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An Editorial

"World Trade Union Conference" - What Is It?

What is this "World Trade Union Conference" and why does the American Federation of Labor—also known as our International—decide to join it? Many have asked this question. Here are a few words in explanation.

The World Trade Union Conference was not created last February in London to meet a need in the International labor field. The International Federation of Trade Unions, which came into existence in 1919, was still functioning. The International Labor Office also was a meeting ground for bona fide labor representatives from different countries.

The basic reason for the setting up of the WTUC was to bring the state-controlled Russian unions into the international labor picture. The Communist, it will be remembered, had always accepted the IFTP and some 20 years ago had created a trade union international of their own—the Proftsteiner—whither to combat the free labor movement.

In 1922, however, the Comintern high command decided that it would be in their strategic best interests to work within the established state trade union movement rather than to maintain a dual Communist labor outfit, and therefore dissolved the Proftsteiner. Since then the Russians have time and again attempted to get into the IFTP but were consistently rebuffed on the ground that they are not free unions but state labor agencies.

The CIAO, too, was unable to get admission into the International Federation of Trade Unions because the constitution of the IFTP would not permit the affiliation of more than one national center. But the CIAO, or at least the Russian government, had decided to play a role in the world labor movement, and in this desire they found themselves in intimate company with the Communist-controlled Russian unions. Hence this World Trade Union Conference, spawned largely through the medium of Mr. Walter M. Clinton, secretary of the British Trade Union Congress.

To all realistic purposes, therefore, the WTUC, which is today knocking at the gates of the state-controlled Russian unions, must be thought of in the light of Russian recognition as "spokesman for 80,000,000 workers"—just a thyroid-sacrament to revive the old Proftsteiner which was abolished by the Communists some ten years ago. It is a new "transmission belt" in the Communist drive for power, this time on the trade union field. It is a "labor front" in which the Russian trade unions, by their claims of a membership numbering over 27,000,000, bond several bodies and souls of the Communist Party, would be able to control policy and strategy.

Why did Clinton, ordinarily a progressive trade unionist, enter into this promotion of a new world labor body in company with the Communists? Couldn't he— and, for that matter, couldn't Sidney Hillman, his American collaborator—have seen through the design and league of the old Proftsteiner in this new "World Trade Union Conference"? The answer is that indeed as Clinton is concerned there was the factor, half a year ago, of the need of British foreign diplomacy to extend its contacts, and Clinton's supreme confidence that he could let the Russians into the WTUC and yet maintain British leadership over the organization. For Sidney Hillman's part in this new venture, it can only be said that since he headed over the American Labor Party of New York to the Communists lock, stock and barrel a year ago, and they have obviously become just second string to him.

Those, however, who know the Communists well, those who can see through their tricks, machinations and intrigues, are convinced, today as ever, that it is an unpardonable sin for any labor body to unite or combine with them. It is the kiss of death—sure to end up in deceit, double-dealing and eventual disaster. The American Federation of Labor knows this. Our union has learned it through bitter experience. From John L. Lewis, the man who founded the CIAO and who also thought that he could use the Communists and control them when he gave them important places in the CIAO, later came to rue his blunder.

We are firmly of the opinion that the WTUC, this new Communist world front, is headed for history's junkheap in the not distant future. British support of it, we venture to say, will peter out as soon as the Communist international "line," on the one hand, and Britain's appreciation of Russian labor support, on the other hand, undergoes a change. Signs of such a shift are already visible, even to the naked eye. Those in the labor world who have consistently said, as a matter of principle, avoided truck or contract with Communists have every reason to feel that their philosophy is sound and their stand historically correct.

National Coat Board Pleads For Gov't Small Business Aid

"Organizing the Peace"

Vice Pres. Katovsky Dies

Black Market Whitewash

Guilty: Nazis or Germans?

One of You Must Go"
British Labor is preparing for a national strike against the Government next month. Departing from the usual practice, the movement has already centered at the outset of the war five years ago, the British Labor Party has now declared that it will wage the election campaign on a platform of fighting for the rights of the workers in the face of established labor reforms in the U.S. and such reforms as have already led to strikes and threats of walk-outs by railway workers. British clerical workers went out on a general strike.

Although the rising cost of living puts them in the position of the workers, the present unset is regarded as a "general exemption on the part of the working class against conditions in which its needs are not adequately considered." Despite recent increases, some categories of workers still earn less than $7 a month and do not receive as much as $15 a month. The rises are insufficient—insufficient pay, insufficient food and insufficient civil liberties.

