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Americanism is an unflinching love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

**STATE FEDERATION MEET GREAT AFFAIR**

The State Federation of Labor Convention at Winston-Salem this year is reported by the Charlotte delegates as a great affair, bringing out many points of interest in the movement and pointing the way to unification and solidification into a compact unit for the good of all workers. The State Federation has been well and wisely guided in the past, although there may have been and are, some dissenters, along technical lines, as a whole the body stands together when it comes to the welfare of Labor as a body. Its past officers have been tried, and found true, and the newly elected and re-elected heads of the movement in North Carolina are going to work faithfully and well to upbuild the Labor movement. Let's cast petty jealousies and ambitions to the forewinds and buckle down to a year of real endeavor, adversary and foe laying down the olive branch. A house divided against itself can not stand and Big Business would welcome disruption in our ranks.

The Journal greets the incoming officers, and promises them whole-hearted support, which it has given for nearly six weary years of toil and endeavor, trying to hew straight to the line, taking its backsets and backslips as they come, and if we have nursed any sore toes they have been kept out of the paper and within our secret closet. Charlotte Labor has had its ups and downs, but it is multiplying, all union men are working in the crafts, new organizations are coming into being, the dawn of a new day is upon us, so let's not mar the march forward, but, instead of gumming up the works, let's make the pathway one of unity and harmony.

**LET'S HAVE HARMONY AND UNITY**

Charlotte Labor is wondering how the idea got scattered around that the majority of the Unions in Charlotte were for Industrial Organization. The building trades are against it; the Typo boys voted two to one against it, and in the other organizations, not a one of which is listed among the "insurgents" has a charter in Charlotte, with the exception of a textile local. Of course there are A. F. of L. bodies here that have a membership of varied views, just as we have quite a number of Republicans and Socialists in our number. Labor, as a whole, is made up of different political, religious, as well as Labor affiliations, and The Journal believes it is too early to decide as to what the outcome will be. But, whatever it is, at the present time, when there should be unity and harmony, there appears to be blowing an ill wind that will do nobody good, and a disruption is brewing in Labor ranks that is going to give the Industrialists and Communists just what they have been looking for—a house divided against itself. The Journal, as a Labor paper, has tried to, and has, given both sides of the controversy, a fair and square deal, even though the editor has not yet been convinced that Industrial Organization will bring the desired results, as we saw that tried out unsuccessfully by the old Knights of Labor under Z. V.

Powderly. He also remembers when the I. T. U. controlled all the printing crafts, but found it not feasible to so continue, with the result of their formation into separate units. This writer does not gainsay the fact that in mass production, such as steel, coal, autos, etc., the industrial organization plan may not be feasible, but the trades man of many years, who has spent years to perfect his line, does not relish the idea of losing his identity, which is as sure to come as day follows night. And has it ever appeared to the workers that this MAY be a fight for supremacy and dictatorship in the Labor movement. But, let's bide our time, give each other credit for the right of his own views, and hope for an amicable solution of a distressing question. If it is best for Labor, (Industrial Unionism) this humble worker in the ranks for 48 years will take up the cudgel and carry on, as he always has, his fight for the masses.

Following according to an A. F. of L. statement include organizations involved in the suspension order:

United Mine Workers of America, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, United Textile Workers of America, Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers of America, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Federation of Flat Glass Workers of America, Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, International Union, United Automobile Workers of America, United Rubber Workers of America.

The Executive Council reserved for special action two unions whose officers are affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization—the International Typographical Union and the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union.

The Council found that Charles P. Howard, president of the Typographical Union, held personal membership in the Committee for Industrial Organization, but that his union had not taken any action with respect to that group. In regard to the Hatters' Union, it was found that the millinery division, led by Max Zaritsky, was involved, but not the hatters' division, led by Michael F. Green.

President Green was instructed to communicate with these two unions for a clarification of their position regarding the connection of Mr. Howard and Mr. Zaritsky with the C. I. O.

(The following poem is very appropriate for all Labor papers at this time.)

**WRECKERS**

I watched them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town,  
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell,  
They swung a beam and the side wall fell.  
I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,  
And the men you'd hire if you had to build?"  
He gave a laugh and said, "No indeed!  
Just common labor is all I need.  
I can easily wreck in a day or two.  
What builders have taken a year to do.  
I thought to myself as I went my way,  
Which of these roles have I tried to play?  
Am I a builder who works with care,  
Measuring life by the rule and square?  
Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan,  
Patiently doing the best I can?  
Or am I a wrecker, who walks the town,  
Content with the labor of tearing down?"  
H. S. SHARP.

**JUST A CO-INCIDENCE(?)**

By strange coincidence readers of the daily press on Tuesday morning, did not find any mention of William Green or any of the trades union leaders of the Green group as participants, or high lights in the Labor Non-Partisan League meeting. John Lewis, of the Mine Workers, and Sidney Hillman of the Clothing Workers were prominent in the meeting, along with George L. Berry, of the Printing Pressmen's Union, who is an administration labor official. Of course this was merely a coincidence, but one noticed by the press and in the radio and news broadcast.

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