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## A. F. OF L. CONVENTION VOTES TO CONTINUE C. I. O. SUSPENSION

### OUSTER OF LEWIS GROUP HELD IN ABEYANCE; AUTHORITY IS GIVEN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO NEGOTIATE AT "SPECIAL EXPULSION" MEETING

**MONDAY SESSION**

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 24.—The American Federation of Labor convention voted Monday night to continue indefinitely the suspension of John L. Lewis' 10 rebel unions.

At the same time the convention decided:

- (1) To renew the federation executive council's offer to talk peace with the rebels, suspended September 5 for "insurrection."
- (2) To give the executive council power to call a special federation convention to expel the rebels if peace efforts collapse.

The vote to support the resolution committee's report was 21,796 to 2,043 against.

Principal opposition to this proposal came from the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers and the International Typographical Union. The head of each is also a member of Lewis' Committee for Industrial Organization.

Max Zaritsky, president of the hat-ters, contended the council had no right to suspend the Lewis unions, although he admitted his cause in the union was a lost one.

Other Lewis sympathizers struck the same note in their prolonged oratory.

John P. Frey, who brought the "insurrection" charges that led to the suspensions, was the executive council's No. 1 defender. Frey contended the rebels had violated every rule of democracy in trying to bring all the workers in each big industry into one big union, regardless of the federation's traditional craft union principles.

Pro-Lewis delegates heatedly protested against this policy, recommending by the convention's resolutions committee. They wanted the suspension lifted. Old-line leaders, with their large block of votes, easily shouted down the opposition, however.

They said they were willing and eager to talk peace, but could not countenance "rebellion without punishment." The delegates' vote left the relationship between the A. F. of L. and Lewis' rebel faction in their pre-convention state. Lewis says he is willing to talk peace after the rebels are reinstated.

Federation leaders are willing to talk peace at any time, but will not reinstate the rebels, they say, until they dissolve their Committee for Industrial Organization. The fundamental issue—craft versus industrial unionism—is no more settled than it was after last year's Atlantic City convention.

Lewis and his allies believe all the workers in each big industry should be organized into one big union.

The federation's old-line leaders say "no"—that workers should be organized by craft, no matter where they work.

Just before the vote, William Green, federation president, made a fervid plea for reunion. "The door is still open, the hand of fellowship is still extended," he said. "Only our enemies will profit by this division."

Green recalled he had warned Lewis nearly a year ago "not to rip the labor movement apart." He then assailed the rebels for half an hour.

Lewis said he was a member of the resolutions committee and, along with A. A. Myrup, of the Bakers, dissented from the report.

After Woll's "legalistic" defense of the council's right to suspend the rebels, Lewis said, the situation was "as clear as mud."

Lewis called the suspensions "economic treason" and added that the miners would "fight against being dumped out of the federation this way."

"They're not going to take it," he concluded.

### A. F. of L. May Use Vast Sum To Get Into Industrial Fields

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 21.—Chieftains of the American Federation of Labor, roughed out battle plans to bring thousands of now unorganized workers into unions affiliated with the

### Joe Brown Easy Mark For A Fast Talking Salesman

Joe E. Brown, is star of the First National comedy, "Earthworm Tractor," which comes to the Criterion Theatre Thursday and Friday. He says:

"They've made a salesman out of me in my latest picture at the First National studio. It's called 'Earthworm Tractors.' I'm supposed to be one of those guys who could sell electric heating pads to natives of the tropics. They've certainly put me right in character this time; for I'm the man who could do it.

"This is no idle boast on my part. During the past ten or fifteen years I've learned more about high pressure salesmanship than the average man who has forgotten to put a salesman-proof lock on his front door. I didn't have to go to school to gather this knowledge. I learned it from the boys who sell the stuff.

"I don't know why salesmen regard me as the perfect specimen of a man sadly lacking in that quality which businessmen call 'sales resistance.' They do, though, and I have gone through life buying things I didn't need with money I didn't have, to store away in closets packed with other similar things I didn't want."

RAIL EMPLOYEES GET A RAISE ALONG WITH OFFICERS N. C. & ST. L. RY. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 21.—President Fitzgerald Hall, of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway announced today that salaries and wages of all officers and employees will be back to pre-depression levels December 1.