In Paris the labor unions have called a 10-hour strike to make sure the government does not forget its promises. Since "hourly strikes" have been staged in the Lest and Rhoine Departments where great industrial centers are located.

Swedish metal workers are demanding new labor laws. About 23,000 workers—half of the metal industry force—have been on strike since early February in a dispute for better working conditions. This is one of the main issues of the strike. Strikes in recent months have been the Swedish labor history. As it is represented, if an upheaval in the highly developed system of voluntary arbitration that has been in effect since 1828. Trade unions in Sweden have gone on strike and have won back their work. In 1940 they had a membership of 1,300,000 out of a total population of only 6,000,000.

While the official issue involved in the grievance was an attempt to lower the average labor wage, if one takes into account the wages now being lower than they were before the war, the issue has become one of social control. In general, it is generally believed that these demands, backed by the whole labor movement, will lead to an increasing social legislation. Comprehensive legislative projects have already been introduced to meet the sickness and unemployment insurance system, and now there is talk of universal social security from the compulsory national insurance network. A bill to create state-financed family allowances has already been introduced in the Swedish parliament.

Other demands by the labor movement call for full employment programs and nationalization of key industries.

Bulgarian railwaymen have been competing with each other in an effort to increase their efficiency and improve the service. Under the guidance of the central body of the Railway Trades Union, the railroaders who work best will be awarded bonuses and will represent their fellow-workers at various conferences in the nation and abroad.

Norwegian Labor, Employers Forged Underground Bonds

Norwegian workers and employers have learned how to bridge many of the gaps that were created by the war. During the five years of German occupation of their country, some harmony was established between the Norwegian Trade Union Council, delegates from the employers, and workers in their militant campaign for better wages and unionization. Neither employer or worker will ever forget this.

Hanson is considered one of the outstanding leaders of the now-discorded Norwegian labor movement. He has been working for improved wages and better conditions.

You should see what's happening.

Back home, the unions have pushed wages up to zilch.

Scrillion dollars a week.

I've just been discharged.

I'd like a try at one of those jobs paying zilch.

Scrillion bucks.

You were holierin' about 'em—where are they?

01375-0E-517 is the formula announced by the Office of Price Administration to terminate the rubber and petroleum price controls. New regulations for the conservation of natural resources are also in effect. The new rules require the government to fix prices for raw materials, such as rubber, which are subject to discretion and value, as well as other civic items.

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Katovsky Loss Mourned By All Cleveland Labor

Abraham W. Katovsky, a vice president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union since 1934 and manager of the Cleveland Joint Board since 1932, died suddenly on May 15 after a short illness. He was 55 years old.

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"News" stated: "He had lived to see the world that he was striving to achieve. At his funeral a large group of friends and colleagues expressed their appreciation for his leadership and his devoted service to the ILGWU."

The Cleveland "Citizen," a labor publication using the following language: "Abraham Katovsky believed there was nothing too good for his members. He made himself his brother's keeper. He has fought the good fight. He has kept the faith. He has finished the course. He has earned eternal peace."

ILGWU Bids Aim 25% Finished

Members of the ILGWU in New York City purchased more than $3,780,000 worth of Berries E F. and G Bonds by May 27, as much as 25 per cent of the $15,000,000 goal the union has set for itself in the Seventh War Loan, according to the War Finance Commission of the U. S. Treasury Department. The union's 100,000 members in the New York area, including 30,000 of the city's Garment, Apparel, and Leather Workers with 20,000 Superfine Woolen Manufacturers in a successful campaign to get its members to join the drive.

Under the proposed regulation, which would become effective on June 1, employers would be required to register with the Board of Education by the end of the school year. The Board of Education will administer the program, and the Board of Education will be responsible for enforcement.

Liberal Party Set To Confer Soon On Mayoral Candidate

ILGWU members of the Liberal Party have been asked to meet with the Liberal Party National Committee to discuss the possibility of a Liberal Party slate for the mayoral election. The meeting is expected to take place in the next few weeks.

