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CHARGES MADE BY PRES. GREEN, A. F. OF L., THAT LEWIS IS AIDING THE FOES OF ORGANIZED LABOR

WASHINGTON, July 8.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, predicted Tuesday night that "only the enemies of organized labor" would benefit from what he called John L. Lewis' "unwise policy."

Resuming his battle of statements with the president of the United Mine Workers, Green said that Lewis' current steel or organization campaign needed organized labor's undivided support to be successful.

The steel industry's attitude and statements, he said, could be interpreted to mean only "they understand no language except the language of force."

Green leads the federation faction favoring organization of all workers into craft unions. Lewis heads the faction—now trying to organize steel—that favors organization of all the workers in each big industry into one big union.

"Now, those identified with the Committee for Industrial Organization (the Lewis group) find that their real enemy is not the American Federation of Labor and its executive council, which they so vehemently denounce, but instead their real enemies are the steel corporations and the powerful financial interests associated with them," Green said.

"The sum total achieved by the committee thus far is nothing whatever except division, discord, and confusion within the ranks of organized labor."

During the day Lewis' field lieutenants pushed forward with the campaign.

Van A. Bittner, western regional director, arrived in Cleveland for a mass meeting with the statement that the committee intended to organize every worker in that area.

In Pittsburgh, Philip Murray said that 72 paid organizers and 2,200 volunteers already were at work in the district extending from Cleveland to New England.

Green gave no hint that the craft faction would lend Lewis any help. He concluded his statement with a brief announcement that the A. F. of L. executive council would consider the status of the unions in the Lewis group when it assembled Wednesday. There has been talk that the 11 unions supporting Lewis would be suspended.

"It is sincerely to be regretted," Green said, "that the Committee for Industrial Organization thwarted the purpose of the American Federation of Labor to inaugurate an organizing campaign in the steel industry, behind which the American Federation of Labor would have mobilized the united support and pooled resources of organized labor."

S. C. TEXTILE WORKERS HAVE CONVENTION

NEWBERRY, S. C., July 7.—The South Carolina Federation of Textile Workers was on record yesterday as favoring legislation which would prohibit cotton mills from evicting employees from company owned houses until the question should be passed on by the national labor relations board and for the congressional action penalizing non-observance of Labor day.

The federation adjourned its annual convention here yesterday after hearing Governor Olin D. Johnston urge labor to vote for legislative candidates who would work for its interests. The governor also urged support of the new state free textbook set-up and he complimented labor for the part he said it played in establishment of the state labor department.

John A. Peel, third vice-president of the United Textile Workers, and L. E. Brookshire of Greenville, president of the state federation of labor, also addressed the meeting yesterday.

Central Body Elects Officers Next Wed. P. M.

Don't forget the next meeting of Central Labor Union, at Moose Hall, next Wednesday at 8 P. M. Election of officers for the ensuing year will be one of the features. A large attendance is looked for, as this is an important annual event. Be on hand.

The ladies of the Label League will serve ice cream from 7:00 on.

McDonald Makes Statement As To Where He Stands

RALEIGH, July 8.—Dr. Ralph McDonald, defeated for the democratic gubernatorial nomination, reiterated Tuesday his campaign slogan "we have just begun to fight" but added "our fight is in the democratic party."

It was the militant sales tax repealist's first announcement since Saturday's primary, in which he was defeated by Clyde R. Hoey, administration defender, by a 50,000 margin on the basis of nearly complete returns.

Dispelling speculative reports that he might run as an independent, McDonald said: "We have gone a long way toward winning our fight for the principles on which our cause is founded."

"Let our slogan continue to be 'we have just begun to fight' for these principles. I have always been a democrat, and I shall remain one. Our fight is within the democratic party."

MRS. ROY MORTON A VISITOR

Mrs. Roy Morton, who is making her home in Union, S. C., now came to Charlotte last week on a visit and returned Monday. Her many friends were indeed glad to see her. She also dropped in before taking her departure to say hello to the editor and his wife.

CHRISTOPHER TRIES TO VISIT US

Mr. Paul R. Christopher, textile organizer of Shelby, paid us a visit Tuesday A. M., but the editor had not arrived upon the scene. He left his card on the door. Sorry we missed you Paul. He had been over Raleigh way to see about the "McDonald votes."

