

The excellent statement in the National Economic Council, Inc. Letter No. 424, "Will Congress Dare?" February 1, 1958, in part says:

ON THE WAY TO COMPLETE SOCIALISM

STILL another advance in public enlightenment on the issue of uncontrolled unionism is the publication of a popular low-priced edition of Donald R. Richberg's book *Labor Union Monopoly—A Clear and Present Danger*, from which there were brief excerpts in Council Letter No. 418 of November 1, 1957. The Constitution and Free Enterprise Foundation in New York is making a paper-bound edition of this \$3.50 book available at \$1, and in quantity as low as 75 cents, hoping to reach a circulation of 500,000 by May. Every owner of railroad securities should read all that the co-author of the ruinous Railway Labor Act says since his awakening. He concludes:

"Unions are powerful, aggressive organizations that are engaged in a continuing warfare against the maintenance of a free, competitive economy. Unless this civil warfare is stopped and peaceful competition is substituted for monopolistic coercion in labor relations, a *socialized economy and a socialist labor government are inevitable*. This, unhappily, is not a remote prospect but one that is rapidly developing."

And in this T. R. Centennial Year, Congress and every American who is asked "Do you believe in this right to work?" should read and re-read these paragraphs from the report of Theodore Roosevelt's Anthracite Coal Strike Commission of 1902, pages 75-76:

"The right to remain at work where others have ceased to work, or to engage anew in work which others have abandoned, is part of the *personal liberty* of a citizen that can never be surrendered, and

every infringement thereof merits and should receive the stern denouncement of the law. . . .

"All this seems too plain for argument. Common sense and common law alike denounce the conduct of those who interfere with this fundamental right of the citizen.

"The assertion of the right seems trite and commonplace, but that land is blessed where the maxims of liberty are commonplace."

What Congress CAN Do

1. Outlaw *compulsory* unionism as permitted in Taft-Hartley Act.
2. Apply anti-trust laws to *all* forms of monopoly and repeal all Federal laws giving labor monopolies special privileges denied to others.

AS charted in the Conference Board's survey, initiation fees are determined in some cases by local unions, some by the parent unions. They range from "no set amount" to as much as \$500. Here are a few examples:

Actors Equity \$100, Screen Actors \$200, Agricultural Workers \$2 to \$10, Airline Pilots \$25 to \$200, Automobile Workers \$5 to \$15, Boilermakers \$15 to \$150, Bricklayers \$25 to \$150, Broadcast Employees \$25.

Carpenters \$10 to \$125, Hod Carriers \$5 to \$50, Longshoremen (Ind.) \$50, Longshoremen (Internat.) \$10 minimum, Marine Engineers \$250, United Mine Workers \$50, Newspaper Guild \$1 to \$10, Plumbers \$20, American Radio Association \$500.

Railway and Steamship Clerks \$7.50, Rubber Workers two times regular monthly dues, which are \$2.75 min., \$4.50 max., Sleeping Car Porters \$25, Steel Workers \$5, Stone Cutters \$75, Transport Workers \$5 to \$25, Typographical Union locals determine amount, plus \$20 to \$35 going to parent union's treasury, Upholsters \$25 max., no min.

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