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CALL ISSUED FOR A.F.L. CONVENTION AT TAMPA, FLA. FOR NOVEMBER 16, UNTIL COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

TAMPA CONVENTION CALL!
Labor Omnia Vincit
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR
A. F. of L. Building
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO ALL AFFILIATED UNIONS, GREETINGS:

October 8, 1936.

You are hereby notified that, in pursuance of the Constitution of the American Federation of Labor, the Fifty-sixth Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Tampa, Florida, beginning 10 o'clock, Monday morning, November 16, 1936, and will continue in session from day to day until the business of the convention shall have been completed.

REPRESENTATION

Representation in the convention will be on the following basis: From National or International Unions, for less than 4,000 members, one delegate; 4,000 or more, two delegates; 8,000 or more, three delegates; 16,000 or more, four delegates; 256,000 or more, eight delegates, and so on; and from Central Bodies and State Federations, and from local trade unions not having a National or International Union, and from Federal Labor Unions, one delegate.

Organizations to be entitled to representation must have obtained a certificate of affiliation (charter), at least one month prior to the Convention; and no person will be recognized as a delegate who is not a member in good standing of the organization he is elected to represent.

Only bona fide wage-workers, who are not members of, or eligible to membership in other trade unions are eligible as delegates from Federal Labor Unions.

This Convention will deal with questions of vital importance to the officers and members of the American Federation of Labor and to the wage earners of the country. Its decisions will be fraught with deep significance. The principle of democratic procedure and majority rule within the American Federation of Labor is at stake. The abandonment of this vital principle means division, discord and confusion. On the other hand, its preservation and application in the disposition of questions coming before Convention and in the administrative and organization policies of the American Federation of Labor will mean solidarity, coordination and unity.

For this special reason, it is of the utmost importance that all international unions, state federations of labor, city central bodies and federal labor unions be represented in the convention. We respectfully urge that all organizations eligible to representation send delegates to this highly important convention.

Delegates must be elected at least two weeks previous to the Convention, and their names forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor immediately after their election.

Delegates are not entitled to seats in the Convention unless the tax of their organization has been paid in full to August 31, 1936.

The importance of our movement, the duty of the hour and for the future, demand that every organization entitled to representation shall send its full quota of delegates to the Tampa Convention, November 16, 1936.

WILLIAM GREEN, President,
FRANK MORRISON, Sec.-Treas.

Lewis Will Radio Address Over NBC Network On Oct. 17

Mr. John L. Lewis will make a radio speech on the blue network of the National Broadcasting Company from 10:00 to 10:30 P. M. Eastern Standard Time on Saturday, October 17.

This speech will be made under the sponsorship of Labor's Non-Partisan League, and it will refer largely to the political issues of the present campaign.

New Projects Under WPA to Create Jobs

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt has approved Public Works Administration allotments to 146 communities in forty states and three possessions for projects having a total construction cost of \$18,429,500. In making the announcements, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, who also functions as Public Works Administrator, said the allotments included \$8,283,486 for grants and \$1,639,700 for loans. With water works, schools, bridges and state improvements predominating in the projects, he asserted that employment in almost every branch of industry, including agriculture, would be improved by the construction work made possible by the allotments.

Ohio State Labor Federation Makes A Call For Unity

The annual convention of the Ohio State Federation of Labor, held at Springfield, Ohio, adopted a resolution reported by the committee on miscellaneous business stressing the paramount necessity of unity in the labor movement and emphasizing the belief that the controversy between the American Federation of Labor and the Committee for Industrial Organization would ultimately be adjusted so as to restore unity.

Taking as its keynote the statement by President Green of the A. F. of L. that everything possible should be done "to heal the breach, to settle the controversy and bring about unity and solidarity within the American Federation of Labor," the resolution directed attention to the harmful results that are sure to follow if the division in the ranks of labor becomes permanent, and expressed the hope that the leaders in the controversy would find a method of adjusting the differences along lines that will restore harmony.

CHATting

(Continued from last week)

Our eight days at Colorado Springs, Colorado, were busy but happy, and it seemed impossible to get either tired or lonesome. On registering at the Municipal Auditorium, each delegate and visitor was presented with a badge to be worn for identification, each badge bearing the name and home city of the wearer. This badge was the only introduction necessary, permitting free mingling with any and all who wore such, also allowing access to sessions of the convention and entrance to the many forms of entertainment which had been arranged.