Tuvim Blasts 'Shady' Firms At Hearing on Homework

An open hearing on a proposed order to restrict industrial homework called by Edward Cord, State Industrial Commissioner, on March 14, in the State Office Building, 80 Center St., New York, drew a large crowd. The Commissioner expressed the opinion, among others, that manufacturers should report to the Department of Labor the names of all persons engaged in home work. Under the proposed regulation, which would become effective on June 1, employers would be required to register with the Board of Education by the end of the school year. The Board of Education will administer the program, and the Board of Education will be responsible for enforcement.
Art Exhibit by Local 91, Dedicated to Italian Aid

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The women, who were represented in the show by 52 works, were selected from a group which presented 138 examples of their paintings during the exhibition.

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Unity Season Begins June 2

Unity House, the ILOGUY vacation resort at Forest Park, Pa., will launch its 25th season on June 2. Guests will be received until the end of the third week in September, the management announced. During the 15 weeks of the season, Unity House expects to host more than 10,000 guests including week-end visitors. Judging by advance bookings at the Unity House office, it is anticipated that the 1945 season will run up an attendance record.

As customary, the season will be formally opened in a grand com- mitment, to be followed by greetings from the chairman of the United House Committee, Vice Pres.孤立. The concert will feature Belle Baker, Cookie Bowers, Ben Wolf and other noted Broadway performers.

The Unity House management has announced that Mrs. Reamer Hon- bett may pay a visit to the ILOGUY vacation resort on July 2. A group of war loan sales will be undertaken to take place during that week-end, it was announced.

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Benefit Rules Liberalized For Those Shifting Shops

Supplementary regulations governing health and vacation benefits for members of one of the local ILGWU who transfer to or work under the jurisdiction of another local were issued recently by the New York Dress Joint Board Health Committee in the interest of broadening and clarifying the regulations governing the benefit system.

Supplementary regulations for health and vacation benefits are as follows, together with other important information:

**SUPPLEMENTARY VACATION PAYMENT RULES**

1. Any ILGWU member, no matter what local he may belong to, has earned a year's vacation pay if he has worked for a year and more in any branch of the women's garment industry functioning under a vacation plan, is entitled to the vacation payment on the basis of the year's employment as the member of the local in which he is employed, provided his employment does not exceed six months at a time or more than two years in any one year. He is entitled to any vacation benefit for the time he is employed in any branch of the industry that does not have vacation regulations.

2. A Dress Joint Board member who was discharged from membership before receiving the vacation payment for the year is entitled to one-quarter of the regular vacation payment for each year of the year's employment in a joint board. Provided the separation is due to pregnancy, illness or removal to another part of the country because of health reasons, the member will receive the amount due him by the unit Health Center or by some medical authority. If the separation is due to any other reason, no vacation benefits will be paid.

3. A member who is otherwise entitled to receive vacation benefits and who is away from the city for more than two weeks for any reason other than business of the local, will receive his vacation payment provided his absence from the city is due to illness or some other sufficient cause.

**SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH REGULATIONS**

1. Any ILGWU member, no matter what local he may belong to, has earned health benefits if he has worked for one year and more in any branch of the women's garment industry operating under a health fund. An ILGWU member, for example, who has been employed less than a year or a year and more but less than one year in any one branch, that period does not count for his vacation payment. Furthermore, if he has worked less than six months altogether, he is not entitled to any vacation benefits.

2. A member of a local without any vacation plan, if he has been employed for six consecutive months or more, but less than a year, in the jurisdiction of the Dress Joint Board, is entitled to half the regular vacation payment from the Dress Joint Board. If he has been employed less than six months, he is not eligible to any vacation benefits. If he has been employed for six months or more, but less than a year, in the jurisdiction of the Dress Joint Board, he has earned half the regular vacation payment from the Dress Joint Board. If he has been employed less than six months, he is not eligible to any vacation benefits.

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4. A Dress Joint Board member who transfers to another ILGWU local, that has no vacation plan, or places in which such a branch of the industry is not entitled to one-quarter of the regular vacation payment for every quarter of the year he has been employed in a joint board shop. However, he is not entitled to any vacation benefit for the time he is employed in any branch of the industry that does not have vacation regulations.

5. A Dress Joint Board member who was discharged from membership before receiving the vacation payment for the year is entitled to one-quarter of the regular vacation payment for each year of the year's employment in a joint board. Provided the separation is due to pregnancy, illness or removal to another part of the country because of health reasons, the member will receive the amount due him by the unit Health Center or by some medical authority. If the separation is due to any other reason, no vacation benefits will be paid.

