

# Kind Words

EDITOR'S NOTE.—*A large number of friends of the Review have taken the trouble to send us good wishes on the occasion of our 50th anniversary, and we are happy to print some of the messages and to thank all who have wished us well.*

*Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor from 1933 to 1945, and a staunch friend of the Review in the years before and after those dates, had intended to write a note for publication in this group of letters. Alas, we find ourselves sadly writing a note instead on the occasion of her death on May 14.*

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To the Editor:

The *Monthly Labor Review* is highly respected as a journal of fact in an area often characterized by conflict and differing views. As such it has made an outstanding contribution in meeting the need for current and accurate economic data for factual information on changes in the industrial relations scene. As a journal of current fact and of historical record, it has served well for 50 years. I wish it well for the future.

ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG

Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court

To the Editor:

The *Monthly Labor Review* was established to meet a long-felt need, and it has been filling that same need for all its 50 years. The timely, accurate, and comprehensive information offered in its pages is of tremendous value, and we hope this half-century was only the beginning of a long career.

Please accept my congratulations on this 50th anniversary and my best wishes for the future.

GEORGE MEANY

President, AFL-CIO

To the Editor:

Congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the *Monthly Labor Review*.

During its history, the *Review* has achieved the status of an authoritative and reliable source because of facts and analyses of high statistical quality and dependable objectivity. The *Review* is therefore vital in business, labor, government, and academic circles. The materials it publishes, mainly economic statistics on employment, unemployment, wages, and prices, are widely accepted as objective and authoritative.

By its continued dedication to the pursuit of scientific veracity and of high quality, the *Review* can look forward to serving in the future as it has in the past the great public interest of truth in governmental statistical reporting and analysis.

Best wishes for continued service.

R. P. GERHOLZ

President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

To the Editor:

Since *The New Republic* has just celebrated its 50th birthday, I know well that for a publication to have survived a half-century in this fickle age is no mean accomplishment. And so I hope you will allow me to congratulate the *Monthly Labor Review* on both its durability and its excellence.

GILBERT A. HARRISON

Editor-in-Chief, *The New Republic*

To the Editor:

Reaching the half-century mark is indeed an accomplishment for any publication, but it is not surprising that the *Monthly Labor Review* is now rounding that corner. For the *Review* is not merely an invaluable source of information for economists, labor leaders, and industrialists. Far more important—and unlike too many Government publications—it is a brightly edited, highly readable, and effectively presented journal. As long as the *Review* continues to cherish its vitality it will be with us.

That is a happy prospect. Congratulations on the first 50 years.

MYRON KOLATCH

Executive Editor, *The New Leader*

To the Editor:

As appreciative readers and users of the *Monthly Labor Review*, we at The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., welcome the occasion of the *Review's* Golden Anniversary to say, "Well done."

Several of us have tried to put our respective fingers on what we like "most" about the *Review*, but without notable success. Eventually, the reason occurred to me. Your publication—literally a Baedeker in the area we speak of broadly as labor economics—is so very well edited that we are hard put to make a choice on any but subjective grounds as we view the scope of its contents. So, we just think it's fine, and a continuing credit to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the U.S. Department of Labor.

That said, we await with confidence the next 50 years. Congratulations and Godspeed.

JOHN D. STEWART  
Editor-in-Chief, The Bureau of National Affairs

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the *Monthly Labor Review* on its first 50 years.

We of the Kiplinger Letter have been working in neighboring vineyards for about 40 of those same 50 years and have always found the *Review* to be first-rate, objective, and informative. We never hesitated to recommend it to our readers. We wish it many more years of useful life.

AUSTIN H. KIPLINGER  
Kiplinger Washington Editors

To the Editor:

For any publication, private or governmental, to live to celebrate its 50th anniversary is an accomplishment worthy of celebration.

The *Monthly Labor Review*, during the entire period of its existence, has justly been considered as one of the leading journals in those fields which contribute to the welfare of labor. During my stint as Commissioner of Labor Statistics, it was one of the products of the Bureau of which I was most proud. It was the subject of many compliments and tributes from leaders in industry, labor, and Government.

I am particularly pleased with the fact that with each year the standards of the *Review* are raised.

ISADOR LUBIN  
The Twentieth Century Fund  
Commissioner of Labor Statistics, 1933-41

To the Editor:

Congratulations to all those responsible for the development and current content of the *Monthly Labor Review*.

While individuals inevitably grow older and are likely to creak at the joints by a 50th anniversary, institutions may even grow younger. This reflects infusions of new blood and it has happened to the *Review*. The original *Review* by design was composed of bits and pieces that did not merit monograph presentation. In rereading Volume I, I missed a real sense that a war was on and all sense that President Wilson's administration may have differed from President Taft's. The *Review*, as an instrument of a research agency, must be technical; but it also must reflect the times. Thus it is to those who will carry on over the next decades that we really should say many, many happy returns of the day.

