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Trial Lawyers Turn Thumbs Down on Haynsworth Issue

President Nixon's nomination of Judge Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr., to the U.S. Supreme Court suffered two more severe blows this week when the Board of Governors of the American Trial Lawyer's Association voted overwhelmingly to ask that the nomination be withdrawn or disapproved by the Senate and Republican Senator Richard S.

Schweiker of Pennsylvania announced that he would vote against confirmation despite what he called strong pressure from the White House.

The ATLA action was taken after the 55 board members present had examined charges that Judge Haynsworth had ruled on cases in which he had either a direct or indirect financial interest while serving

as a federal Appeals Court judge in South Carolina.

Leon Wolfstone, president of the 24,000 member ATLA said: "The Vend-a-Matic case and Judge Haynsworth's purchase of Brunswick Corporation stock while Brunswick litigation was still before him was disturbing to some and probably to many members of the board."

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AFL Leader Paul Scharrenberg Succumbs at 92

Paul Scharrenberg, former executive officer of the State AFL and a vital force in organized labor both in California and nationally for half a century, died in a convalescent home in Cupertino Monday. He was 92.

Mr. Scharrenberg, who swam ashore from the shipwrecked American square rigger, "New York," at Half Moon Bay on March 13, 1898, first rose to union leadership in the American Seamen's Union.

In 1909, he was elected executive secretary-treasurer of the California AFL, a position to which he was regularly re-elected until 1936.

From 1937 to 1943, he served as an advisor to Franklin D. Roosevelt and as a leading lobbyist for the AFL in Washington, D.C. And from 1943 to

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Labor's Tax Reform Drive In Jeopardy, Expert Warns

"Labor's drive to achieve tax justice in 1969 is in serious jeopardy."

That's the word just received from Andrew J. Biemiller, Director of the AFL-CIO Department of Legislation.

"An army of special interest lobbyists—intent on pre-

serving existing tax loopholes and carving out new ones for their clients at the expense of other taxpayers—has descended upon the Senate," Biemiller said.

In emphasizing the need for all affiliates and individual union members to write letters to both their U.S. Senators right now to demand tax justice, Biemiller declared:

"Like a plague of locusts, this mass lobby has devoured almost every loophole-closing section of the House tax reform measure.

"Led by the administration,"
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New Pamphlet On Tax Justice Available Free

"The issue is TAX JUSTICE," an eight-page pamphlet that summarizes the AFL-CIO's position on tax reform, is now available in quantity free to AFL-CIO affiliates.

The 3½ x 8½ inch pamphlet, which fits easily into a No. 10 envelope, is a condensed version of the statement made by

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Fed's Special Tax Reform Parley To Open Nov. 6

Union members were reminded this week that the California Labor Federation's two-day educational conference on "Taxes and the Economy," which will cover both state and federal tax problems, will open at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, November 6 at the Del Webb Towne-House in Fresno.

"In view of the unprecedented assaults being leveled against the modest tax reform provisions contained in the House-passed bill by hordes of lobbyists for special interest groups, it is particularly essential for representatives of each of our affiliates to have a thorough understanding of what tax reform—real tax reform—can mean to union members," Thos. L. Pitts, the Federation's secretary-treasurer,

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Barber's Union Opens Drive for New Members

A vigorous organizing drive aimed at netting 5,000 new members by Sept. 1, 1970 has just been launched by the AFL-CIO Barbers, Beauticians and Allied Industries International Association.

Joseph N. DePaola, the union's General President, said that the drive, dubbed "Operation 5,000," is being conducted

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Organized Labor Unites Behind Striking G.E. Workers

Organized labor united solidly this week behind 147,000 General Electric workers across the country who were forced to strike after the giant electrical manufacturing firm, the nation's fourth largest industrial corporation, spurned a union offer to submit the contract

dispute to binding arbitration.

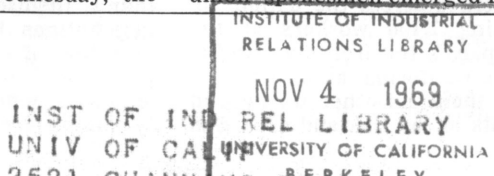
Although contract negotiations resumed Wednesday, the

third day of the strike, the session lasted only 90 minutes and union spokesmen emerged from

it saying that the company appears intent on indulging in the same unfair labor practices it has used in the past.

