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Lewis Says Industrial Manag'm't Must Yield Higher Share of Gain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—It is easier to stop in for a casual chat with President Franklin D. Roosevelt than to arrange for an interview these days with John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization, and insurgent labor's mightiest personage.

There are no free moments in the working day of this "labor colossus." Lewis answers questions with the bass tones of prophecy, granting an interview at the same time that he dictates an address and directs a small army of secretaries in their varied activities.

What has Mr. Lewis to say concerning the labor and industrial outlook for 1937? What, in his opinion, lies in store for America and the world during the coming year?

John L. Lewis plucks his great, beetling brows, throws back his leonine head, and begins with this prophecy and warning:

"Industrial management, during the coming year, must yield to labor a higher share of the productive gains of industry. That will be in the form of higher wages and more hours of leisure. If industrial management refuses to meet these just demands of labor, drastic action will necessarily result. x x x—Julius C. Edelstein, Central Press Correspondent.

Ways To Cut Supreme Court Power Sought By Constitutional Am'nd't

WASHINGTON, 11.—Criticism of the Supreme Court headed up Saturday in plans for a "conference on constitutional amendment," under the chairmanship of Senator George Norris, the veteran Nebraska Independent.

An attempt will be made to organize such a conference as a clearing house for proposals to enlarge Federal powers and curtail the jurisdiction of the courts, either by amendment or by simple statutory action.

Norris himself, in an emphatic speech to a luncheon of the independent legislative bureau, advocated such conference and pleaded for liberals to agree on some one plan.

It developed that a small group of lawyers and economists had been promoting the idea for several months past and asked Norris to preside. He was expected to give his formal answer within a few days.

Under the plan, the 50 sponsors of amendments in Congress would be asked to explain their proposals, committees would sift the proposals, and pressure would then be organized behind the action favored by the conference.

Those who signed the letters to Norris were Edwin S. Smith of the Labor Relations board; W. Jett Lauck, of the committee for industrial organization of labor; Morris Ernst, of the American Civil Liberties union; and Henry T. Hunt, legal advisor to Secretary Ickes. It was said the government officials probably would withdraw because it was not an administration project.

Meeting at the Cosmos club, a

gathering of government officials and members of Congress heard Norris, Ernest Representatives David L. Lewis, Democrat of Maryland, and Maury Maverick, Democrat of Texas, John L. Lewis, head of the C. I. O., and Merle Vincent, prominent Colorado Democrat. All insisted action to counter the power being exercised by the courts was imperative.

Norris proposed repeal of the laws whereby the tenure of Supreme Court justices and district judges is for life. "They get out of touch with the people," he said.

"If the judges would restrict their duty and not legislate," he declared, "we would not be in this trouble."

John L. Lewis, contending the highest court has been deciding cases on prejudice rather than law, pledge co-operation for the projected conference as did the two representatives.

Representative Lewis, after reviewing some proposals for judicial reform, told the luncheon the Supreme Court would be acting for "reform itself" if the justices had the humility that goes with high wisdom. This question is one of life or death for democracy."

FEATURE MAGAZINE SECTION WITH FOUR COLORED COMICS GIVEN JOURNAL READERS

Always ready to serve our readers with the best features obtainable, we will include for your enjoyment a twelve page section complete with adventure—laughs—action—thrills—mystery—science—fashions—home economics—movie news—junior and grown-ups puzzle page—radio news, etc., commencing with our issue this week.

FEATURE MAGAZINE, our new section, will be a regular weekly addition to the Labor Journal. It has everything to make our Comic and Magazine section the finest and most readable you have ever seen.

FEATURE MAGAZINE is packed tight with full page comic strips which will leave you breathless with enjoyment. Four beautifully drawn pages, printed in four colors, make up our Comic Section, and eight carefully selected pages of fiction in our magazine section will satisfy the most discriminating taste in literature.

Each week our magazine section will offer eight new pages of diversified reading for the entire family, beautifully illustrated by well-known artists and with photographs of rare distinction. The authors of the various subjects are foremost in the ranks of American literature.



—In Alabama a Christmas costume ball was to be held in honor of the holidays. Everything was in readiness, the people all dressed for the occasion in costumes representing different countries. In the ladies' dressing room the ladies were waiting for the signal for the festivities to begin when one of the ladies attempted to light a cigarette. A spark from the match ignited the costume of one of the ladies. The result was a fire in which three received burns sufficiently serious to result in death. Ten other ladies received serious but not fatal burns. Since women have taken quite generally to smoking, many occurrences have been recorded in which the smoker has been burned more or less seriously. This is hardly to be wondered at, as the flimsy clothing worn is easily ignited and fire spreads rapidly. It will soon be necessary to manufacture dress goods of asbestos.

—Some time ago the Chinese government issued a decree that all Chinese who used "dope" were to have themselves cured of the habit by the beginning of the present year. Those who were not cured were to be executed. At the appointed time the unfortunate ones were granted an extension of time to effect the desired cure. It is to be hoped these poor unfortunates will be able to secure relief from the habit.

