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Do We Need Forcible
Union Incorporation?
St. Louis, ordering the Progressive Mine Workers of Am-
erica to pay 8117,000 in damages resulting from a lengthy
strike. has brought to a new cerescendo the long and bit-
ter argument over responsibility of labor unions.
The final outcome of the case, which presumably will
be carried to the highest court in the land, is one which will
affect the entire future of employer-employe relations in
America.
Judge Wham's ruling, holding that unions and their
members are responsible under the law for damage in-
flieted as a result of unlawful conduct or conspiracy to in-
jure an employer's property or business, may eventually
prove to be a turning point in the controversy over wheth-
er labor unions hould be ineorporated or otherw ise made
legally responsible for their actions.
The bitter argument over incorporation of unions goes
back to around 1880 when, strangely enough, it was or- ganized labor which was demanding the right to take ad
vantage of the incorporation laws in order to remove the aura of illegality which surrounded unions at that time
In 1886, Congress passed a law permitting unions change of heart and few unions took advantage of the o corporation became more pronounced, leaders realizing
that such action would make unions subject to many re-
straints and responsibilities which do not affect voluntary associations.
Since tha time there have been a few court decisions on the legal status of unincorporated unions.
Briefly, the stands of employers and workers on the Employers contend that the present situation is unfair
because they, as individuals or corporatons, are responsible for their acts, while unions are not. They contend that once a contract is signed, there will be no strikes or other
disturbances so long as employers discharge their obliga-
tions not violate contracts, and need not be incorporated to as Without discussing the merits of Judge Wharn's do up one of the most puzzling nspects of employer-employe
relations-whether organized labor is liable for damages It will not settle, however, the question of whether
nions should be made legally liable for damages result ment violation was involved in the Illinois case. problem, will be solved only when Congress and the ad-
ministration buckle down to the task of formulating a defite national labor policy. SISTER MARY'S KITCHEN


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