**DO NOT LOSE YOUR SICK BENEFITS—REPORT ANY ILLNESS IMMEDIATELY**

According to the rules of the Health Fund, sick benefit payments are calculated from the day on which the sickness is reported to the union office. If you don't want to lose any sick benefit, be absolutely sure to report any illness immediately. Report in person, by messenger or by telephone. Any delay on your part may mean a loss in sick benefit.

**$600,000 Relief Mark Near**

The New York dressmakers' contributions of a day's pay to the ILGWU 1945 War Relief Fund already amount to $531,723.15 and there is every prospect that they will reach the record figure of $600,000. The effort was launched by a joint committee report by Nathaniel M. Mindlin, secretary-treasurer of the ILGWU, and by the Federation of Labor and Industry, on May 16. The report was prepared at a meeting of the Joint Board. A total of $501,477 contributions by 11,803 members of the ILGWU and the Federation of Labor and Industry, the New York Dress Joint Board—Local 22, the New York Weavers Joint Board—Local 60, the New York Garment Workers Joint Board—Local 22, the New York Machinists Joint Board—Local 14, the New York Garment Workers Joint Board—Local 22, the New York Garment Workers Joint Board—Local 89, the New York Garment Workers Joint Board—Local 2, and other organizations, will be expected to raise the grand total to the $600,000 mark.

**For Better Sight—and Better Service**

A War Loan Drive

BUY BONDS—BIG!
Today and Tomorrow

By LEIGH ANTONI
First Vice Pres., ILGWU

A heavy blow struck our union on May 13 when Vice President Abraham Katovsky, member of the Joint Board of Cleveland, O., and member of the ILGWU General Executive Board, after a lifetime of devotion to our cause, died of a heart attack.

With the premature end of Abraham Katovsky, our union friends of Cleveland, O., and the working class, have lost a true son, and our ILGWU and our America have lost a true friend.

The late Abraham Katovsky was one of the most devoted and idealistic leaders of our union. He was one of the first to join the ILGWU General Executive Board and had been its member for over thirty years.

He was a man of the people, working class, and his dedication to the cause of workers' rights was unwavering. He was always ready to stand up for what he believed in, and his commitment to the union and to his country never wavered.

Abraham Katovsky was a true leader, a true friend, and his legacy will live on in the memories of all of us who remain to continue the work he started and carry on his ideas in which he devoted himself so fully.

Vacation Checks

Next week, the annual vacation checks for members of our union will be mailed out. The vacation checks are a benefit provided by the union to help members celebrate the end of the work week.

While the funds may not be substantial, they are a symbol of the union's commitment to its members and its efforts to provide some financial support during the summer months.

We encourage all members to use their vacation checks to relax, enjoy the outdoors, and spend some quality time with their families.

Ardent Americanism

Last Sunday, May 30, all cities in the Union were asked to display an "American Lion" flag. The celebration in New York City took place at the Central Park Carousel. A million flags were presented, it was reported, joined in the flag as the "American Lion." The event was a celebration of American patriotism.

"I Am an American Lion" is the slogan of the American Lionism movement, which was established in 1917 to encourage American patriotism.

ITALY OWNS TRIESTE

Labor Council Says

An article appearing in the Trieste issue of the Italian Langue, an American newspaper, which is issued every Friday night, may interest your readers. It is the story of how the Italian government acquired Trieste.

The story begins with the Treaty of Saint-Germain, which ended World War I. At the peace conference, it was agreed that Italy would receive Trieste at the end of the war. However, at the time of the signing, the Italian government was in the hands of right-wing forces led by Benito Mussolini.

The story continues with the Italian government's plans to secure Trieste. It describes how the Italian government sent forces to the city, and how the Italian soldiers occupied the city without resistance. The story concludes with a statement that Trieste is now firmly under Italian control.

BRIGHTER PROSPECT SEEN FOR ITALIANS

The prospects for a bright future are shining for the Italian people. The Italian government has taken many steps to improve the living conditions of the Italian people, and the Italian people are responding to these efforts.

The Italian economy is expanding, and the Italian people are experiencing a sense of hope and optimism for the future. The Italian government has invested heavily in education, healthcare, and other social programs, and the Italian people are benefiting from these investments.

Trieste is one of the most promising cities in Italy, and the Italian government has invested heavily in the city to attract businesses and tourists. The Italian government has also taken steps to improve the infrastructure of the city, and the Italian people are benefiting from these investments.

Trieste is a city of opportunity, and the Italian government is doing everything it can to ensure that the Italian people have a bright future. The Italian government is committed to improving the living conditions of the Italian people, and the Italian people are responding to this commitment with hope and optimism.

