

Brewery Union Protest On Beer-Cut Forecast

Declaring there is "no necessity" for the drastic cut in beer consumption, John Gavin, secretary and business agent of the Brewery Workers of America, said last night members of the union probably will launch a protest to the Dominion Government against a condition that is "unsatisfactory to everybody."

According to Mr. Gavin, the situation created by hotels closing at haphazard hours because of the beer shortage has "caused a lot of unnecessary inconvenience." War-workers and soldiers are becoming dissatisfied because they are deprived of their "customary couple of glasses of beer," he said.

"There is going to be some action on this matter," Mr. Gavin declared. "There was no necessity for such a drastic cut in the consumption of beer. As far as providing manpower is concerned, the result will be negligible. All men who work for breweries who are of army age have gone, anyhow. The great majority of others are men who worked for brewing companies for 25 or 30 years, and who couldn't be made useful in any other occupation.

"There has been very little absenteeism in war plants because of beer drinking," he declared. "Anybody who can drink moderately is entitled to glass of beer whenever he wants it, and he is being denied this right under present circumstances."

The union, affiliated with the A.F. or L., may enter its protest through the Toronto Labor Council, Mr. Gavin concluded.

SAY WAR WORK CUTS FARM AID

'Unfair Competition' Is Blamed in Resolution

That "the critical shortage of farm labor" in Ontario is due largely to the higher wages paid by war industries, was the opinion given by York County Council yesterday in adopting a resolution framed by the Agriculture Committee calling this "unfair competition in the labor market, having in mind the prices of farm commodities and increased operating costs."

The resolution is the council's response to the request of the Dominion Government for increased production in many lines of food products to meet the needs of the British Ministry of Food. A copy will be forwarded to the director of National Selective Service at Ottawa.

In adopting a budget of \$3,300 in grants to various organizations, including fairs, council instructed that the fairs must be held to get the grants.

Boundary bridges, hereafter, will be placed under the jurisdiction of the Toronto and York Roads Commission, according to a vote taken on the report of the warden and commissioners. Previously they have been controlled by the commissioners.

Pioneer Rabbi Here S. Garfunkel Dead

Rev. **Samson Garfunkel**, 80, rabbi of one of the first Jewish congregations in Toronto, died Sunday in the Toronto General Hospital following a brief illness. Burial took place the same day in Jones Avenue Cemetery.

Mr. Garfunkel was born in Russia. He was the founder and for many years president of the Beth Jacob Synagogue, Henry Street. Following his retirement from the ministry he founded the first steamship ticket and foreign exchange business in Toronto and was later active in real estate and building. He was a justice of the peace under the Whitney Government. He was actively associated with the Jewish Old Folks' Home and other charitable organizations. Surviving are two sons, Charles and Jacob, and a daughter, Mrs. H. Ryzels.

Riverdale Park Pioneer, Mrs. M. Gallagher Dies

A pioneer of the Riverdale Park District, Mrs. Margaret Gallagher, 81, widow of James Gallagher died yesterday at her home, 160 Victor Avenue, where she had lived for 45 years. Born in Middleport, Ont., she came to Toronto 65 years ago and was a member of St. John's Presbyterian Church. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. William Miskelly, Mrs. Roy Grant and Mrs. Harold Rudolph, and five sons, James, Dick, Clarence, Malcolm and Wallace.