CHATTING

"Father doesn't live here any more," were the opening words in a recent article in the Forum. It seems that father was 71 years old and had lost all his money in the depression and had come to be regarded as a nuisance in his daughter's home. Poor old chap, he was slightly deaf and didn't care much for other people's conversation, though he did love his own, and created a good deal of "static" when friends dropped in to call. Moreover, he couldn't play bridge and insisted on talking with the dummy. And besides, he was old-fashioned in his ideas and shocked the young people by his unreasonable modesty. And so, says the writer, "I often secretly hoped that Father would get run over or die of pneumonia." The solution of the problem was to send him to a home for old men.

Now I have no doubt Father was better off, a good deal better off, and there is much to be said for homes for the aged. But what rouses my indignation is the heartlessness, the cold-bloodedness, of the attitude taken by his daughter. As I read it, I longed to get hold of her and to say something like this:

"When you were a spindle-shanked, pastry-faced young adolescent, you were for a considerable period a problem in the home. You talked too much and at the wrong time; you were impudent and messy and untidy; you were a nuisance a good deal of the time. But it never occurred to your father and mother to send you to a home for girls. They never lay awake hoping you would be run over or die of pneumonia. They loved you and put up with you because you were theirs. A home isn't builded upon hedonism but upon heroism, and often a good deal is gladly endured for love's sake.

"The trouble with you and your kind is that you do not know the meaning of noblesse oblige!"—Bishop Stewart, in the Living Age.

The above item brings to mind a case of personal knowledge wherein something of the same or a like nature took place. In this case mother died, leaving the husband and three sons to do as best they could. The father was a good Christian man, who lived the part every day. His maiden sister, near his own age, took the place of the mother and was faithful to her task in every detail, rearing the boys to manhood and making a happy Christian home for the father. The two elder boys married and established homes and families for themselves. The younger boy remained with his father and aunt. Father and son both were both stricken with typhoid fever, were cared for at home by the faithful maiden lady, finally recovered their former good health and returned to work. Time rolled on and the father, quite aged, went to join the wife and mother. Finally the younger son, in good health and with a good position, took unto himself a wife and helpmeet. The faithful aunt by now had reached an age where she was no longer active and able to maintain a home. Her reward for the years of love and service was to be finally placed in the county home, and those responsible for this act congratulated themselves that they had been so "kind" as to provide her with such a comfortable home for her remaining days.

The foregoing stories are not the ravings of a disordered brain, but are simply two recitals of similar events taking place almost every day of the year in many places all over this broad land. In many such cases it may be the only thing left to do. In many other cases it is simply a matter of shifting a burden to other shoulders, providing what may appear an easy way out of trouble. But there is built into every human life that which may be called "conscience," and while some life continues that part of our make-up never ceases to work, good times or bad, and it has the very unpleasant habit of calling upon us when we are sad and lonely, or when fortune has worked backward with us, and we are wondering why such things must happen to us. And when conscience works it is not lazy, nor is it content with a half-finished job. We may go many years down the highway of life and not meet this accuser, but few if any of us miss him entirely in the journey from the cradle to the grave.

"Whosoever ye sow, that shall ye also reap."

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The average motor car requires about 45 pounds of cotton goods in its construction. This means the annual consumption of approximately 250,000,000 yards of heavy cotton goods made from 500,000 bales of cotton.

4,640,000 UNEMPLOYED GET JOBS IN 3 YEARS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins announced that in "non-agricultural employments" 30,950,000 workers were employed during May, representing a gain of 4,640,000 since May, 1933. She said that approximately 12,000,000 were connected with agricultural pursuits, bringing the total employed to 42,950,000. There were also 3,230,000 employed on work relief projects. If the work relief persons could be considered as employed, they increased the grand total of 46,180,000 persons with jobs.

AUTO UNIONS MERGE

DETROIT, Mich.—The Automotive Industrial Association, an independent union, has passed out of existence and merged with the United Automobile Workers of America, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Your own pocketbook will swell in just the degree that you buy Union Label Goods

LEWIS WOULD PROSECUTE MORGAN IF TROUBLE COMES IN STEEL ORGANIZATION — 500,000 INVOLVED

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Threatening to prosecute J. P. Morgan and company if "lawlessness" develops, John L. Lewis today signalled full speed ahead in the campaign to bring 500,000 steel employees into the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

In a speech last Monday night, the head of the committee for industrial organization charged that the "overlords of the steel empire" had declared "civil war" against the unionization drive.

