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LEWIS STARTS DRIVE FOR HALF MILLION STEEL WORKERS IN INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—John L. Lewis Saturday marshalled his industrial organization forces for the drive to bring a half million steel workers into the union labor fold.

Lewis, president of the United Mine workers, said the long pending campaign—which threatens a schism in the ranks of the American Federation of Labor—will be officially launched Wednesday.

Announcing the campaign would be directed by Philip Murray, vice-president of the mine workers, Lewis sent out a call for organization men to assemble June at Pittsburgh.

"It is intended to prosecute a vigorous and efficient campaign of organization throughout the whole steel industry," said Lewis.

"The supporters of this great movement believe that neither the corporations engaged in the manufacture of steel nor those in any other industry . . . can long continue to withhold from American workmen the privileges which are theirs by every moral and legal precept."

As head of the Pittsburgh district, Lewis has appointed Clinton S. Golden, who has resigned as regional chairman of the Pittsburgh district of the national labor relations board.

The campaign, which is threatening to split the A. F. of L., will be supported by the miners whom Lewis serves as president, the oil and textile workers, the flat glass workers and the typographers, the small steel union which now has only 8,600 members, the International Ladies' Garment workers, the Amalgamated Clothing workers and the millinery workers.

THE McDONALD PROGRAM FOR GOVERNOR

1. Repeal of the sales tax. No State tax on land.
2. Adoption of a fair tax system, based on income, franchise and inheritance levies. Taxes to reach wealth and income now untaxed, including foreign stocks, excess profits, and intangible wealth.
3. New set of appointive officials in high State offices to replace the machine politicians. Elimination of useless political offices.
4. Adequate State appropriation for schools. Encouragement of local interest in, and more local control of schools.
5. Reduction of automobile license fees to \$5 minimum.
6. Lower rates for telephone, electric and power services. Extension of New Deal rural electrification program without exploitation by power interests.
7. Adequate pay for teachers, highway workers and other State employes. Reduction in salaries of appointives in higher State offices.
8. Old-age pensions in keeping with Federal legislation.
9. Farm and labor politics in keeping with the New Deal.
10. Lower interest rates on State and local bonded debt, to reduce the present exorbitant taxes for debt service.
11. Sane economy and honest accounting of all State funds.
12. A balanced State budget which puts the interest of the taxpayer and citizen first instead of the interest of the bondholder and speculator.

Frank K. Sims, Jr. Withdraws From July Primary—Mayhew Runs

Frank K. Sims, Jr., Charlotte attorney who was fourth man in the race for the Democratic nomination for the lower house of the State Legislature from Mecklenburg county, announced Monday that he will not be in the second primary for one of the three places.

Mecklenburg county elects three members to the lower house. The three men in the first primary were Mercer Blankenship, J. B. Vogler and Paul Whitlock.

Mr. Sims, who was fourth in the race, David J. Craig, Jr., and E. L. Mayhew, are entitled to enter the second primary on July 4.

In making his announcement, Mr. Sims said in his opinion three good men are leading the ticket for the lower house, and in view of the fact that the service is largely one of patriotism with little pay the leaders should not be put to the expense of a second campaign.

He urged Mr. Craig and Mr. May-

One Honest Nation Paying U. S. On Its Old War Debt

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Secretary Morgenthau Monday announced receipt of Finland's semi-annual war debt payment of \$164,315.50.

The payment, received in cash through the Federal Reserve bank of New York, include interest of \$145,285 under the funding agreement of May 1, 1923. The balance was the fixed semi-annual annuity due under the moratorium agreement of May 23, 1932.

Finland thus maintained its record of being the only government meeting war debt payments to this country as they fell due.

Six hundred and twenty-five dollars was paid at auction for a single ticket to a Jenny Lind concert in Boston, 1850.

How to join him in withdrawing from the race.

Mr. Craig said he has not yet decided on whether he will withdraw. Mr. Mayhew said that he will continue in the race.

MAKING READY FOR DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA NEXT WEEK AT MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

PHILADELPHIA. — Democrats took possession of Philadelphia's municipal auditorium and doubled their field office force today in a great surge of activity preparing for the convention next week.

