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## OUR SUPREME COURT

To the Charlotte Labor Journal:

The decision of the Supreme Court on the NRA and Guffey bill and a few others again establishes or re-confirms my belief that there is something wrong with our government when all of the people of the United States through their representatives in Congress have their decision set aside by four or five old men sitting in the Supreme Court.

Such a condition does not obtain in any other country in the world except in the United States. Our laws were supposed to be based on the fundamental laws of England, but they never had a Supreme Court in England. The highest court in England is the House of Commons, to which an individual, under proper legal circumstances, can appeal from the decision of any court. The people of England many years ago took the right of veto away from the House of Lords, because the House of Lords were not elected; they were created by the King on special occasions and many others inherited their titles. The humanitarian work of three years by our legislative representatives in Washington, guided and encouraged by the President of the United States, has been set aside by four or five old men who live in the ages past. I just wonder how long this condition will continue to obtain in our country. The more the Supreme Court reverses the decisions of the people by its adverse decisions against human legislation, the quicker the people will change the situation.

In 1776, our forefathers had to struggle for their rights; they cared enough for freedom to fight for it. I have thrilled at the courage of Patrick Henry, who cried "Give me liberty or give me death!" and gloried in the devotion of George Washing-

ton, who led our forces to freedom. Today the struggle for freedom in the workshop is no less hard, though the battle can be won by peaceful methods. It took courage to fight for freedom in 1776. It takes no less courage to win our rights as workers today. Don't be the kind of fellow who will enjoy the good things others have made possible for you without giving anything in return.

Be a man! Be a union man, or union woman. Every worker with red blood in his veins ought to have a union card in his pocket. Think this over, brother, you know right from wrong. Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

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## Musicians Local Elects Officers For Coming Year

At the regular monthly meeting of the Musicians Protective Association the following officers were elected: President, Bo Norris; vice-president, J. W. Thomas; treasurer, Sammy Small, sergeant at arms, Jack Pascal; secretary and business manager, Wm. S. Greene; executive committee: V. W. Campbell, Bill Davis, Ed Neal, Pete Martin, Thorpe West-erfield.

After the election of officers, the whole local in a body went to the banquet at Gino's Spaghetti parlor. The meeting had the largest attendance in history. According to a letter from the National Secretary of the American Federation of Musicians, Local 342, the Charlotte Musicians Protective Union, have shown the largest gain in membership of any local in the United States.

## The Consumers' Production Label Will Help Leaders

Women shoppers this fall concerned with the question of how to avoid buying sweatshop garments will find help in a publication released today by the Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor. The new bulletin was prepared by Miss Bertha M. Nienburg, Assistant Director of the Bureau, at the request of representatives of eight women's organizations and the National Garment Label Council.

The bulletin stresses the value of the new consumers' protection label now being attached to the lining of women's hats, coats, suits, and wraps of all sorts, as a guarantee that the apparel was made under sanitary conditions and fair labor standards. "Today for the first time in the history of the women's apparel industry, the woman purchaser is able to serve her family's interest intelligently while she serves the combined interest of the workers in this industry and thus the country as a whole," the report states. "For today over four-fifths of the employers and employees in two branches of the apparel industry—the coat and suit and the millinery—have banded together and are inviting the woman purchaser to support them in a united effort to solve their intricate and essentially common problems.

"By purchasing labeled garments women lend support to this movement to insure to consumers, better values and fair prices; to manufacturers, stabilized production prices and fair trade practices; and to workers, good labor conditions, including short hours of work, more steady employment, and wages adjusted through collective bargaining."

## "Fury," A Stirring Drama At The Charlotte Theatre

A new co-starring romantic team—a European director who has delivered some of the most widely discussed pictures ever shown here or abroad—and a dynamic screen story. These are the ingredients that have audiences everywhere awaiting the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "Fury," opening Friday at the Charlotte Theatre!

The new team brings together Sylvia Sydney and Spencer Tracy—the sensitive brunet beauty who recently scored in "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" and the punchy, genial, typical American "guy" who has the critics still cheering over his performances in "Whipsaw" with Myrna Loy, and "Riffraff" with Jean Harlow.

The director is Fritz Lang, who makes his American debut with this

## CHARGES RACE DISCRIMINATION

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 13.—The Buffalo Star, negro weekly, has charged Governor Landon, republican candidate for president, has a record of discrimination against the negro, according to a statement by the American League Against War and Fascism. The indictment includes such charges as: notorious prejudice against negroes, the discharge of all Negroes who received more than \$100 a month in the Kansas state departments within a month after he became the state's chief executive; the payment of a lower wage scale for Negroes in some types of work for the state WPA administration; never speaking to a negro audience during his term of office, and the failure to accept the counsel of a single trained negro about the problems of the Negro race.

## Central Labor Union

Charlotte Central Labor Union last night (Wednesday), while not so largely attended, was one of much interest. Prayer was offered by Miss Vernett Threatt. After the reading of the minutes, reports of locals were heard, which showed everybody working. The Women's Label League reported that they would meet with Mrs. J. H. Fullerton, 801 E. 17th street, next Thursday night at 7:30.

A call for the A. F. of L. convention at Tampa, Fla., beginning Monday, Nov. 16, at 10 A. M. was read. One of the delegates brought up the stop light on West Morehead street, by the Carolina Transfer, pointing out that it was not necessary for traffic and blocked the heavy through travel at that point and a resolution was passed that the matter be looked into. The matter of the location of the Municipal Swimming Pool was also discussed, but the location having been decided on, that matter was dropped. The idea of the discussion was objection to the Bryant Park site. The board of trustees was instructed to fix names upon the bulletin board of unfair concerns to labor, the names of the Queen City Printing Company and Crazy Water Crystals having been left off.

Mr. Floyd J. Stanton, a hosiery workers organizer, was introduced by President J. H. Fullerton, and made a brief talk, reciting conditions in the industry and organizing efforts put forth. Mr. Stanton will be located here in the interest of his organization for a few weeks. He has a pleasing personality, and labor in Charlotte feels that he will accomplish much here for his organization. The meeting adjourned about 9:30.

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## British Labor Is In Favor Of Arming Against Dictatorship

The overthrow of democratic government in Russia, Germany and Italy and the "threatening attitude of dictatorships" were the persuasive factors, influencing the annual conference of the British labor party, in Edinburgh, Scotland, to adopt by a large majority a declaration in favor of re-arming by Great Britain.

There were 633 delegates present, representing various trade union organizations and political groups, which constitute the Labor party. The card vote was 1,738,000 for arming to 657,000 against.

Following the vote, Major Clement R. Atlee, leader of the parliamentary opposition, declared that the resolution did not commit the 154 Labor members of the House of Commons to support the Baldwin government's armament program either in whole or in part.

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