I have failed to mention that my companions were delegates, Mr. Sykes to the Typographical gathering, and Mrs. Sykes represented the local chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary. As a result these two persons were kept rather busy, but the writer had naught to do but amuse himself as he saw fit, which was done to the fullest extent. Both gatherings were interesting and harmonious, much business being transacted, old friendships were renewed, and new friendships were formed. The entire gathering of delegates and visitors formed one happy family, as it was intended to be, since our beautiful home is located there, and this convention was known as Home Coming Convention, which it was in fact.

The city of Colorado Springs may best be described by saying that as a whole it is one large and beautiful park. Streets are all about 125 feet wide, giving plenty of space for air to circulate, which it does freely. The city is referred to frequently as the Windy City, and it is no false name, although the wind is mild, but ever present. The city lies at the foot of the mountains, and Pike's Peak is plainly visible at all times. The mountains are so close that when a cross street is reached they suddenly appear and look as though heavy black clouds are gathering. However, one soon learns the difference and the beauty of the landscape dawns to full realization.

The city lies on the flat floor of a valley, is only about four or five blocks wide, but seems to be about ten miles long. The blocks are about as large as two average city blocks, so one covers much land in going from one to the other. Elevation 6,035 feet.

Among entertainment provided was an auto trip through canyons and to the top of lower peaks, then into the Garden of the Gods, finally ending at Manitou Springs, where we drank of the springs, which is soda water of a decided character. One lady remarked she had taken water from the spring and made lemonade, which equalled that drawn from a soda fountain, being covered with froth.

At Manitou Springs we purchased tickets for a trip to the top of Pike's Peak, elevation 14,109 feet, on the cog railroad, and it was a wonderful trip up that famous mountain. The railroad is nine miles long and requires one hour and forty minutes to go up, and the same length of time to descend. Only about 30 minutes are spent on top, and that was plenty for most of the party. Down in the city the temperature was well in the eighties, while on top of this pile of stone the thermometer said forty-three, with a rather strong wind blowing. Snow and ice were seen in crevices, and this was on September 13. The view from the top is unobstructed and one may see for many miles in all directions and into a number of the surrounding states. Colorado Springs lies directly beneath and can be seen much as a checker board. The top is one big pile of loose rock of sizes from pebble to boulder, and walking about is done with extreme caution, as the stones are smooth and loose and may turn under the feet and throw one down on a rather hard bed. There is absolutely no growth of any kind for some two or three thousand feet lower down, where the timber line is passed. There is a building at the top where one can buy food or souvenirs. Also a telegraph office is located in the building, and messages were sent to the folks back home, where they were delivered two hours later.

Each delegate and visitor was given a ticket for a meal at the Home This ticket gave the day and hour of the meal. All were not fed at the same day and hour, as there were too many, but it is safe to say few if any failed to partake, as one and all were anxious to learn first hand how our aged and sick are taken care of, and none were disappointed at the care and comfort provided for those who find it necessary to enter because of illness or age. Meals are served cafeteria style and one just takes a tray and gathers up all he feels able to consume.

The hospital building is new, having been recently completed and occupied, and is the last word in hospital appointments, even to performing such operations as are necessary.

The entertainment program for the week included some for men alone, others for women alone, and many for all who wished to attend. Among the latter was a dance at the Silver Shield Club, at which more than 1,000 men and women were present.

While at this dance we were informed of the one sad event of the week.

"Shopping News" Unsound Says Editor-Publisher

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—Arthur T. Robb, executive editor of Editor and Publisher, told newspaper advertising executives today that shopping news publications "are not a growing menace to newspapers." Addressing the annual fall convention of the Newspaper Advertising Executives Association, Robb termed the shopping news "essentially an unsound idea" that developed after the war.

Odd Occupations

Bodyguard

IT WILL BE A VERY UNLUCKY MAN WHO TRIES TO ACT ROUGH WITH THIS 21 NEAR OLD MISS. SHE HAS ANNOUNCED HER SERVICES ARE OPEN TO ANYONE NEEDING PROTECTION— BESIDES NOT BEING AFRAID OF THE DARK SHE CAN SHOOT, PUNCH AND WRESTLE GOOD ENOUGH TO PROTECT ANYONE

Helen Fortney
CHICAGO ILL.

2,216,000 WORKERS RE-EMPLOYED SO FAR THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATEMENT ISSUED BY A. F. OF L.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A special study on employment conditions made by the American Federation of Labor shows that 2,216,000 jobless workers were re-employed in private industry between January and August of this year. The upswing in employment was ascribed to an unusual business boom during the summer.