—In Asheville, N. C., a store in which fireworks were sold, in some manner exploded. Three people were killed and ten injured. An automobile standing in front of the building was also wrecked. Fortunately no person was in the machine. Authorities have not definitely decided at this time as to the cause of the disaster. Asheville is now considering passing an ordinance making it unlawful to sell or use fireworks. There is at the present time such an ordinance in existence in Charlotte, but apparently little attention is paid to it. It may be no such articles are sold in the city, but there is little doubt about the shooting within the city limits. Throughout the holiday season in Charlotte one could well imagine they were living in Spain.

—Out in the state of Washington kidnapers have again appeared. This time they have entered the home and removed a 10-year-old boy from the midst of his companions, leaving a ransom note behind. Since then frantic efforts have been made to secure his release, and in order to prevent harm coming to the victims, the authorities have been made to secure his release, and in order to prevent harm coming to the victims, the authorities have been requested to withdraw from the case, leaving the parents free to deal with the captors. The United States as a country has long boasted that it was the most civilized and highly Christianized country in the world, yet, with all our boasts, no home is safe, especially if it is even suspected that money can be secured from the same by some one or more persons who would rather create misery in the human heart than to secure honest work and earn money in the same manner as the average citizen. It may be that the day will arrive when it will be safe to have a few cents over and above actual need for the moment, but apparently that time has not yet arrived. It is a shame and a blot on our record which should be removed speedily. There is a cause for the reign of crime and terror which has been sweeping the country in recent years, and no doubt there is a remedy, but it does not seem to be applied with the proper effect. (Since the above was written the boy's body has been found, he having been brutally murdered.)

—It is a well-known fact that many of us are not artful enough to don and wear our clothing in the most becoming manner, such as to always look neat and attractive, but the idea that we did not know how to take them off again never entered our mind. But such seems to be the case, for in New York a school has been opened to give lessons in undressing. And this is a school for ladies. A course of six lessons will be given for \$30. It is claimed that many divorce cases are begun because of the fact that some wives are unable to properly undress themselves. There may be some truth in the idea. It may also follow that some other divorces may be secured later because some ladies have taken this course in properly disrobing themselves, as a man is at the head of the great idea. We will see what we shall see.

WHY WORRY

If you can't have a new Easter bonnet, Or a pair of shiny, new shoes, If "hubby" can't buy you the dress that you want, That's a small thing to give you the blues.	If the stork brings a baby to your house, And you're more gripped than you will confess, Don't worry; just stop to remember, Your income tax then will be less.
If you can't have a car like the Joneses, A Rolls or a Packard so neat, Don't be envious; think of the payments That the Joneses are having to meet.	If your doctor commands a strict diet, No shortcake or coconut pie, Don't worry; just stop to remember The decrease in groceries to buy.
If you can't have a house that is finer Than you've had heretofore, Don't worry; just stop to remember Your taxes would be so much more.	If your wife runs away with your brother, And you feel the most cursed of men, Don't worry; remember the times that you've said, "I wish I were single again."
If Junior's demanding a roadster, With threats that his studies he'll fail, Don't be worried; a roadster might land him In the graveyard or maybe in jail.	In short, when you think bad luck's dogging your steps, And fate seems unusually perverse, Don't worry; just stop to remember, old man, That anything could be much worse!
If your daughter elopes with the butcher, Refusing your precepts to heed, Don't worry; just stop to remember You're really one less mouth to feed.	ELIZABETH SUTTON GRAY, Charlotte, N. C. (In Duke Power Magazine.)

Roosevelt's New "Ally" Chamber Commerce Does Not Believe That Congr's Will Obey F.R.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The Chamber of Commerce of the United States said Saturday it saw indications that the new Congress might break away from "the previous disposition of the lawmakers to await the 'green light' from the White House."

Saying there was "an apparent wide divergence of opinion" between the President and congressional leaders over the need for a constitutional amendment broadening the government's power to regulate business, the chamber added:

"What this portends does not yet appear." The business organization asserted that "must" and "emergency" will very likely be less frequently heard as descriptive of legislative proposals and projects.

Noting that the number of proposals bobbing up in Congress "bids fair to break all records," the chamber continued:

"This fecundity might be interpreted as a symptom of a resurgent legislative initiative rather than a continuation of the previous disposition . . . to await the 'green light' from the White House and then going full speed ahead."

UNORGANIZED TEXTILE WORKERS STILL ON STRIKE AT SPINDALE ASKING FOR INCREASED WAGE

(Special To The Labor Journal)
SPINDALE, N. C., Jan. 12.—As the Spencer mill strike entered its second week the mill was still closed tight, the management worried about the big profit losses the company is sustaining because of cessation of profitable order productions and cancellation of orders in arrears, and the workers were still marking time until their demands are agreed to.

