

*Labor monopoly
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*Senator Barry Goldwater
Speaks Out Against
Unrestrained
Union Monopoly Power...*

That time in the 1930's when the balance of power "was tilted against unions" and they needed government help has passed into history, and now it is the American public that needs help to get free "from the oppressive and abusive power wielded by corrupt labor bosses."—Senator Goldwater, before the National Press Club, Washington, D. C.

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This “unrestrained power”

forces Congress to “negotiate . . . with these union grandees” and this is sad, for if Congress does not have the courage to stand up against their “vengeful power,” then who will?

The union leaders recognize their power and will fight “with every means possible to retain it.” In summation, Senator Goldwater lists eleven union privileges that are granted to no other segment of society.

1. Immunity under the Anti-Trust Laws.
2. Practically full immunity to injunctions in the Federal Courts.
3. Immunity from taxation.
4. Power to compel employees to join unions as a condition of employment.
5. Right to represent all the employees as exclusive bargaining agent even if only a bare majority has selected the union as such agent.
6. Power to compel employers to bargain collectively.
7. Although not required to be incorporated, their members are free from liability for debts of the union, unlike the members of other unincorporated associations.
8. Unions are not liable for the acts of their individual members in contrast to other types of unincorporated associations.
9. Employers are prohibited from discriminating in hire and tenure of employment against employees because of their union membership or their union activities, including participation in picketing and strikes. Employers, however, are forbidden to engage in lockouts except in two unimportant types of situation.
10. Unions have the right, during collective bargaining, to compel the employer in some circumstances, to disclose his financial books and records, but there is no corresponding obligation on unions.
11. Unions, in some situations, have a legal right of access to the employer’s property, the right to compel him to make his property available for use by the union, and the right to invade the privacy of employees who are not union members—sometimes even against their wishes.

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