Workmen swarmed into the hall and quickly turned it into a vast carpenter shop. Three shifts of men were assigned to perform in five days what ordinarily requires several weeks. Unemployed men and women besieged national committee representatives, contractors and concessionaires for jobs.

Rentings for private functions prevented an earlier start in the great arena, which is to seat approximately 15,000. To beat the time handicap, workmen refabricated a lot of the construction in the basement. Result, most of the "rough" work was completed in the first 12 hours today.

enclose the delegate section were for \$50 each. The total received from them threw up bleacher stands with the celerity of a circus tent crew.

A wooden speakers' stand was reared above the orchestra pit.

Boxes for national committee members rose on the stage, and platforms to accommodate 700 working newspapermen were taking shape.

In the wings of the big stage a policeman stood guard over a board of countless gadgets. His job was to prevent tampering with the public address system. Amplifiers were installed atop the front of the building from where a policeman will attempt to guide traffic.

In the commercial museum adjoining the auditorium carpenters constructed a dome similar to the one on the Capitol in Washington. It will be a feature of the exposition of national progress, said to be the first of its kind ever assembled.



While this is being written the Republican National Convention is in session at Cleveland, Ohio, and Governor Alf. Landon, of Kansas, has been named as the standard-bearer of that party in the coming race for President of the United States. Selection of a running mate is now in order and will be finished before this article is in print.

War cry: "Land on Landon." In addition to the convention just mentioned, following are some of the subjects which appear to be of prime importance throughout America in particular, and the world in general:

On June 3, at 3 P. M., Joseph W. Byrnes, of Tennessee, speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., adjourned the session of that body in tribute to A. Piatt Andrew, member from Massachusetts, who had just died. Next morning, at the hour of reconvening for the business of the day, the clerk of the house mounted the speaker's rostrum, wrapped for order, and as quiet reigned he announced the fact that their beloved speaker had suddenly passed to the great beyond during the night. William B. Bankhead, of Alabama, has been chosen as his successor.

In New York state an effort on the part of the state legislature to regulate wages of laundry workers was frustrated by the Supreme Court, by a five to four vote, declaring the law a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The intent of the new law was to give laundry workers a minimum wage of 31 cents per hour and a work week of 40 hours. They now must work at the old wage rate, and in addition the work week is 49 hours. Quite a difference. Other laws previously declared unconstitutional were the NRA, Railway Retirement Act, and the Guffey Coal Control Act. Seems strange that only five men in all this great land really know what the Constitution allows.

Striking share-croppers in the cotton fields of Arkansas have been given much space in daily news lately, and efforts to investigate conditions leading up to the trouble are being balked by large plantation owners. In fact the investigators were told by these growers: "We'll run Arkansas; you'll stay in your own state if you know what's good for you." That is one of the reasons labor must organize. Some people seem to think because they have a deed to some land they have the right to regulate all the laws.

In New York City last week old potatoes were selling at 27 cents for five pounds. Last year these same five pounds could be purchased retail at less than nine cents. The steamer Fort Amhurst was grounded off Martha's Vineyard. Part of the cargo consisted of 5000 bags of potatoes bound for New York, which failed to arrive. This incident, along with a shortage in the crop in America because of the drought, is given as the reason for the high price of potatoes. It is being stressed that the AAA has nothing whatever to do with this incident. New York bars are serving cheese crackers and pretzels to nibble on and potato chip factories have stopped operations. They claim it is unprofitable to buy potatoes for potato chips at that price. Other big news includes a strike in France, where it seems about every person has stopped work, folded their arms, and sat down on the job. They did not leave their place of employment, but stayed where they were, not permitting strike-breakers to take their places.

In England Haile Selassie, ex-ruler of Ethiopia, has arrived. He was permitted free entry to the country, but received no recognition as a ruler.

In Austro-Hungary an effort is being made to place the royal family of Hapsburg back on the throne. The Russian Romanoffs are still casting hopeful glances toward their home land, and Hitler in Germany is keeping the restoration of the Kaiser or any of his line from ascending to place of power. In Rumania peace is disturbed because of the presence of a woman in the country. This woman happens to be Magda Lupescu, of France, who is lover of King Carol, and before his assuming of kingship she was his mistress. The Rumanians claim there will never be peace in their country as long as she remains, and the lady says she has no intention of leaving.