On the same day AFL-CIO President George Meany initiated action to raise a multi-million dollar war chest to aid

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1955 he served as California's State Director of Industrial Relations under Governor Earl Warren.

In commenting on his death, Thos. L. Pitts, present executive officer of the State AFL-CIO, said:

"Paul Scharrenberg was a man of unusual eloquence and determination who devoted his entire life to the social and economic betterment of his fellow workers. His efforts in behalf of all of us will long be remembered. We deeply mourn the death of this champion of workers' rights."

Among other things, Scharrenberg served as U.S. Commissioner of Conciliation in World War I; was a member of President Wilson's Conference on Industrial Relations; an advisor to the shipping board section of the National Recovery Administration (NRA) and represented the United States as a labor delegate to the International Labor Conference at Geneva in 1936. He also served as a member of the Advisory Committee of the U.S. Public Health Services Division on Occupational Health.

In 1916, when the efforts of workers to unionize were being violently opposed by both employers and the government, Mr. Scharrenberg delivered an address to the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco which spelled out workers' rights to the club's largely conservative members in no uncertain terms.

Unions, he declared, are the working man's "means to enforce a decent regard for his needs as a man who possesses not only hands to work and a stomach to fill, but also a heart to hope and a soul to save."

Private funeral services were held Tuesday. Mr. Scharrenberg was entombed at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park in Colma.

He is survived by a daughter Mrs. William R. Lawson of Menlo Park, with whom he lived prior to hospitalization, and by two grandchildren, Paula Groom and William R. Lawson, Jr. and three great grandchildren.

Labor Unites Behind G.E. Workers Forced to Strike

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the striking workers.

Just last Tuesday the U.S. Court of Appeals in New York upheld an unfair labor practices charge against General Electric that stemmed from contract negotiations nearly 10 years ago with the AFL-CIO International Electricians Union (IUE).

This old case, which is related to the current strike in that G.E. appears to be engaging in similar tactics, was brought by the National Labor Relations Board. The NLRB charged that G.E. refused to furnish information requested by the union, attempted to deal separately with various union locals and presented an insurance program on a take-it-or-leave-it basis.

In the majority opinion, Judge Irving B. Kaufman, held that an employer cannot combine "take-it-or-leave-it" bargaining methods with a widely publicized stance of "unbending firmness" so that he can't alter a position once it is taken.

This tactic, known as Boulwarism because it's named after a former company vice president who devised it, was denounced by Meany as a procedure that makes a mockery of the word negotiate.

The court said the tactic appeared to be associated with General Electric's "entire attitude toward its employees" and amounts to an attempt to reduce the union to a meaningless organization.

"This plan had two major facets, first a take-it-or-leave-it approach to negotiations which emphasizes both the powerlessness and the uselessness of the union to its members and second a program that pictured the company as the true defender of the employee interests," the decision pointed out.

The strike, which involves 12 unions, affects plants in about 130 cities across the nation, including 1,100 workers at the company's flat iron plant in Ontario, California, as well as several thousand other workers in plants in the Oakland area, San

Jose and other S.F. Bay Area G.E. facilities.

Little over a week ago, Meany, as chairman of the AFL-CIO Coordinated Bargaining Committee for General Electric and Westinghouse, urged General Electric to abandon its "19th century approach to labor relations" and make "a realistic proposal that would lead to a reasonable settlement."

But, he warned, "if G.E. forces the workers to strike, as they seem determined to do, I want General Electric management, stockholders and customers to know this:

"The G.E. strikers will have every bit of support they need from the entire AFL-CIO until the hour of victory."

IUE President Paul Jennings, the largest union in the coalition, has predicted that the strike may be a long one.

Among other AFL-CIO unions involved are the International Association of Machinists; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; the Allied Industrial Workers; and the Sheetmetal Workers.

Law Signed to Free Funds for Scholarships

It's legal now for employers to contribute to union-management day care centers and college scholarship programs for workers' children.

A labor-backed amendment to the Taft-Hartley Act that won near-unanimous approval from both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate has been signed into law by President Nixon.