Their Paths Crossed in the Pacific

The story of the USS Australia and the USS Australia is an inspiring tale of heroism and sacrifice. The story begins with the USS Australia, which was on a mission to transport troops to the Pacific Theater of Operations. The story continues with the USS Australia, which was attacked by Japanese planes, and the story concludes with a statement that the USS Australia and the USS Australia worked together to defeat the Japanese.

The USS Australia and the USS Australia were two of the most important ships in the Pacific Theater of Operations. The USS Australia was a cruiser, and the USS Australia was a battleship. The USS Australia and the USS Australia worked together to defeat the Japanese, and the story of their heroism and sacrifice is a testament to the courage and dedication of the American people.

The story of the USS Australia and the USS Australia is an inspiring tale of heroism and sacrifice, and it is a reminder of the importance of working together to defeat our enemies.
EOT Vacation Checks Sped For Mid-June Distribution

EOT Vacation checks are being mailed by the Eastern Out-of-Town Department. The office staff of the Eastern Out-of-Town Department is working at top speed in an effort to complete the drawing up of more than 20,000 checks by the middle of June when the distribution of vacation benefits to EOT members is scheduled to begin.

Among the recipients of the vacation benefits are the many Eastern Out-of-Town Department employees who have been working at the company since its inception in 1945.

ILG GAINS PACT AT TALLEYRAND SPORTS

After repeated attempts over a period of several years, the Tallersyon, a local union of the ILGWU, has finally reached an agreement with the Tallersyon Sportswear Corporation to install a contract for the benefit of its members.

The contract covers wages, hours, and other working conditions, and is expected to improve the lives of the Tallersyon workers.

Jersey Coat Workers Renew War Pledges After Veterans Show Absenteeism Peril

Servicemen, management, and labor met at Jersey Coat Co. plant, Paterson, N. J., in an early morning meeting in an effort to improve absenteeism.

"It is a sad day for the country," said one of the service men who attended the meeting. "I'm sure the minimum amount of work will be done here today."
WASHINGTON

BY WILL ALLEN
Special to "Justice"

SAN FRANCISCO.—By this time dispatch is read the delegates to the World Security Conference here will be preparing to wind up their deliberations and to sign the charter they have labored for many months to draw up. This moment, therefore, is appropriately one for a summation of what has really been accom plished in the work of the conference so far, and the charter goes to meet the hopes of the peoples of the earth for a new era of inter national peace.

It would be impossible to present a clear picture of the truth without naming some of the specific accomplishments which have been made. For this reason, it is well to remember that there is no great deal of misunderstanding of the significance of the work of the World Security Conference.

Some weeks ago, in Washington, one of our city's leaders, Woodrow Wilson, was in charge of public affairs. In this capacity, he was able to outline the principles on which the conference would confine itself to the judicial and political problems to be decided by the conference. He was able to present a clear picture of the world situation, and of the aims of the conference, and to explain what is meant by the term "peace." The conference has thus far been successful in making the conference a success.

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Labor Strike Shown in New Pamphlets by Education Dept.

The broad sheets of world and national affairs as they affect labor's welfare are the subject of several recent pamphlets published by the Industrial Division of the League of Nations. One of the most useful pamphlets is the new pamphlet entitled "Labor in the New Deal Decade," a report of the League of Nations."" This pamphlet is published by the ILO, a labor organization for the League of Nations.

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Katovsky Eulogized As True Comrade-in-Arms

By MEYER PERLSTEIN, V.P.

I met Abram Katovsky for the first time in 1916 when he was assigned by the late President Schleinger to resume union organization activity in Cleveland. We worked together on the sidewalk in front of a cloak shop in which Katovsky was working as a tailor. In those days in Cleveland, being union members was not a subject for a cloakmaker.

The cloak shop was set up to replace the victorious employers after the 1913 lockout. Three hundred cloak workers had operated out of a central office where an Index of names and fines. One of those shops was the garment industry was kept.

The cloak shop was staffed by a small group of workers who were eager to talk to any new worker who entered the shop and wanted to get or keep a job in the garment industry.

ILT Counter-Offensive

To quote the Morris A. Bickel blacklist, the ILGWU convention in Chicago in July of this year was its major campaign in Cleveland. The task was assigned to me, and I found it a difficult task in those days. The cloak workers still vividly remember their misery and the hardships they endured in coming to meetings, and would not even be seen walking down the street with a union organizer. Labor spies, informers, watch dogs with cameras, and worm detectives were shadowed by police. Peer and group pressure made it impossible for the workers in that town to take a stand in 1913.