On the heels of a prediction that the industry would "deliberately provoke strife and bloodshed" at the mills to discredit organizers and intimidate workers, Lewis said the high and the low in steel would be brought to "justice" if infractions of the law were uncovered.

Lewis listed J. P. Morgan and company "which controls the United States Steel corporation," other bankers, corporation officials and "their armed guards, or other hirelings and mercenaries" as among those who might be held accountable for breaking the law.

Lewis charged that the American Iron and Steel institute, employers' organization, had already "contravened the law" by publishing in the daily press its position toward the campaign. He interpreted this statement as pledging "the vast resources of the industry against the right of its workers to engage in self-organization or modern collective bargaining."

As Lewis pressed his drive, the battle in the courts over the Wagner labor relations act, which among other things seeks to outlaw employer interference with organization for collective bargaining, continued unabated.

The federal circuit court of appeals at St. Paul yesterday restrained the national labor relations board from the assembly plant of General Motors corporation. The court cited a decision by a Missouri federal court holding the Wagner act, under which the NLRB functions, unconstitutional.

The United States supreme court is expected to hand down a decision on the act in the fall.

While Lewis spoke, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, was preparing a statement on the federation's attitude toward the unionization campaign. He said he would make it public today.

The federation was planning to start a campaign to enlist the steel holding hearings in St. Louis on allegations of unfair labor practices in workers into craft unions when Lewis and his associates in the committee for industrial organization, the drive to bring every man in the industry into the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin workers, an industrial union.

A number of craft union chiefs, it is reliably reported, desire to oust the Lewis group, with its 1,000,000 members, from the federation. Such action will be considered by the federation's executive council at a meeting which started Wednesday.

"Right To Beg" Given Jobless In Ontario

North Bay, Ont.—Claiming that the treasury of North Bay was empty, the City Council, instead of raising funds, adopted a resolution discontinuing the administration of relief to the unemployed. Four hundred families were left destitute.

The jobless besieged the City Hall and demanded the right to beg on the streets for food for their wives and children. Mayor W. G. Bullbrook granted the demand. He said it was the only thing possible in view of the moneyless treasury.

ANNUAL LEAVE SOUGHT FOR 5,000 WPA AIDS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Despite a negative ruling by retiring Comptroller General J. R. McCarl, a way will probably be found to provide around 5,000 administrative, supervisory, research and clerical workers of the Works Progress Administration, both in Washington and the field, with annual leave with pay. McCarl decided that since these workers are on WPA project payrolls they are not administrative employees and consequently are debarred from the benefits of the recent leave law enacted by Congress. Auby Williams, Deputy WPA Administrator, who had been asked to consider the advisability of countermanning the Comptroller General's order explained that such action might put these employees in a worse position than at present, because McCarl's office could suspend payments of their salaries if the employees took their leave.

Instead of taking this abrupt action, Williams said he would have his legal staff undertake to work out some method of classification which would place these workers within the leave law. He added that WPA officials are in sympathy with the plight of the 5,000 employees and feel that they should be classified along with other Federal workers who are entitled to annual vacations with pay.

MOSKINS' COMES INTO LABOR JOURNAL FOLD

While from time to time The Labor Journal has carried advertising from Moskin's Credit Clothiers, it is with pleasure that we announce that they will be regularly in the fold of the concerns that are making the paper possible, and we bespeak for this concern a liberal patronage from labor. Mr. Brooks, the courteous manager of Moskin's has made many friends in Charlotte, and the increasing business of the firm he represents is a testimony both to him and Moskin's.

A record was made in the sale of large and miniature incandescent lamps in 1935. Preliminary estimates show an increase of more than 11 per cent, including 410,000,000 large and 297,000,000 miniature lamps.