The year 1936 is almost over, and as is the custom in the United States, the President has proclaimed the last Thursday of November be set aside as a day of thanks to the Lord of All for his many blessings to us, both as individuals and as a nation.

It is true that many will say they have nothing for which to be thankful, but if they will just look about them it will be discovered that there much has come into their lives in 1936 which is worthy of heartfelt thanks, and these blessings should be given those thanks.

First, the mere fact that we are yet alive and able to read this article is a thing for which to be thankful, especially the fact that we are alive, even though the article has no appeal.

Again, this nation is at peace with all the world, and while countries in various sections are torn by war and rebellion we are enjoying that peace which comes to a God-loving nation.

While strikes and labor troubles have been abundant in the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific, they have been small disturbances mostly of a local nature, and no great harm has been done, which is another thing to be thankful for. A few destructive storms have swept the country at odd times, a few have been killed and homes have been destroyed, but we should be thankful the destruction was not greater, for it could have been worse, and in fact worse storms have occurred and much greater destruction has been wrought.

A few years ago the slogan was, "Prosperity is just around the corner." According to all reports of the present day that corner seems to have been turned, and we are now facing what may soon prove to be one of the greatest business booms this country has ever known. In fact, the government is now fearful that prosperity may develop into a boom that may in the future be a boomerang. However, let us be thankful for things as they are, and trust to the Lord to protect us from a recurrence of the great financial and business distress through which we have passed and are now facing the silver lining of the dark cloud which has so long hung over us.

Business is now so brisk that there is a crying need for skilled help in almost all lines of industry. Every day the papers contain advertisements for help wanted, both male and female, and it is not so far back that such calls were as scarce as were the dollars so much needed with which to secure the comforts and necessities of life.

It is also true that there yet remains many thousands of men and women who need work and who really want work, many who are expert in their chosen trade or profession and who will give their best to any who will employ them, yet the business outlook is far better than for many months, and it is the duty of each individual to go to some thanksgiving service and join heartily and sincerely in rendering thanks for all the blessings and mercies which they have received, and there is none who can find nothing whatever for which to be thankful.

A familiar hymn in many churches of today reads on this order: "Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God hath done." This is a very appropriate hymn for this season of the year, and while we wish that you may enjoy all the festivities of the day, for it is intended to be a day of feasting and good humor, it is also intended that we should remember God on that day for permitting us to live and enjoy the feasting.

Services of prayer and thanksgiving will be held in many churches throughout the land, and let us one and all attend at least one such service. It will be remembered that on one occasion Christ healed ten lepers, and only one returned to render thanks, and Christ, said: "Were there not ten healed? Where are the other nine?"

Do not imitate the nine, but be the one who is truly thankful, and show that you really are thankful by taking part in some such service on that day.

The Amalgamated, suspended with Lewis' own United Mine Workers and eight other unions by the A. F. of L. executive council two months ago for "insurrection," has 150,000 workers. The United Garment Workers, whose products unionists now are committed to use, has about 35,000.

Leaders said most of these were in work clothes plants, and Frank X. Martel, delegate from the Detroit Typographical union, shouted during the boycott debate "to outlaw the union label of the Amalgamated will mean that a man who wants a suit of union-made clothes will have to get a pair of overalls."

Thomas Rickett, veteran president, crisply replied "yes" when Max Zaritsky, president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers and a member of the Lewis committee, questioned whether the United Workers was well enough organized to enable A. F. of L. members to use clothes with their label.

Opportunity for this stab at a Lewis ally came through decision of Amalgamated's officers, after the union's suspension, to use their own label instead of United's. The Amalgamated, it was explained by William Green, president of the Federation, agreed to use United's label when admitted to the A. F. of L. in 1933.

Convention adjourned Friday over Saturday-Sunday.

### "In-Between" A.F.L. Convention News

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 22.—The American Federation of Labor convention's legislative committee asserted last night that "millions of dollars" would be available this winter to a lobby seeking to kill the Senate investigation of strike-breaking and labor espionage.

The committee urged the convention, in its report, to demand an ample appropriation to continue the inquiry directed by Senator La Follette, Progressive of Wisconsin.