Outstanding among those first courageous workers were the late Abraham Katovsky, Ira Katovsky, and Elliott Katovsky, who was present at the meeting.

The shop-stewards movement continued for a couple of years until 1916 when we sufficiently well organized to demand a new contract. The strike brought the first collective agreement in the Cleveland cloak industry. Out of this strike, a leadership was already given up a leadership in the Cleveland ILGWU which was later named the first local in Abram Katovsky and Joseph Strauss.

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1918 General Strike

When the 1918 general strike was called, 900 workers were already working on the American Eagle, with 1800 workers on the cloak factories. The entire ILGWU was in a body. The strikers, however, were too late in reaching the plant to prevent the strike, but the workers remained at their machines. It was a victory for the leadership of Katovsky and Ellighton, who was the first to break the strike.

The union, after the strike, immediately faced new problems, complying with the Demobilization Act, and organizing in every part of the country. The union leadership was the principal of the union's role in the extension of scientific management, which has a passionate advocate in Martin A. Bickel, who was a Harvard graduate and a great believer in engineering principles.

Three studies, conducted by me and later adopted by several manufacturers and workers, were radical in those days. It was politically demanded for a union repre-
Help on the Highway to Health

Hazel Hald (left) receives health benefit check in Queen City.

The survey of the department's field staff held in New York on May 14.

The head offices of the department were present to distribute some 30,000 individual vacation payments starting in June. With the entire membership of the department coming together for a convention under different agreements, the need for coordinating the distribution of benefits was growing urgent.

Approximately 80 per cent of the payments to be paid out have been collected by the department under terms of agreements which the department has regulated. The remaining 20 per cent under terms of New York State Board of Labor Board as well as agreements negotiated by Local 23, Blumnickers, and Local 62, Undertakers.

Reports on the member's work in all the plants and their activities in the Big Bend district, the unions are forward to each local for distribution, all accounts have been carefully checked. The completion of this task is incertified by the fact that many members have during the past year put in work under terms of one of these contracts.

Reports on members' work on the operation of health and vacation payments systems that arise from the operation of health in rural areas and possibilities of eliminating some of the unnecessary payments were made during the meeting. They are being considered for possible elimination in the future.

The meeting was adjourned on Friday, May 14, 1943, and the next meeting was to be held on Saturday, May 23, 1943, at 10:00 a.m.

J. M. O'Brien

New Pact Approved by Egypt Workers

The new contract between the Egypt Workers at the Egypt Dam, Alamo, Texas, last month ended the agreement between the employers and Local 23, Underwriters and Workers.

The latest agreement is for a wage scale and work described in the new contract.

The hours of work will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a 1-hour lunch period. The scale of wages will be $1.50 per hour for the first 40 hours, $1.75 per hour for the next 40 hours, and $2.00 per hour for the next 40 hours.

The new contract goes into effect on June 1, 1943.

McKeltick Agrees On Master Clauses; 7 Plant Pacts Set

The master agreement bringing Improved wages rates higher and similar benefits has been signed.

In the nine plants of the McKeltick-Wilson Co. has been

Individual agreements have been added to the Con- management. These three plants, St. Louis, Bloomfield, and Pennsylva-...

Wage scale was one of the best in the list so far reached.

Crystal Scales Up in Periodic Review

The periodic review of wage rates provided for at the David Crystal warehouse has been completed.

A regular feature of the contracts is the periodic review of agreements, to ensure that the terms of the agreement are being met. The review will be conducted by a special committee, which will be appointed by the employers, and the findings will be reported to the local union.

The basketball team of Local 178 Fall River, Mass., is in their last game of the season.
Economic planning to encourage a greater exchange of goods and services, and the establishment of small businesses during the post-war reconstruction period were endorsed at the closing session of the three-day meeting of the Executive Committee of the U.S. Bonding Industry Recovery Board on May 23 in New York City. 