Women's Union Label League Met Wednesday

The Women's Union Label League held its regular semi-monthly meeting Wednesday night with President Vernetta Threatt presiding. Mr. J. H. Fullerton was made temporary secretary until election rolls around, when a successor to Mrs. R. K. Amyx, former secretary, but who moved to Atlanta, is elected. The regular order of business was gone through with regularity. Mr. J. H. Fullerton was elected delegate to the State Federation of Labor convention, which convenes in Winston-Salem early in August. It was decided to serve ice cream at next week's meeting (Wednesday night) of Charlotte Central Labor Union to help build up the delegate fund, and as a well-attended meeting is expected of Central body on account of the election of officers of that body, the ladies should have a profitable night. The meeting adjourned about 9:30.

Official Returns For State Officers Now Given Out

Complete returns from Saturday's Democratic primary, compiled Tuesday, showed the following: For Governor: Clyde R. Hoey 266,813; Dr. Ralph W. McDonald 212,879. Lieutenant governor: W. P. Horton 217,652; Paul Grady 206,773. Secretary of State: Thad Eure 233,751; Stacey Wade 192,082.

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SAGAS OF THE SKIES

By R. C. Oertel
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THE Republican River was a raging torrent. Swollen by continued heavy rains, the muddy waters overflowed their banks and inundated the countryside. The rampant stream uprooted trees and tore at the foundations of buildings until they toppled into the angry waters and were swept away. Towns along the course of the river in southern Nebraska were flooded. Farmers were marooned and some were drowned.

Near McCook, two men in a tiny, open boat fought death. Their frail craft was tossed about like a chip on the crest of the flood. With no cars to help them, all they could do was let the rushing tide carry them where it willed, while they did what they could to prevent the boat from being crushed and sunk by the logs and debris which constantly menaced them. Their plight was desperate and, as they confided later, they never expected to reach shore alive.

But out of the skies above the swollen river came a plane. The pilot and his observer spotted the two men in the tossing boat and circled above them. The pilot maneuvered his plane to nose it into the high wind and thereby attain a slow ground speed. Lower and lower the airman dropped his craft until it was less than ten feet above the water. From the cockpit a rope ladder was tossed over until the lower end of it touched the water.



Carefully and with infinite skill the pilot guided the plane so that the trailing rope ladder was drawn across the tossing boat. Harold Steinke, one of the two castaways grabbed it as it came by and climbed aboard the plane. Again the pilot swung across the boat. This time M. R. Gillen caught it as it swung by and was pulled to safety. As the plane roared away one of the men looked back. He saw the roots of a great tree rise up under the empty bobbing boat. For an instant it hung, poised above the water. Then, with a sudden surge it fell sideways back upon the tide and sunk.

LABOR NEED OF LABOR NEWS

(FRANK DUFFY, GENERAL SECRETARY BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS IN APRIL ISSUE OF THE CARPENTER)

There is perhaps no institution and its relation to the general welfare in this country that is so much misunderstood as Organized Labor. The principal reason for this is the lack of information on the subject by the general public, the members of Organized Labor and especially the unorganized workers of the country.

The general public, as a rule, gets their conception of Organized Labor from the columns of the daily newspapers. There is no more unfair or biased medium of disseminating Labor news than through the columns of the ordinary daily newspapers. Their editorial policies are usually formed by their connection with the "Masters of Industry," and as these gentlemen, in the great majority of cases, are inimical to Organized Labor, necessarily the editorial policy of the daily press is along the same line, therefore, the general public gets nothing but this view of the Labor situation and its organizations.

ORGANIZED LABOR GETS THE LABOR JOURNAL OR WEEKLY OF HIS CRAFT, AND USUALLY KNOWS WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE LABOR WORLD, AND ESPECIALLY DOES HE GET THE NEWS IF HE WILL SUBSCRIBE FOR THE "LABOR PAPER" PUBLISHED IN HIS VICINITY.

THERE IS NOTHING THAT SHOULD HAVE GREATER PLACE IN THE WORKING MAN'S HOME THAN HIS CRAFT JOURNAL, AND SOME ONE OR MORE GOOD WEEKLY LABOR PAPERS.

But the man who really needs education from the Labor standpoint is the unorganized worker, who does not get a trade journal an dhas to depend on the daily press for his information. He is sadly lacking in the true news and it is to be hoped that some day, some way will be found to get the news to him.

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