

Motor City Confetti

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DETROIT — Effective fair employment practices legislation throughout the world would be worth 100 military divisions in the fight against communism, declared United Automobile Workers, CIO, Walter P. Reuther, president of the last week while participating in a panel discussion of the National Association of Intergroup Officials, which met here at the Hotel Statler.

Other speakers on the agenda included Alexander Allen, executive director of the Pittsburgh branch of the Urban League.

Members of the association carried their brotherhood message before the Detroit City Council, reporting that fair employment practice legislation has reduced racial tensions in cities and states where it has been adopted.

In no case as yet has any prosecution been necessary to enforce the legislation, the representatives said.

"Endanger Nation"

Another national group struck at discrimination and jim crowism last week during their meeting in the Motor City. Speaking before the 23rd anniversary of the founding of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Paul G. Hoffman, president of the Ford Foundation, declared that "attacks on minority opinions are endangering the Nation's freedom."

"I am struck by the fact," said Hoffman, "that so many of our public men feel that they have to spend so much of their time running around explaining that they are against communism." "We must first strengthen our aspiration for ourselves and for all people everywhere on an affirmative basis."

About 1,500 guests of both races at the dinner paid \$25 a plate toward a fund to wage war on prejudice.

More than 50,000 Ford Motor Company employes in the Detroit area enjoyed a four-day Thanksgiving holiday last week. All except necessary operations, were halted Thursday through Sunday.

Auto workers in the other major plants returned to their jobs after enjoying a one-day Thanksgiving holiday.

DETROIT City Council was told last week that there is a serious black market in GI loans for housing in the city.

Ben Levinson, chairman of the Michigan Association of Approved Mortgages, said he knew of many instances where veterans paid as much as \$500 under the table to obtain loans.

He said Federal money which had been available for loans had been used for flood relief, housing and other purposes.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and General Motors Corp., were named defendants in a \$14,000 damages suit filed in Circuit Court last week by Mrs. Mary Jane Coley through her attorney, Edward A. Simmons.

Mrs. Coley, who is administratrix of the estate of the late Mrs. Wilma Richards, charged in her declaration that the defendants, holders of an insurance policy on Mrs. Richards' life, refused to pay a \$2,000 death claim submitted after Mrs. Richards' death.

According to Mrs. Coley, the deceased a General Motors employe, purchased the group life insurance

in Oct. 1944. She died in July, 1950.

Atom Exhibit

Thousands of Detroiters looked into the fantastic future last week when they viewed the Atom exhibit displayed at Rackham Educational Memorial.

Top entertainers of radio, television and movies, of both races participated in the big show Nov. 25 at Detroit Olympia.

Thousands of Detroiters saw Sarah Vaughan, featured in jazz classics. Others included Duke Ellington and his orchestra; King Cole and the trio, Peg Leg Bates, Timmie Rogers, Stump and Stumpy, former Detroiters Patterson and Jackson, and Dancer Marie Bryant.

The Public Welfare Commission will decide next week whether dependants will be allowed an 8 per cent increase in their allowance money. The recommendation was made by Daniel J. Ryan, superintendent, and the recommendation followed sample purchases of subsistence foods at lowest possible prices by investigators. There are 5,700 on welfare. Ryan told the commission the boost would cost the City an estimated \$150,500 in the next seven months.

W. H. Aiken, Atlanta, Ga., president of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, was the guest speaker Nov. 18 at a meeting of Detroit Real Estate Dealers at the Lucy Thurman branch of the YWCA.

The Big City (New York) there is one New Yorker who is fascinated by the sights of the Motor City.

He is a saxophonist in the Duke Ellington band. 24 year-old David L. Frazier, of New York City. He likes Detroit's wide and crooked streets. He also likes the idea of going to Canada for only ten cents.

\$200,000 Fire

Richard Johnson, 54, of 2216 Brush St., suffered first and second degree burns over 90 per cent of his body during a fire which caused an estimated \$200,000 worth of damages to the apartment.

Police said the fire apparently started in the basement of the apartment building from a faulty furnace.

Mrs. Annie Bell Watson, 32, and 18-month-old Linda Watson, of 188-10 Klinger, were overcome by gas fumes in their home last week. Police said the fumes escaped from a faulty furnace. Both were rushed to the Receiving Hospital in an ambulance.

James Bosten, 26, of 1078 S. Telegraph Rd., attempted to hang himself with his shoe laces in a police station last week. Bosten was arrested for defrauding a cab driver. He is held at the Receiving Hospital for mental observation.

Last Sunday at Ebenezer AME Church, the 80th Anniversary sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. George W. Baber, presiding bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District of the AME Church and former pastor of the church.