The legislation, which culminates a two-year effort by the AFL-CIO to win congressional approval, had been particularly sought by the Ladies' Garment Workers and the Clothing Workers Unions, which had found themselves stymied in negotiations by a rigid interpretation of a Taft-Hartley Act provision limiting the uses of employer contributions to jointly-administered welfare funds.

ILPA Publishes New Directory Of Labor Press

AFL-CIO union periodicals in 34 states, three Canadian provinces and the District of Columbia with a combined circulation of 20 million are listed in the new seventh edition of the Labor Press Directory just published by the AFL-CIO International Labor Press Association.

The directory, issued each year, lists 383 publications, including 104 published by international or national unions and 270 published by state, province and city central bodies and individual local unions or groups of local unions. The remaining nine periodicals are official publications of the AFL-CIO or its departments and the official publication of the Canadian Labor Congress.

The directory includes 46 California publications, second only to the 75 entries for New York State.

(The California Labor Press Directory, published by the California Labor Federation, however, lists 195 California union periodicals in its 1968 directory. This figure includes a number of smaller mimeographed publications.)

The ILPA Directory lists the name and address of each publication, the name of the editor, frequency of publication, format, circulation, and whether the publication accepts paid advertising (124 do). It also contains the 10-point code of ethics to which all members must adhere; a list of advertising agencies serving labor publications; a list of ILPA's own publications; the names of associate members who are public relations men of unions; and a roster of regional associations affiliated with the ILPA.

Copies, at \$2 each, may be ordered from Kenneth Fiesler, ILPA Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO Building, 815 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

'Yellow Dog' Pacts Ban

"Yellow dog contracts," employment contracts in which a worker agrees not to join a union or to resign if he is a union member, were outlawed in this country by the Anti-Injunction Act of 1932.

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declared.

"The importance of letter writing and keeping up a steady pressure on our Congressional representatives simply cannot be overstated.

"The push for effective tax reforms must come from the grassroots level. To generate this push requires well informed leadership at both the local union and central body level. This conference is designed to help fill that need so I urge all affiliates to make a special effort to have representatives at this special conference," Pitts said.

The conference will also deal in depth with the need for reform of state and local tax structures, an issue likely to loom large in the 1970 legislative session in Sacramento, he pointed out.

Among the highlights of the conference will be an address by U.S. Senator Alan Cranston at the dinner session November 6.

Other speakers include Nat Goldfinger, Director of the National AFL-CIO Department of Research; Michael Peevey, Coordinator of Community Programs of the Institute of Industrial Relations at the University of California at Berkeley; Arnold Cantor, Economist of the AFL-CIO Research Department; Dr. Harold Sommers, Dean of the Department of Economics at UCLA; Dr. George Break, of the Department of Economics at the University of California at Berkeley; State Senator Nicholas Petris (D-Alameda County); Don Collin, consultant to the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation; and Gerhard Rostvold, a consulting economist of Claremont, California.

Registration fee for the conference is \$10 per registrant. Conference registration forms as well as forms for participants to make their reservations directly with the hotel were sent to all affiliates last month but additional forms may be obtained by writing to the Federation at 995 Market St., San Francisco, California 94103 or by phoning (415) 986-3585.

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which seeks to preserve tax loopholes and give tax relief to corporations rather than middle-income America, these enemies of tax justice have cut the bill to ribbons in the Senate Finance Committee."

Biemiller, a former Congressman himself and a veteran of more than a quarter of a century of legislative battles said that in all of his years in Washington he has never seen an equal to the current lobbying pressures by special interest groups.

"We must act immediately if we are to stop the big tax steal of 1969," he asserted.

Pointing out that many Senators favorable to tax reform are being besieged by these lobbyists, Biemiller said:

"They need to hear the voices of Americans demanding tax justice. The average taxpayer's voice, heard so clearly earlier this year when the bill was in the House of Representatives, is now being drowned out by the din of the loophole lobby."

"Too many people seem to think the tax justice battle was won because of the House action. It hasn't been won," he warned, adding:

"In fact we are in danger of losing it."

In just the past week or so

the Senate Finance Committee has bowed to the oil industry by voting to cut the oil depletion allowance to only 23 percent, a cut only about half as large as the slash to 20 percent approved by the House.