Two conferences were held last week between committees representing the workers and management. The company claims no wage increases can be granted, although the products of Spencer mill are vastly superior to plain materials made at other cotton mills paying from 50% to 100% more wages per job performed. The workers are standing firm, however, and arranging as best they can to go through a long siege. For two years they have suffered under the Spencer mills' domination, economically, politically, and socially. Vent has been given to the pent up, ever mounting determination to force improvements and it is predicted by informed observers that their efforts will be successful.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION CONDEMNS LOCKING OF SCHOOL DOORS AND ENDORSES A NEW REGISTRATION

Other than the regular routine business Wednesday night, several matters of interest to the workers were brought up and discussed. Delegate Henry Alexander, a delegate from the Musicians local, and a member of the county election board gave an outline of a new registration system which the board has in mind, and that will purge the books of deadwood, and straighten out a much tangled state of affairs, making the new registration a permanent one, using the three-card system, with a regular registrar, doing away with the cumbersome system now in vogue. Central body heartily approved the new system as outlined and promised hearty support.

The matter of locking doors at Central high school on late students was brought up, discussed and condemned in the following resolution:

"Whereas, The Charlotte News carried a news story in the edition of January 13, 1937, telling of the method of punishment resorted to by Dr. E. H. Garinger of the Charlotte Central high school for a number of students, said to be more than 100, and whereas, this punishment was described as being the locking of doors, thereby depriving said students of nearly one day in the classrooms, and

"Whereas, such method of punishment was without proper consideration of those locked on the inside and, we believe, a wilful and deliberate violation of public school law and regulation, as other means of discipline could have been used to obtain the desired results, therefore,

"We, the Charlotte Central Labor Union, by unanimous action, go on record as condemning such procedure by any public servant of the citizenry of our great State of North Carolina and city of Charlotte."

The meeting was well attended, and of much interest, nearly all crafts being represented, with gains in membership being noted, everybody working, and new locals in the offing. President J. H. Fullerton presided.

Another matter brought up and upon was a request to the State Federation of Labor to start a movement to have a labor man fill the position in the president's cabinet as secretary of labor, it being a man's job and by right should go to an organized labor man to be efficiently and honestly handled.

Announcement was made of the meeting of the Women's Label League with Mrs. J. H. Fullerton, at 817 E. Seventeenth street for Friday night at 8 P.M.

COLORED BRICKLAYERS AND PLASTERERS ARE PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A group of colored bricklayers and plasterers held a well-attended meeting Tuesday night of this week for

the purpose of organization and the prospect for a healthy local is assured. The meeting was addressed by President J. H. Fullerton, of Central Labor Union and Secretary Gilmer Holton.

SUMMARY OF THE AUTO SITUATION

A Wednesday morning A.P. summary of the auto strike says:

Governor orders 1,000-1,500 national guardsmen to Flint to maintain order in General Motors strike center.

Police guard strikers in Flint hospitals with gunshot and other wounds received in street battle.

"Sit-down" strikers in Fisher Body No. 2 hold positions.

United Automobile workers charge riot "deliberately provoked"; General Motors expresses regret at disorder.

Strikers hold orderly mass meeting at scene of Monday night's outbreak.

Homer Martin confers at Washington with John L. Lewis, head of Committee for Industrial Organization.

New "sit-down" closes Fleetwood division of General Motors; parts shortages affecting other units boost total idle about 113,000.

FIRST PEACE TALKS IN AUTO STRIKE BEING HELD

DETROIT, Jan. 14.—Hopes of peace in strike-torn centers of the automobile industry rested last night in a joint conference arranged for Thursday morning in the office of Frank Murphy, Governor of Michigan.

The Governor invited William S. Knudson, executive vice-president of the gigantic General Motors corporation, and Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, to meet him without condition or prejudice. Governor Murphy announced that both accepted last today.

For the first time since the strikes threw more than 114,000 General Motors wage earners out of employment, the leaders of the union will meet in a formal conference.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS AND BUSINESS MEN

A resolution adopted last year as to The Labor Journal and solicitation of funds in the name of Central Labor Union was brought out of the minutes and republished as information. The resolution reads as follows:

"Resolved, That we publish in The Charlotte Labor Journal, that we do not condone any solicitation of advertising except for The Charlotte Labor Journal, purporting to represent labor, unless over the signature of the secretary of the Charlotte Central Labor Union.

IMPORTANT CENTENNIALS IN AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

John Deere
HE GAVE TO THE WORLD THE STEEL PLOW

1937 is the One Hundredth Anniversary of Deere's Steel Plow.

JOHN DEERE IN HIS BLACKSMITH SHOP IN GRAND DETROIT, ILLINOIS WAS PUZZLED OVER THE PROBLEM OF THE PIONEER WHOSE CAST IRON PLOW WAS POWERLESS IN THE STICKY SOIL OF THE PRAIRIES.

ONE DAY IN A SAW MILL HIS EYES CAUGHT THE SHINING SURFACE OF A BROKEN STEEL SAW. AND INSTANTLY THE SOLUTION OF THE FARMER'S PROBLEM TOOK SHAPE IN HIS MIND.

FROM THIS BROKEN BLADE HE FASHIONED THE PLOW THAT CUT THROUGH THE GUMMY SOIL, SCOURING ITSELF AS IT WENT.

THIS PROVED TO BE A MONUMENTAL EVENT IN FARMING HISTORY. IT SIGNALIZED THE CONQUEST OF THE VAST PRAIRIES.