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Labor Day, 1951 finds the wage earners of the United States far ahead of those in any other country in the world, and far ahead of their place in our economy which they occupied at the time of the first celebration of Labor Day, held in New York in 1882.

One of the great forward steps in Labor's progress was the establishment of the United States Department of Labor, which was accomplished by an act of Congress March 4, 1913. The idea behind the Congressional action was "to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners of the United States, to improve their working conditions and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment." That aim has been accomplished to the benefit of all citizens of our great country.

Labor's advancement has been led by some of the outstanding men of our nation, and with the same caliber of leadership the advancement will continue to greater heights.



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Labor Day this year has a special added significance for union members of Clark County, because it marks the first anniversary of their newspaper, the Nevada Citizen, which has filled a long time need in the over-all structure of Clark County publications. I sincerely hope the Nevada Citizen continues it's steady growth during the coming years.

At this time, I want to congratulate the Union members of Clark County for their wholehearted efforts and cooperation in the southern Nevada contributions to America's present program of building for continued Peace.

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