The Senate committee also modified a stiffer "minimum income tax" provision in the House-passed bill by voting last Friday to impose a five percent tax on income that is now tax exempt or taxed at preferential rates. But the Senate provision fails to close loopholes to insure that no taxpayer escapes taxation altogether. Instead it exempts three categories of tax preference income which will still enable persons of great wealth to escape any taxation whatever.

And just last Wednesday the Senate Committee voted for a \$445 million tax reduction for single persons in contrast to the \$650 million cut for single people over age 35 contained in the House-approved bill.

In short, the pressure for real tax reform must be regenerated immediately so that effective amendments can be made when the bill moves to the Senate floor for debate.

After all it's your money you're fighting for and surely that's worth the investment of a few six cent stamps.

Prof. Hits FDA's Drug Testing Rules

"Despite the presence of some good drug research, the overall system of drug evaluation is chaotic, biased, profit-dominated, unscientific, unsafe, and often dishonest."

That's how Dr. Paul Lowinger of Wayne State University described the nation's present system of testing experimental drugs on human volunteers in the course of criticizing proposals advanced by the Food and Drug Administration to tighten regulations dealing with drug testing.

At a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., recently, Dr. Lowinger said that the FDA's proposals for "peer groups" of doctors, ministers, lawyers and

community leaders to oversee the drug testing at prisons, hospitals, and other institutions make it "unlikely" that such groups would be independent of the experimenters.

Instead, he urged the FDA to set up an independent committee to supervise drug testing, using consultants from the National Institutes of Health, the National Academy of Sciences and the universities.

Trade unionists, like all consumers in the nation, have a vital interest in the adoption of adequate federal standards of drug testing, particularly when one recalls the tragic consequences of the Thalidomide episode of just a few years ago which resulted in an untold number of birth deformities.

New Pamphlet On Tax Justice Available Free

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AFL-CIO President George Meany before the Senate Finance Committee on the Tax Reform Act of 1969 on September 22, 1969.

It details what's wrong with our federal tax structure and spells out the AFL-CIO's recommendations for bringing about real meaningful tax reforms that could substantially ease the unfair tax burden presently borne by middle and lower income groups.

Requests for copies in whatever quantity the affiliates can effectively use should be sent to: Andrew J. Biemiller, Director, AFL-CIO Department of Legislation, 815 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

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throughout the United States and Canada.

Alvin L. Holt, an international vice president of the union and regional director for the western states, noted that the union had recently established offices at 995 Market Street, Room 815, San Francisco and now has three full-time organizers and a number of part-time organizers hard at work on the drive.

Among the advantages of membership in the International Association are its international pension program, health and welfare benefits and its shopcard promotion programs, he noted.

Besides, he said: "Union barbers are better barbers and union beauticians are better beauticians."

He asked all union members to give the organizing program their fullest cooperation.

The Main Force

"We are the main enduring force in the struggle for human progress."—AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Lane Kirkland.

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He said the ATLA was forwarding a resolution it had adopted to the White House and to each member of the Senate which asserted that the Board was "persuaded upon the record of the hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee that Judge Haynsworth has failed to demonstrate that sensitivity to the high standards of conduct required and expected of nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court."

It was also disclosed that the ATLA had conducted a poll of its members in which 73 percent of the 715 persons responding indicated they favored disapproval or withdrawal of the nomination.

Senator Schweiker said that he could not vote in favor of Haynsworth because of what he called Haynsworth's potential conflicts of interest and his violations of the judicial canons of ethics.

Just this week it was disclosed that Haynsworth had received more than \$12,000 in directors fees from Carolina Vend-a-Matic Company between 1960 and 1963 while he was serving as a federal judge.

In testimony made before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Haynsworth claimed that he "never" took part in seeking business for the Vend-a-Matic firm.

But minutes of the company's meetings showed that Haynsworth had attended practically all directors' meetings from 1957 when he first became a federal judge until 1963.

Late last week AFL-CIO President George Meany attacked President Nixon's attempt to whitewash his nominee by charging that critics of Haynsworth had engaged in "vicious character assassinations."

"Both personally and on behalf of the AFL-CIO," Meany said, "I resent this charge. It is unwarranted and false."

It is also a slur on the integrity of leading Republicans as well as Democratic Senators who have spoken out against the nomination and urged the

President to withdraw it, he added.