A. F. HINRICHS  
Professor Emeritus of Business Administration  
Syracuse University  
Acting Commissioner of Labor Statistics, 1941-46

To the Editor:

Congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the *Monthly Labor Review*. I am one of those who was privileged to profit in the use of the *MLR* from its inception. As a student of labor, teacher, researcher, and author, I have found the *Review* indispensable for my needs. It usually presents data that would be difficult to locate in other publications. Not only has it been responsive to changing conditions but its quality of presentation has constantly improved.

Best wishes for continued success.

DAVID J. SAPOSS

To the Editor:

The *Monthly Labor Review* has provided members of the American Statistical Association, and of its Business and Economics Section in particular, with valuable basic data and solid commentaries for many years and is now a standard reference in the field. Congratulations on 50 years of service!

JOHN W. PRATT  
Editor, *Journal of the American  
Statistical Association*

To the Editor:

Having followed the Labor Department's *Monthly Labor Review* for half of its 50 years, I'd like to congratulate you—and all responsible for the publication—on its outstanding record of excellence and usefulness. As a journal providing not only information but also thoughtful analyses and ideas, the *Monthly Labor Review* is prob-

ably the magazine most likely to be "lost" from routine routing in our office.

Need proof? I know where I can put my hands on copies dating back at least into the 1940's, with articles of lasting background importance.

Regards and good wishes for another half century.

EDWARD T. TOWNSEND  
Labor Editor, *Business Week*

To the Editor:

Congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the *Monthly Labor Review* and thanks for the objective coverage given to activities of professional associations on behalf of teachers.

WILLIAM G. CARR  
Executive Secretary, National Education Association

To the Editor:

Beginning with its earliest issues the *Monthly Labor Review* has been an indispensable source of data for industrial relations researchers and practitioners. It performs a distinctive public service by bringing research findings to the attention of its readers lucidly and succinctly.

As we extend our congratulations on your 50th anniversary of publication, we add our hope that the *Review* will continue at least for the next 50 years to be the basic source of authoritative labor information in the United States.

EDWIN YOUNG  
President, Industrial Relations Research Association

To the Editor:

*Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, a relative youngster by comparison (a mere 18 volumes!), extends its congratulations and good wishes to its elder cousin, the *Monthly Labor Review*, on the occasion of completing 50 years of most useful publication. The virtues of this respected senior member of the family of industrial relations publications need not be extolled. May she have a fruitful second half century.

KURT L. HANSLOWE  
Editor, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*  
Cornell University

To the Editor:

As the oldest and most influential of the journals devoted to industrial relations, the *Monthly Labor Review* has set a standard in terms of content and editorial style which other journals find hard to match. It has been authoritative yet not stodgy, academic yet not pedantic, official yet imaginative, unbiased yet challenging.

For a while almost alone in its field, it continues to perform a notable service for all those concerned with industrial relations. Congratulations!

GEORGE STRAUSS  
Managing Editor, *Industrial Relations*  
University of California, Berkeley

To the Editor:

Congratulations on the 50th birthday of the *Monthly Labor Review*. I needn't tell you how important your magazine has been not only in our research here in the Office of Business Economics but also for our own *Survey of Current Business*.

Economists only recently have come around to the recognition that the advance of knowledge has played an important role in the Nation's economic growth. I think there can be no doubt that those in Government service who have been producing and publishing useful economic information have been making a significant contribution to this advance. To be associated with a publication that has been in this business for a full half-century is something from which you and your colleagues in the Bureau of Labor Statistics should take deep satisfaction indeed.

My associates in OBE and on the *Survey* staff join me in wishing you well.

MURRAY F. FOSS  
Editor, *Survey of Current Business*  
U.S. Department of Commerce

To the Editor:

The *Monthly Labor Review* has served economists and others well during its 50 years of publication. The people responsible for this record deserve our thanks and our congratulations.

JOHN G. GURLEY  
Managing Editor, *American Economic Review*

To the Editor:

The September 1915 number of the *Labour Gazette*, official journal of the Department of Labour, Canada, carried an item on the birth of your publication. After rather smugly, I think, commenting that the monthly labour journal "is slightly smaller in dimensions than the *Labour Gazette* of Canada but is comparable with it generally speaking in the nature of its contents," the writer of the 1915 note predicted that the new publication would be of special interest in this country, "permitting, as it will, instructive comparisons . . . between the two countries."

On the occasion of your 50th birthday, I am happy to be able to say that that prediction has come true many times over, and to tell you how valuable a publication I find the *Monthly Labor Review* to be.

W. S. DRINKWATER  
Editor, *Labour Gazette*