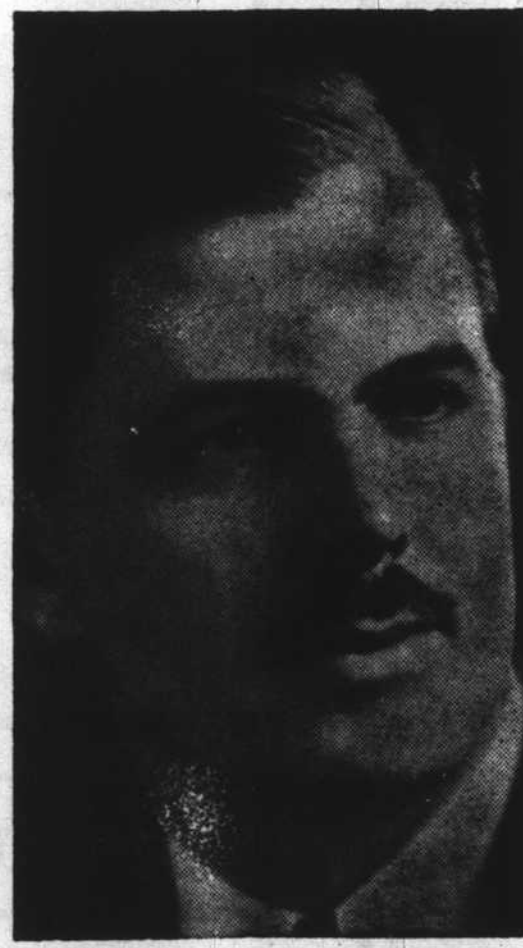
Poland and Austria are disturbed by terrorist Nazi groups. The fight against the Jews is also a factor in the national unrest. In Nicaragua, Central America, the ins and outs are fighting for possession and retention of power, and at this hour leader of the rebel forces is in command of that country. In Argentina, South America, a locust plague is the big trouble just now, along with Communist uprisings. The locusts seem to be the greatest worry.

China, which has been an unwelcome host to Japan for the past few years, has now decided to take up arms and defend its country. What will be the outcome can not be foretold.

In glancing over these few items of world news, and having in mind many others which can not be mentioned here, one is inclined to the belief that we have reached the time spoken of in the Bible: "Men will cry peace, peace, and there is no peace."

If there is such a thing in the world, we have not yet discovered its hiding place.

DR. RALPH McDONALD



HE IS FIGHTING FOR THE NOMINATION IN THE RUN-OFF PRIMARY

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McDONALD OPENS RUN-OFF WITH MR. HOEY IN LASHING STATEMENT AGAINST MACHINE

RALEIGH, June 14. Ralph W. McDonald, who ran closely behind Clyde R. Hoey in the first democratic primary last Saturday and who will engage in a run-off with Hoey on Saturday, July 4, for the democratic governorship nomination, tonight opened the second primary campaign with a statement attacking Hoey as a machine. The candidate's statement:

"The democrats will decide in the second primary of July 4 whether Clyde R. Hoey, ring politician, arch-enemy of labor, and Max Gardner's handpicked successor to Ehringhaus, will be given free rein to continue the present machine dictatorship of the state.

"Since Max Gardner became governor, the politics of the state has been brought under the worst form of boss-controlled machine the South has ever known. Huey Long's machine in Louisiana does not equal the Gardner-Ehringhaus-Hoey machine of this state in the extent of its control over the vote of the people through money and patronage."

"Max Gardner's contribution to the life of the state was to create hundreds of political jobs to be filled by appointment of the governor. Most of those jobs were immediately filled and have been held by politicians of the first water and politicians of the second water, third water, and so on, but in the main, by politicians."

"It was not in the Biblical manner, but Gardner begat Ehringhaus and Ehringhaus begat hundreds of new jobs for hundreds of new machine politicians."

"Unlike the old woman in the shoe, however, this machine knew what to do with her children. It put them out on the road and into the precincts to elect the hand-picked Clyde R. Hoey, who in turn will be expected to furnish the same old kind of mis-government for the enrichment of special interests and politicians."