Business leaders in the food and em-

ploymemt groups from cost and public interests sections of the country took a part in the conference, which re-

ceived reports from and reports on the work of the Bonding Industry Recovery Board.
Local 66 Bowlers Defeat Allentown Team For ILG Alley Crown; Return Match Set

Eighth Wartime Panel
Organizing the Peace

“Organizing the Peace,” the eighth wartime panel discussion sponsored by the Educational Department of the ILGWU, held before a capacity audience numbering almost 200, on May 19 in the studio of the ILGWU Building. The eminent scholars and publicists who made up the panel were Mrs. William Taylor, professor of economics at Columbia University, Dr. Donald O. Towsbrough, professor of history at Teachers College, Mrs. Harrison Thomas, chairman of the national cultural committee for the United Nations, Dr. Breton Woods, chairman of the United Nations, Dr. Breton Woods, chairman of the United Nations, and Dr. Breton Woods, chairman of the United Nations, and Dr. Breton Woods, chairman of the United Nations.

Public Opinion Vital
Miss Cohn opened the session by emphasizing that public opinion is now determined on all levels, including the shops, mills, factories, tenements, and communities. She pointed out that the opinion of the working people may tip the scales in determining the decisions of government, and that the attainment of economic differences is the only basis for a lasting peace and civil life, and that the world's struggle for a lasting peace and civil life is the world's struggle for a lasting peace and civil life.

Brigade Talk In Economics

The economic aspects of theversations during the ILGWU Women's Service Brigade's meeting on May 21 by Dr. Breton Mitchell, the union's chief of research, and Mr. Bailey, a former member of the League of Nations staff, were examined. The contrast between the economic planning used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the planning used by the BLS figures ignored important factors.

The shortage of material is likely to continue, according to the clothing industry, for the near future, according to the clothing industry.

Our Ally in Asia

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Co-Op in Britain Help To Keep Prices in Line

Polls of 20 per cent of the rationed foodstuffs in Britain are in the hands of 400,000 members, declared Ellen Wilkinson, Labour Party member of Parliament, in her address to the Fifth International Co-operative Congress in BasFrancaise, France. The congress is under the leadership of the cooperative movement in Europe.

Miss Wilkinson emphasized that the wide benefits brought to co-operative workers and their families during the wartime food crisis were also a powerful bulwark in the nation as a whole.

"More important than the savings made by the co-operatives is their effect on the entire economy of Great Britain by keeping prices in line," said Miss Wilkinson.

Gov't Cautions On Casualty Swindles

One of the most heartless swindles to be met with after the war is reported on the next of 3,000 of Army and Navy cassetables by unscrupulous producers. There is such a large number of these schemes that the War Department and the police are warning the public to beware of them.

The scheme takes various forms, and the most common of which is to tell relatives that their dead soldier has been given a particular ranking in a new club and that the family can get a share of it if they ask for deposit in advance or accept shares in the club. The money is never received and the transactions are fraudulent.

Nurseries Continue As Moms Hold Jobs

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Staff members of the Union Health Center in Philadelphia were honored guests at a dinner given last month by the Health Committee of the Waist and Dress Joint Board. Left to right: Dr. Louis C. McGlynn, Dr. Joseph A. Langhorne, medical director of the center, and Dr. Isabel R. Roe.

The greatest assets of a country is its young, and the aim of a democratic society should be to bring its children to a sound and healthy maturity. If they are to carry on the tradition of our country, we must see that all children are provided with adequate health facilities. William Green, president of the AFL, said recently, "Every central labor union should find out whether any of its members are inadequately safeguarded by health safeguards and to all children the right to be healthy, to be followed by skilled health workers and trained medical personnel. He further urged that the special services not provided for the women and children of our families should be preserved and extended into practice for the benefit of all families in India. We hereby endorse this proposal. Such action is surely needed.

Cpl. Murray Schack plans to go back to his Seventh Ave. canteen some day. Right now he has been selected by the 415th Troop Carrier Squadron, based in the India theatre of war, as a new rifleman.

Cpl. Schack has been in service for a little over a year. He was a Presidential citation, the ETC, the Bronze Star, and other decorations.

An Editorial

German Guilt

THE CALL, a Socialist publication of the abstract Norman Thomas persuasion, takes President Dohmsky to task for "supporting punishment of the German people as the only form of retribution" for the cold-blooded Nazi policy of extermination. Mr. Dohmsky, in his talk at the"American National Memorial, said nothing of the kind. As quoted in "Justice" of May 1, he declared, among other things: "The guilt for the murder of millions of innocent human beings in Poland and elsewhere must be pronounced not only on those who committed the unspeakable crimes with their own hands. A great part of the guilt rests heavily upon those German people who for years were aware of the crimes of their nationals and did nothing to prevent them, did not even protest against them."