In a four-page statement, Meany stressed the fact that labor's opposition to the appointment is not an effort to embarrass the President on a political issue.

He pointed out that before the nomination was announced the AFL-CIO had informed the President "privately and without publicity" all the facts it then knew about the Judge's involvement in the Carolina Vend-a-Matic Company.

"We urged that Haynsworth not be nominated because we believe only men of proven integrity and unblemished character should be Justices of the Supreme Court," Meany said.

If there has been any "piece-meal disclosure" of Haynsworth's financial involvements, the blame for this lies with the Judge and the Justice Department," Meany declared.

The AFL-CIO President pointed out that the Justice Department memoranda, issued as the result of committee findings, "read like briefs for a defendant,—not the impartial, factual statements the people have a right to expect."

Seven Films Added To D.I.S. Library

Seven new films have recently been added to the State Division of Industrial Safety's film library and are available for free use by local unions, central bodies and shop stewards in California.

Among the recent additions are: "It Takes Two," which deals with the use of ear protectors to curb occupational noise hazards; and "Talking About Trenching," a 10-minute color film on the dangers of unshored trenches.

All told, the DIS film library now includes 63 titles. Interested trade unionists may obtain a DIS film catalogue by writing to:

Research and Education,
Division of Industrial Safety,
455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco 94102.

Moreover, he added, Haynsworth "made contradictory statements to the Committee and took refuge in a claimed lack of memory."

To provide specific examples, Meany noted that Haynsworth informed the Committee that he had disqualified himself in all cases "in which I had a stock interest in a party or in one which would be directly affected by the outcome of the litigation."

But at the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings, "it was proved and the Judge now admits at least four cases in which this was not true," Meany said.

"It was not from information volunteered by Haynsworth or the Justice Department, but from evidence unearthed by a newspaper reporter that the Senate learned that Haynsworth's stake in Carolina's Vend-a-Matic amounted to nearly \$500,000," he emphasized.

Asserting that Haynsworth is "not fit to be on the Supreme Court," Meany declared:

"For our part, we believe the AFL-CIO also has a right and an obligation. It is to oppose any nominee not fit to be on the highest bench."

Sen. Cranston Makes A Plea For Planning

"California's coastal zone includes less than eight percent of the land area of California, yet it contains more than 80 percent of the population. Of the 1,050 miles of California shoreline, only 335 miles is publicly owned. Given present rates of land development for residential, industrial, commercial and recreational purposes in the Bay Area and in the South Coast Area, both areas will run out of vacant land entirely within 20 years. By 1990 we will have more than 10 tourists in California annually for every one we have today . . . Only by planning now for that growth . . . can we hope to avoid the contamination which even now threatens our bodies and the bodies of our children and their children in ways we

Nixon Hit for Lowering Court Moral Standards

AFL-CIO President George Meany accused President Nixon last week of lowering judicial moral standards to accommodate his nomination of Judge Clement Haynsworth, Jr., to the U. S. Supreme Court and of glossing over the conflict of interest charges leveled against the judge.

"Nothing the President said changes the AFL-CIO's belief that Judge Haynsworth is not fit to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court," Meany said.

Moreover, Meany observed:

"We are also disturbed by the administration's progressive lowering of judicial moral standards in order to meet each new revelation in the Haynsworth case."

"It now takes the position that a judge may directly sit on a case when he owns stock in one of the litigants as long as this ownership is not significant and he does not use his influence in behalf of that litigant."

Pointing out that members of such agencies as the Federal Power Commission can "go to jail" for sitting on cases involving litigants in which they have a financial interest, Meany said:

"This new position on stock ownership represents a major step backward from earlier Justice Department opinions."

The AFL-CIO, he said, is "forced to conclude that the President has been misled by the Justice Department about his nominee, a man whom the President admits he does not know personally."

68,400 Jobs OK's

During the year ended June 30, 1969, 68,400 on-the-job training (OJT) opportunities for unemployed and underemployed persons were authorized under the Manpower Development and Training Act (MDTA) by the U.S. Department of Labor at a federal outlay of \$49.3 million.

do not now fully understand." U.S. Senator Alan Cranston in an address to the Redwood Empire Association, Sept. 26, 1969.