"Hoey is a perfect candidate for the machine. Being himself a brother-in-law of Gardner, he can be expected to be completely in harmony with the machine. Being accustomed to serving special interests as a highly-paid attorney, he may be expected to disregard the interests of the people for the benefit of the wealthy corporations. . . . Being a man whose attitude on public questions changes according to the direction of the wind, Mr. Hoey can be expected to adapt his views to the dictates of the Liberty Leaguers who are the real powers behind the machine throne."

"And, on top of all these, being a professional ward politician of more than 30 years' experience, who even uses his church connection for political purposes, Mr. Hoey can be expected to deal in the most enticing sort of political spell-binding to divert the attention of the people from the issues."

"If any one doubts the nature of this campaign, let him talk to any Liberty Leaguer or ring politician. It will be found that every Liberty Leaguer in the state is now solidly for Mr. Hoey. Every lobbyist for a selfish, money-serving special interest is fighting for Mr. Hoey."

"Every appointive official of the state machine, is fighting for Hoey. Gurney Hood, dispenser of the money of depositors in closed banks to favored political and financial interests, is lining up his henchmen for Mr. Hoey. A. J. Maxwell, whose inefficiency is exceeded only by his willingness to favor certain special interests, has even taken to the air for Mr. Hoey. Capus Waynick may be expected to let a whole lot of political road contracts right away. Every cog in the old machine is well oiled to grind out Hoey votes."

"Who is going to run North Carolina? The machine or the people?"—Charlotte Observer, Sunday.

M. P. Operators Make Union Gains Since End NRA

The fighting front of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes and Moving Picture Operators of the United States and Canada, whose thirty-third convention was held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo. the second week in June, was so well organized when the United States Supreme Court declared the National Industrial Relations Act unconstitutional that the edict did not result in shattered wages and hours.

In discussing the changes that have transpired since the last convention the Official Bulletin of the Alliance cited the increased strength of the organization despite the pessimistic feeling that prevailed as to the possible effect of the decision invalidating the Recovery Act.

"The death of the NRA was the cause of much conjecture and concern, its extermination being looked upon with much apprehension and anxiety," the Bulletin said. "But despite its being outlawed by the Supreme Court of the United States, and instead of the anticipated collapse the majority of our local unions were successful in maintaining scales and conditions almost without exception, while many locals secured improvements in working conditions, as well as increases in their wage scales. This came as a pleasant and unexpected surprise."

There is urgent need of money to carry on this vital work, announced Hoan. Contributions may be sent to the national campaign headquarters at 549 Randolph Street, Chicago.

Socialists Laying Groundwork In North Carolina

Milwaukee, Wis.—"For the first time in many years voters in every state will have the opportunity to vote for Socialist candidates," announced Daniel W. Hoan, Socialist mayor of Milwaukee and chairman of the national campaign committee of the Socialist party at its meeting, held this week.

"It is going to be difficult to get on the ballot in Florida, Louisiana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon and South Dakota, but work gathering signatures for the necessary petitions is now under way," said Hoan.

No third party has been on the ballot in Louisiana since 1912. In Nevada it will be necessary to secure 2,085 signatures, which is 5 percent of the total vote of that state. Mrs. Emma Byrnes of Winnemucca is in charge of circulation of petitions.

Ten thousand signatures must be secured in North Carolina by August 5. The campaign in that state is under the supervision of Alton Lawrence of Chapel Hill and is being concentrated in the textile centers where Socialist sympathy is large because of the aid given by Socialists in textile strikes.

In Oregon it will be necessary to secure 15,000 signatures by September 19. In South Dakota, 5,900 signatures are needed. Marvin Halvorson of Sioux Falls, will have charge of the work there and in Nebraska.

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unexpected surprise, inasmuch as the National Recovery Act had been considered by some to be the backbone of security and as being vitally essential to the successful retention of such conditions.

"Unemployment has diminished noticeably. Internal dissension, commonly prevalent in the ranks of local unions, has subsided to an astonishing degree. Through intelligent and persistent persuasion, the dual organization menace is definitely on the wane."