"All the lobbies of the great anti-union financial forces and all their secret pressures are being mobilized to prevent the Senate granting an appropriation to carry on the investigation," the report said.

### HOWARD, I. T. U. PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY OF LEWIS' C. I. O. ORGANIZATION, SAYS A. F. OF L. IS "HEADED FOR DESTRUCTION"

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 25.—Charles P. Howard, president of the Typographical union, accused American Federation of Labor leaders Tuesday of "starting the Federation toward destruction" by continuing indefinitely the suspension of John L. Lewis' 10 rebel unions.

Howard is secretary of Lewis' committee for industrial organization.

"The issue which has split the trade union movement into what is certain to become two determined groups," Howard said, "is not the guilt or innocence of the committee for industrial organization."

"It is not the question of whether industrial unionism in mass production industries is the best form of organization, and it is not a matter of who is right or who is wrong."

"The real issue is whether or not the executive council of the American Federation of Labor is to be governed by its constitution. Nowhere in that document is authority delegated to the executive council to suspend an international union for any cause whatever."

"It is generally accepted as a dishonest method to accomplish indirectly that which can not be accomplished directly. In this case the executive council usurped the power to suspend international unions representing a million and a quarter members."

Following the midnight vote to continue the rebel suspensions, only a handful of delegates were in the convention hall when William Green, federation president, called for order this morning.

Resolutions, re-election of officers and selection of a city for next year's convention was the only remaining business.

### "Prominent Citizen" Takes Anti-Union Stand On Labor

To the Editor of the Labor Journal: The writer was very much surprised to learn that one of our very prominent citizens who is being mentioned for an important position with the new county commissioners recently took a very anti-union stand in a dispute between a union and a non-union organization.

This was especially surprising in as much as his sponsors ran for office on a pledge of 100 per cent support of organized labor and that his stand was taken before he had investigated the facts and given the union an opportunity to state its side of the case.

It is just as important for labor organizations to watch the actions of officials that have been elected to office and their appointees as it is to carefully consider the labor record of the candidates for office. Organized labor in this county will watch with interest the outcome of this affair.

J. A. W.

### "The Three Wise Guys" To Be At Charlotte Theatre

Damon Runyon's prize short story, "The Three Wise Guys," opens Friday at the Charlotte Theatre with all of its original virility more laugh-provoking in celluloid than in type and infinitely entertaining from every standpoint.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has treated the story with the exact attention it required for screen adaptation. The choice of stars and cast was peculiarly fortunate and George Seitz, the director, caught the spirit of Runyon's humorous philosophy toward modern youth and the current American scene.

Robert Young and Betty Furness are co-featured as a spendthrift youngster who falls in love with a pretty girl whom he meets on a speeding transcontinental train. The story shifts from New York to Hollywood at the smart pace of the 20th Century Limited. Their romance runs into wild adventure when gangsters enter into the plot to "blow" a safe and almost wreck their love affair.

### Dosh Goes To Fla. To Wrestle With The "Big Fishes"

Right on top of a summer vacation in Florida, and getting himself a new car, "Bro." L. H. Dosh has let the "fishing bug" hit him again and has hid himself back to Florida to do a little big fishing. The Journal is looking for another group of "fish I caught" pictures upon his return in a week. Frank Barr had better look to his laurels!

We guess she will be accompanied by the Madam, which would certainly be a wise precaution.

### HOSIERY WORKERS TO PUSH FOR PASSAGE OF TEXTILE ACT

PHIALDELPHIA, Nov. 21.—John W. Adelman, research director of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, said today that the national textile act regulating wages, hours and employment conditions in the textile and hosiery industries will be re-introduced early in the coming session of congress.

SWIFTY

With a charming air of romance and pleasant sentimentality, the company were discussing how each married couple among them first met.

MRS. HARRY BOATE IMPROVING STEADILY AT MERCY HOSPITAL

It is with pleasure that we learn that Mrs. Harry Boate, who was operated on at General Mercy hospital about two weeks ago, is coming through all right, and it is expected she will be taken home within the next week.

COUNCIL FOR INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS TO MEET DEC. 11

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Taxation, business competition, and wages and hours were named today as the leading matters for discussion at the meeting of the Council for Industrial Progress here December 10 and 11, by George L. Berry, co-ordinator for industrial co-operation.