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Should Strikes be Made Unlawful?

Should strikes in essential industry be made unlawful? That ,obviously, is a pertinent and crucial question. It also poses about as burningly a controversial problem as can be imagined.

In the June 14 issue of the Freeman, in an article entiled "Let's Stop Strikes!" Donald R. Richberg deals with the matter. Mr. Richberg has a long-established national reputation as a labor observer, and was the author of some very important labor legislation, including the Railway Labor Act of 1926.

At the beginning of his article Mr. Richberg makes this premise: "A strike that stops all milk deliveries in a metropolitan area is not a strike against employers as a class. Nor is a strike again steel or coal or transportation merely a strike against employers. These a warfare by a class against the community. Such strikes make no sense except as moves in a revolution to establish class domination."

If that premise is accepted, two new questions immediately arise. The first is how a law outlawing such strikes could be enforced. In Mr. Richberg's view that would be relatively simple, for the reason that strikes do not often result from spontaneous mass uprisings. They are called by a limited number of leaders and organizations, and the anti-strike law would be applied against them. He cites the government's anti-strike action against the United Mine Workers as an example of this principle.

The second question is, in Mr. Richberg's view, the more serious one. It is how the economic conflicts can be fairly resolved.As he puts it, the workers in essential industry "should not be left subject to dictation of private management as to the terms and condition of their employment."

Here Mr. Richberg makes two rather novel points. One is that people who work in vital industry ,on which their fellow citizens are vitally dependent, "should accept an obligation to give continuous service." The other is that "the standards by which fair wages for labor can be determined are about as easily ascertained and can be impartially applied as the standards fixing payments for capital and fair rates for utility service. Under Mr. Richberg's plan, representatives of labor and management would be both encouraged and required, prior to any compulsory arbitration, to make every effort to reach an agreement. Only if that failed, and astoppage of production or distribution of any essential commodity or service threatened, would the power of the law be brought into play to protect the public welfare. Any worker, of course, could quit his job on his own individual initiative. But it would be unlawful "to conduct or maintain any concerted withdrawal of employment or boycott of the business involved.

Mr. Richberg makes this very interesting observation "As a practical matter we may be sure that the vast majority of American workers, unionized or non-unionized, would welcome and live happily under a law which lifted from them the burdens and losses of strikes." There are many, inside and outside of organized labor, who will dispute that and all the rest of Mr. Richberg's ideas with the utmost vigor. but whether on eagrees with him or not, he has made a thoughtful contribution to a problem of the first importance.

Two Kent Islanders Held In Larceny Case

Two Kent Island young men are being held for the action of the November grand jury following a hearing and entering and larceny Tuesday evening .

Trial Magistrate J. W. Thompson, Jr., ordered the two men ,Russell H. Grimes, 24, and Fred Hope, Jr., 22, both from Stevensville, held for the November term of Circuit Court.

The men were picked up Monday by state police and charged with the entering of a home in Bay City, Kent Island, in April. They were al so charged with the theft of a .22 rifle from the home.

A juvenile, whose name was not disclosed, was arrested at the same time and will have a hearing in Juvenile Court.

NOTICE

Application is made under Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, by ROBERT KIRKLEY ,THOMAS C. JOHNSON, and MARION QUIMBY, Stevensville, Maryland for a Class "B" Beer License, to expire April 30, 1954 permitting them to sell the aforesaid beverages on the premises known as "TIDEWATER FARMS, INC,, Queenstown, Maryland

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Board of License Commissioners For Queen Anne's County
Vachel Downes, Attorney,
J. Fred Carter, Chairman
2t. July 9, 16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Queen Anne's County, Maryland, under Section 117 of Article 93, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, letters of Administration on the Estate of EUNICE B. MALLALIEU late of said county, deceased, who died without leaving personal estate, but leaving certain real estate in the State of Maryland. Pursuant to the Order of said Court all residents and non-resident creditors of said deceased are hereby warned and notified to file their claims against said deceased, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated in said Court on or before the 3rd day of January ,1955. The law provides that no claim not field on or before the date mentioned can there after be asserted against such real estate in the hands of a purchaser for value.

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