The figures were presented to the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, in session here, by William Green, president of the Federation.

"This year business started upward in April," the report said. "During the upturn which has continued with only minor interruptions, 2,216,000 unemployed found work in industry between January and August, 1936, or nearly twice as many as in 1935."

"By comparing the summer dull season, from June to August, in the last three years," the report continued, "the increasing forces of business recovery are clearly shown."

"Trade union employment records tell the same story. From January to September, 1935, three and one-tenth per cent of the membership went back to work; in 1936, six and one-tenth per cent.

"The building gains are especially striking. In 1936, twenty-six per cent of the building trades members found work (January to September), compared to 15 per cent last year. Gains this year have also been greater in printing and metal trades."

The report emphasized, however, the millions of jobless who still have to rely on the Federal Government or local government for their living. The latest figures (May, 1936), show 1,670,000 on relief rolls. In the week ending Sept. 5, the Government provided 3,364,000 with emergency jobs on its work program.

N. C. STATE TEXTILE CONVENTION HELD AT FAYETTEVILLE ON SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCT. 10-11

The State Convention of the N. C. Federation of Textile Workers met at Fayetteville Saturday and Sunday, with a large attendance.

The principal address was by Vice-President Francis J. Gorman, talks being made by John A. Peele, of South Carolina, an international vice-president, and R. R. Lawrence, president of the State Federation of Labor.

Mr. Gorman spoke on the Walsh-Healy Act and urged its enforcement by the Labor Department, resolutions to that effect being adopted. On several occasions he was interrupted by tumultuous applause at the name of Roosevelt, he predicting his re-election by a large majority.

The old officers were re-elected with the exception of the secretary-treasurer, W. M. Gilliam, of Durham, succeeding Miss Veretta Threatt, of Charlotte. The next convention will be held in Concord in April, 1937.

The following resolution was adopted at the State Convention of the N. C. Federation of Textile Workers at its meeting in Fayetteville Saturday and Sunday, upon which there was a large attendance. A membership gain being shown.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Walsh-Healy Act was designed to prevent unscrupulous employers from obtaining government contracts and using same to break down wage standards, and

Whereas, The enforcement of this law has been placed under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Labor and,

Whereas, The secretary of the department of labor has granted the

representatives of the manufacturers of the textile industry audiences for the purpose of getting their views on this act, and

Whereas, we the organized textile workers are a component part of the textile industry, and the enforcement of this law is of vital importance to the workers, and

Whereas, the secretary of labor apparently, has it in mind to ignore our representatives in this matter, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the North Carolina Federation of Textile Workers, assembled in convention this 11th day of October, 1936, call upon and urge the secretary of labor to grant audiences to our representatives that this law in all its ramifications may be adequately discussed, and be it further

Resolved, That there be no further postponement of the enforcement of the Walsh-Healy Act, as any such postponement will be detrimental to the best interests of both the fair employers and to labor generally, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to our international headquarters and to the office of Vice-President Gorman, and to the press.

BOATES' OFF ON THEIR ANNUAL TENN. JAUNT

Colonel and Mrs. Harry Boate left Tuesday morning for their annual trip to East Tennessee to visit friends, expecting to be gone for five

days or a week. After resting up from his Colorado and Pacific Coast trip the Colonel couldn't stand being "put," so he jacks up the old buggy, bundles up the Madam and starts out. He is certainly doing some rambling for an "old" gentleman.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that the registration books for Mecklenburg County, N. C., were opened for the registration of voters at nine o'clock A. M. on October 10, 1936, being the fourth Saturday before the General Election on November 3, 1936, and will be closed at sunset October 24, 1936, being the second Saturday before said General Election. Between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and sunset on each day during the period when the registration books are open, the registrar will keep open said books for the registration of any voters residing within such township, ward or precinct and entitled to registration. On each Saturday during the period of registration, the registrar will attend with his registration books at the polling place of his precinct or ward between the hours of nine o'clock A.M. and Sunset for the registration of voters. The registration books used for the General Election will be used also for the school bond election.

CHASE BRENIZER
Chairman.

That sad occurrence was that one lady delegate from Oakland, Cal., had dropped dead on the streets in the early evening. The convention adjourned Friday night to meet again next year in the city of Louisville, Ky., after a warm but friendly tussle with Richmond, Va., for the honor of entertaining. This story will be concluded next week.