He further said that the large masses of Germans who approved the act of extermination must be absolved of this guilt. He pointed out that while workers in occupied lands—Denmark, France, Holland, Poland, Norway and others—had organized effective underground resistance to the Nazis at the cost of untold sacrifice, the German people had shown no signs of revolt. "The hope of Germany's redeeming herself of her barbarous recent past," Dohnmsky added, "depends on the development of a genuine free labor movement. And the quickest way in which German labor itself can return to the fold of the world free labor movement is by its own unmistakable availability making it unavoidable for the German people ever again to become a tool in the hands of dictators and war-makers."

There is, of course, nothing in these remarks suggesting "long-range subjugation of the German people" or "Vendettary fascism," nor can the resurgence of labor organization in Germany be envisioned as the fruit of street tempest and coddling. The world does not— and will not—feel that way toward Germany for many years to come.
WHAT PRICE BLACK MARKET?

The Allen Street of the beryl and pork tycoons against America's consumers is proceeding mildly—and profitably.

The score, thus far, is a thick black market in meats which has driven half of our urban population that can afford it into restaurants, while the other half is gradually forgetting what meat tastes like. There's hardly a point in blaming the OPA for this debacle or in shifting the entire blame to the neighborhood butcher who bootlegs his small supply of meat or fowl before he parts with it on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. In most cases, this butcher has nothing to sell.

But where is the American meat? Department of Agriculture statisticians tell us that we have more cattle today than at any time within memory. Leased, we are also informed, took only 5 per cent of our meat last year, and none of it was paid back in reverse-leased to our men overseas. Why, and at what price—a meat being kept off the American dinner table? Our war agencies have had control of the meat picture from the very beginning, coming up everywhere with such "positive" actions as piping additional sides into the pockets of the meat lords despite the admitted fact that the cattle breeders and packers are already making unromantic profits.

Congress knows—or should know—that the pick-up in meat is being perpetrated upon a helpless American public by as vicious a band of profiteers as ever cursed our general community in time of war or peace. But did you ever, in the past couple of years, hear of any Congressional proposal for an honest-to-goodness check upon the meat picture? Would the Lord down their collared bones? Did you ever hear of a Congressional ultimatum served on the meat moguls which might convince these noble free- enterprisers that the government means business this time and is ready to break their strike against the black-faced American meat consumer?

Yet, instead of wielding the big stick, an act which undoubtedly would be greeted with the hearty approval of 60 per cent of our population, we observe War Mobilizer Vinson offering the cattle growers another subsidy, emboldened this time with a pie-in-the-sky hope that this latest handout will give us more beef in six months from the present. If anything the same way, there is Mayor La Guardia's idea that restaurant eaters be made to turn in red points for their meals—an idea that might have been of some value two or three years ago but looks like an utter futility, if not an impossibility, at the present juncture.

It is hardly necessary to add, of course, that black market vagraro are coping with the meat situation, shipping meat to market, buying at lower prices and slyly other items which pass as living necessities are affected to a greater or lesser degree. Ostensibly, ceiling prices prevail in every retail establishment, and OPA charts are prominently on display in all grocery and butcher stores. But under the shucking experience of the past few years the intimate consumer has learned to look upon these charts as so many Samskirt, having come to accept the black market as an inerasable accomplishment of wartime—something which neither he nor his government can hope to overcome.

Compare the lugubrious black market picture here with the handling of the same problem in England.

There, the Ministry of Food, since the onset of the war, has been the legal "owner" of the basic foodstuffs—meats, dairy products and canned goods. Not in theory but in fact, the government is the primary distributor of these major edibles and controls all transactions down to the retailing end, at which point the grocer and butcher enter the scene. In meats for instance, the Ministry fixes maximum prices for all cuts, yielding a suitable profit to the retail butcher. There is no need for price control at that stage as the Ministry buys livestock at fixed prices for slaughter by packing firms which are likewise under government control.

But isn't this socialism?—we hear some voice signing in alarm—isn't this government intrusion into the fields of production and distribution? It would seem, nevertheless, that the national economy has borne up pretty well under this wartime socialism and that Great Britain has thereby succeeded in winning her greater war without inflation, without black markets and without the fear that it might cause permanent injury to her age-old way of life. If this be socialism, furthermore, there is the hope that the British people, having tasted of it under the disciplines and exigencies of the war, will come to demand a lot more of it when peace finally arrives.