It happened in an Algerian village, near the border of Tunis - where the terrorists mingled with the crowd in the market-place. Then - opened fire, suddenly , on a ~~FRAN~~ French military patrol. The soldiers fired back. The crowd in the market-place - caught in the hail of bullets. Thirty-one killed.

French tropps encircled the village, and the terrorists were trapped. They forced their way aboard a bus, crowded with fear stricken peasants - fleeing from the scene. A French patrol tried to stop the bus, and the rebels opened fire on them - shooting through the windows of the bus. So now there was another gun battle. Which ended - when the bus crashed into a ditch. Nine lives lost.

This is the worst Algerian outbreak in months. The doing - of ^{the} ~~A~~ terrorist "army of Allah".

Follow ALGERIA

Disturbances also - in Morocco - raging mobs -
in the City of Rabat. Burning shops - and exchanging
gun-fire with the police. Two killed - at least.

New violence - as political parties wrangle,
trying to form a new government under the new ^{Sultan.} ~~sovereignty~~

FOOTBALL

The Georgia State Board of Regents has made its decision in the case of the Georgia Tech football team. Should Georgia Tech play in the Sugar Bowl Game at New Orleans, January Second? Meeting - the University of Pittsburgh?

Georgia Governor Griffen wanted the game - cancelled. Because one Pittsburgh player is a Negro - Fullback Bobby Grier. Governor Griffen - an all-out advocate of segregation.

10 All of which aroused an uproar at Georgia Tech. Students - in a series of noisy demonstrations. Demanding - the Sugar Bowl Game. Burning the Governor - in effigy.

The decision was up to the Board of Regents - and they, today, voted. Georgia Tech - to go to the Sugar Bowl Game, and play Pittsburg, at New Orleans.

But they added a proviso - that, hereafter, neither Georgia Tech nor the University of Georgia shall be permitted to participate in sports events that are not segregated.

Georgia Tech - allowed to play in an unsegregated game at New Orleans. But no such game - permitted in Georgia.

All of which satisfies Governor Griffen, apparently.

Who today stated: "I congratulate the Regents for adopting this forthright declaration of policy."

TEMPERANCE

Here - is a sober statement. The adjective meaning - sensible and reasonable. The sober statement emanates from an appropriate quarter - the American Temperance Association. Which, at Mountain View, California - has issued a call for the banning of liquor on commercial airline flights. Don't serve alcoholic beverages - up in the sky.

The sober statement being as follows: "You can't throw unruly drunks out of planes - as you can out of bars."

Although, of course, some ^{real} sour character might ask -

"Why not?"

BRITAIN

The town of North Weald, in England, was hoaxed.
Made the victim - of a spectacular joke. But - there's one
saving grace.

To North Weald came His Arabic Excellency, the
Wazir El Hussein, Prime Minister of the Moslem ^{island} principality of
Socotra. The Wazir - a figure out of the Arabian Nights.
Bearded - and wearing the robes of a Prince of Araby,
glittering with jewels.

The town gave him an official welcome. "This is a
great honor," said the Mayor of North Weald, Leonard Davis.
The Wazir mumbled something in a strange language - which,
everybody supposed, was Arabic.

They gave him an official banquet. The Wazir -
displaying an excellent appetite. And - a remarkable thirst.

Upon leaving in his limousine, the Prince of Araby,
in a princely gesture - made a donation to the local church.
A check - for one ~~hundred~~ hundred and fourteen dollars.

So North Weald was annoyed intensely, when the truth

came out - that His Excellency, the Wazir El Hussein, Prime Minister of the principality of Socotra - was Johnny Johnston, a local business man of North Weald. So magnificently ~~disguished~~ disguised - that nobody recognized him. Just a local merchant - who loves a practical joke.

Hugh, the saving grace is - the donation to the church fund. The check[?] - okay! The church has ~~can~~ cashed it - for real money.