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LABOR BOARD GIVEN FULL LEGAL POWERS

National Board Becomes Part Of Governmental Set-Up With Past Procedures Okayed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (A.P.)—President Roosevelt yesterday clothed the national labor board with the full legal power it had lacked since its existence was announced by the President, in a public statement more than four months ago.

He issued an executive order, officially defining the duties of the board, the first order to fix the organization's standing in the governmental set-up.

The order was retrospective, saying that "all action heretofore taken by this board in the discharge of its functions is hereby approved and ratified."

The board, headed by Senator Wagner, of New York, has proposed to take court action on the election of union officials at the Weirton Sheet Company and the E. G. Budd Manufacturing Company.

The labor board came into existence on Aug. 6 when President Roosevelt, at Hyde Park, issued, for newspapers and the public a statement saying that industrial leaders and labor had proposed the "creation of a distinguished tribunal to pass promptly on any case of hardship or dispute, that may arise from interpretation or application of the President's re-employment agreement."

The seven members were given offices in the national recovery administration. In the commerce, building and agriculture have functioned in mediating several hundred labor disputes.

The battle in the labor board found itself, however, were said to have brought to Senator Wagner a doubt that this organization had sufficient legal standing.

"Mr. Roosevelt's executive order becomes law by virtue of the power given him under the national re-employment act."

One section of his order treated of the board's power "to settle by mediation, conciliation or arbitration all controversies between employers and employees which tend to impede the purposes of the national industrial recovery act provided, however, the board shall not fail to take cognizance of all controversies between employers and employees in any field of industry where a means of settlement provided for, by agreement, industrial code, or federal law, has not been invoked."

The labor board has requested Attorney General Cummings to obtain an injunction to prevent the Weirton Steel Company from possible interference with union elections at its plants in Weirton and Charleroi, West Virginia, and Wheeling, Ohio.

A similar move was understood to have been taken in the case of the Budd Body Company, union officials meeting at Philadelphia.

Greater Party Is Free To All Local Children

The Miami Theatre's big annual Christmas Party is free to all children in this city or county although such child may bring a bag of potato chips if he or she likes to help in caring for the poor, which it was stated today by theater manager Mrs. L. Marmon.

"It is not necessary that every child bring a bag of food in order to be allowed to see the special Christmas program," Mr. Marmon said. "This is to be our greatest treat, to our children. However, we want as many as possible to bring some food, so that we can turn over to the welfare board for distribution among the poor."

The party will be held at the theater Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. A feature film is to be shown, and a short comedy, "The Girl Who," will complete the program.

HEAVY GIVER



HOPKINS RAPS TALMADGE FOR CHIDING CWA

Administrator Terms Georgia Governor As "Yapping" Hunter Of News Headlines

ATLANTA, Dec. 20. (A.P.)—Governor Talmadge of Georgia, who in times past has trained his fire of attack on a number of things, let fly in volley at the civil works administration wage scale yesterday, to be unanswered in Washington by Harry Hopkins, CWA chief, who said "all that guy (Talmadge) is after is heads."

In a statement published here yesterday, the governor criticized the wage scale paid by the CWA and said it is maintained "by farmers and practically all other lines of private business in Georgia will be up against it for labor next spring."

To this Hopkins replied that the civil works program would be completed before spring, cultivation required additional labor.

"I'm glad to hear that it is about over," Talmadge responded. Hopkins said the governor "doesn't contribute a dime" to the CWA work "but he's always yapping."

"Some people," Hopkins added, "just can't stand to see others making a living wage."

Other than expressing pleasure at the prospect of early termination of the CWA's activities in Georgia, Talmadge had little to say about Hopkins' statement except that "I don't care for the statements as 'yapping' and similar to him as a dog."

The governor's original statement appeared in *The Statesman*, a newspaper published here of which he is the associate editor.

Slack Denies That He Sought 5 Percent Fee

ATLANTA, Dec. 20. (A.P.)—In a written statement yesterday Harry B. Slack, dismissed by Secretary Ickes, public works administrator as engineer examiner for the PWA in Georgia, said the implication that "I tried to get a percent commission" from the State of Georgia for securing a federal loan for bridges is false.

Secretary Ickes, in his note of dismissal, made public at Washington Monday, charged Slack, a former bridge engineer of the state highway department, told Georgia state officials "he could get a \$2,000,000 allotment of PWA funds for bridge construction if paid a 5 percent commission for drawing up plans for the structures."

"The company is setting up no reserves," Stalker added, "and we feel that is not as it should be. There is no doubt in my mind that the company will suffer some losses."

Slack contended in his questioning of Lord that the letters constituted a "command from the throne." Lord was equally persistent in asserting that boards of directors of the subsidiary institutions were free to make their own decisions.

Earlier the committee heard Lord attribute the Detroit banking collapse to the depression and describe the efforts of large stockholders to save the bank's banking structure with contributions of \$27,000,000, including \$12,000,000 by Edsel Ford and the Ford Motor Company.

Following this statement, Peoria drew from the former holding company head assertions that mistakes included the action taken in proceeding with the formation of the Guardian group "at the peak" acceptance of too many mortgages, and the holding of stock in a joint land bank.

Woman Fliers Hop Off Seeking New Record

MIAMI, Dec. 20. (A.P.)—Planning to be aloft until after New Year's, Helen Blaney and Miss Frances Marsalis took off in their plane at 10:42 A. M., today in an effort to set a woman's refueling endurance record.

The plane is the same one in which Mrs. Marsalis and Miss Gentry fell off a record on Dec. 10 when forced down by high winds balking contact with their refueling plane. Miss Gentry since became ill, and Miss Blaney took her place.

By the Associated Press. Stormy weather justified on the North Pacific coast where three lives were lost in winter's latest gale, while the rest of the nation, especially the South, had lots of sunshine and a promise of quite a bit more.

The low pressure area which yesterday caused continuous rain over most of Dixie moved eastward and was scattering into a wide section between Louisville and New York.

Clouds as a whole continued cold but the blizzard which attacked Northeastern and made it uncomfortable in Wabash was less severe.

10,000 Jobs Created Under CWA Authority As Old Men Are Put Back On Direct Aid

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 20. (A.P.)—Jobs for approximately 10,000 skilled craftsmen in Florida were created today as the state Civil Works Executive Committee authorized county councils to replace all aged and infirm workers

with skilled men from the Federal Re-employment Service lists.

The order, made with authority from Washington, will allow all counties to obtain skilled tradesmen to carry on projects which have been delayed because there were not sufficient skilled workers on the Emergency Relief Administration rosters when the Civil Works was created.

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from the Civil Works rolls back to the Emergency Relief Administration and will be granted direct relief. Marcus Fagg, CWA executive officer, estimated the transfers would total 10,000 or more.

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