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SENATE DEFIES TRUMAN ON LABOUR BILL.

Washington has passed the Labour Bill. In the presence of Representative Hartley and Senator Taft the Bill was signed by the Senate Secretary. The two authors of the measure won a big personal victory. Labour has vigorously campaigned against the Bill for weeks past. From coast to coast demonstrators urged the President to veto the Bill, which outlaws the Closed Shop and makes it legal for companies to sue unions over issues formerly protected by law. Senator Taft denounced the anti-Bill campaign.

From the White House the President explained his veto.

When the Senate over-rode the Truman veto the Bill became law. ~~Labour is pledged to fight to~~

will loom large in the next Presidential election.

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1. TITLE: VETO BATTLE MAKES LABOR HISTORY!
2. Washington---The new labor bill becomes law as Senate-Secretary Loeffler signs H.R. 3020 in the presence of the principal men behind it, Rep. Hartley and Senator Taft. The simple ceremony thus brings to a close the hotly-fought battle over the controversial bill. Vetoed by President Truman, the veto was overridden in the Senate by a six-vote margin.
7. For weeks, labor had rallied to defeat the bill, which, among other provisions, bans the closed shop and authorizes injunctions against certain union practices -- sweeping changes in the laws that for 12 years have governed labor-management relations. With the bill put into law, AF of L President William Green was one of the first to speak for labor. (TALK)
Earlier, the nation heard President Truman in his veto broadcast on the bill which virtually affects some 15 million union members. (TALK)
Now, Senator Taft, chief architect of the bill, who has frequently crossed swords with the President.
The bill is law. Management and labor await adjustments and interpretation, and America hopes for a new and better era in labor-management relations.