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U. M. W. CRY "TREASON" AT GREEN REGARDING STAND IN AUTO STRIKE, AND WOULD EXPEL HIM FROM UNION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—William Green, who rose from manual labor in coal mines to the presidency of the American Federation of Labor, appeared destined last night to be expelled forthwith from his old union, the United Mine Workers.

Enraged because Green called the outcome of the recent General Motors strike a "surrender" by John L. Lewis, the policy committee of the Mine Workers shouted unanimous approval of a resolution directing the union's officers to take away Green's card.

Lewis is president of the Min Workers and is head of the Committee for Industrial Organization. There is bitter conflict between the federation leadership and the Lewis committee, which is seeking to build up huge industrial unions in mass production industries.

The miners' policy committee said Green, a member of the mine union since it was founded in 1890 and secretary-treasurer from 1912 to 1924, was guilty of "treason" and "a betrayal of labor."

Throughout the General Motors strike Green insisted that General Motors should make no agreement with the United Automobile Workers that would freeze A. F. of L. craft unions out of the automobile industry. Lewis, director of the automobile strike, is trying to bring every automobile worker into the United Automobile Workers union, regardless of craft lines.

Today's action widened a split between Lewis and Green that began behind the scenes many years ago and broke into the open in November, 1935, when Lewis organized his Committee for Industrial Organization.

Green, now 64 years old, went to work in the mines near his Coshocton, Ohio, home before he was 10. He became a local union leader in his teens, and rose through the various offices of the United Mine Workers until he was elected secretary-treasurer in 1912.

He held that post until he was elected A. F. of L. president, after Lewis nominated him, in 1924. Green still is a dues-paying member of the Coshocton local of the U. M. W.

Green's position as A. F. of L. president has been the subject of considerable conjecture since the federation's executive council suspended the miners for "insurrection" last September.

Federation rules say A. F. of L. officers must belong to a member union. However the question was not raised at the last A. F. of L. convention, since Green held honorary memberships in a number of unions in good standing.

Earl Britton Heads Columbia, S. C., Labor Council

At a recent meeting of the Columbia (S. C.) City Federation of Trades, Earl R. Britton, was elected president. Mr. Britton is a typographical man, and the body he is heading represents 17 locals. Meetings are held at the Union hall, 1435 Main Street. The body is reported as being a really active one and the meetings are well attended. Union men visiting Columbia are invited to attend these gatherings. Many local boys are hooked up with the Columbia labor movement, and in Earl Britton they have an experienced and capable leader.

UNION MEN MAY WEAR BUTTONS IN G. M. C. PLANTS

DETROIT.—Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, says he had received a letter from William S. Knudsen, executive vice-president of General Motors corporation, asserting there would be no objection to union men's wearing their buttons in General Motors factories.

THE WYOMING TEAMSTERS NEGOTIATE GOOD CONTRACT

Officials of the Sheridan, Wyoming, Central Labor Union and the local union of the Teamsters' International Brotherhood recently negotiated an agreement with three Sheridan transportation companies, one ice company and other firms calling for an eight-hour day, time and one-half for overtime and other improved working conditions.

MIAMI UNION PAINTERS WIN BIG WAGE RAISE

Painters' and Decorators' Local Union No. 263, Miami, Fla., has negotiated an agreement with a number of painting contractors providing an increase in wages of \$1 per day. Under the new rates journeymen will be paid a minimum wage of \$9 per day, or \$1.12½ an hour, for a 40-hour week, until January 7, 1938, and \$10 a day, or \$1.25 an hour, from January 7 until June 30, 1938. The old wage agreement called for \$8 a day for a 40-hour week.

Boy, Tallest Among All Giants, Is Still Growing

Alton, Ill.—Robert Wadlow, nineteen-year-old Alton giant, is now eight feet five inches tall and weighs 425 pounds, according to figures given out by his father, Harold T. Wadlow, an engineer. This measurement and weight, taken by the father to show the youth has gained about an inch in height and has taken on 35 pounds since his birthday February 22.

As was published in the Globe-Democrat, young Wadlow on his eighteenth birthday had a height measurement greater than that of any giant accepted as authentic by Dr. Harvey Cushing in a treatise published in 1912.

Wadlow's present height makes him an inch taller than the Russian giant and the Irish giant, Byrne or O'Brien. From skeletal measurements of those giants, Dr. Cushing and other experts have deduced that in life each was eight feet four inches tall, or one inch short of the present stature of the still-growing Alton giant. Ella Ewing, famous Missouri giantess, was eight feet three inches tall.

DETROIT BRICKLAYERS DRAW \$1.50 PER HOUR

The Detroit Bricklayers' Union announces an increase in their wage scale of 25 cents per hour, raising the former rate of \$1.25 to \$1.50 per hour.

TYPOGRAPHICAL AUXILIARY TO MEET WITH MRS. SYKES

The Typographical Women's Auxiliary, No. 107, will meet Friday night at the home of Mrs. Hugh M. Sykes, 804 West Fourth Street. The meeting will be of importance and all members are requested to be present.

CLOTHING WORKERS CONFERENCE ENDS WITH PAY INCREASE FOR 135,000 GARMENT WORKERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—A 15-day conference between the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and a committee of clothing manufacturers ended today with the announcement of a 12 per cent wage increase for 135,000 workers in the clothing industry throughout the country, effective May 15.

NEW YORK MACHINISTS WIN AGREEMENT WITH NEO-GRAVURE COMPANY

In a new agreement negotiated by the Machinists Union of New York City with the Neo-Gravure Company, maintenance machinists who were receiving \$52 for a 40-hour week were granted \$55 for a 36-hour week.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., LABOR TEMPLE COSTING \$250,000.00 OPENED BY CENTRAL BODY

Organized labor in Chattanooga, Tenn., recently moved into the new six-story \$250,000 labor temple, which was made possible by each of the 25,000 union members contributing one day's pay, amounting to a minimum of \$10. The celebration of opening the temple, sponsored by the Chattanooga Central Labor Union, was participated in by 618 delegates from the 113 local unions, all attuned to the strains of the central body's 50-piece band.

OMAHA NEWSPAPER PRINTERS GET A 6 PER CENT WAGE INCREASE BY ARBITRATION

A six per cent wage increase for all employees of the composing rooms of the World-Herald and the Bee-News of Omaha, Neb., who are members of the Omaha Typographical Union, was secured in a new agreement complying with the award announced by Dr. Frederick W. Clayton, pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church of Omaha, who acted as arbitrator. Day employees formerly receiving \$1 per hour are paid \$1.06 under the contract and those employed at night receive \$1.12½ per hour.

ALWAYS GLAD TO HEAR FROM OUR FRIENDS

The Journal wants to acknowledge friendly letters from the Barrs, at Columbia; the McKameys, at Newport; Paul Christopher, Asheville, who was reported on the sick list, W. F. Wiggins, at Erwin, and others. These letters commending the Journal and wishing us well help smooth over the rocky route a labor paper has to travel, especially when it is faced with criticism from sources that is no way contribute to its existence.

AREN'T MOTHERS ANNOYING?

"Elmer!! This isn't our baby!!"
"Shut up!! It's a better baby carriage."

CHATting

In McCall's Magazine for March, under the title, "Shall I Raise My Boy To Be A Soldier," are found many reasons given by women, especially by those who are mothers, for using their influence in outlawing war. In the following article will be found some of these reasons.

A Hungarian girl living near Budapest, employed as a secretary to a countess at a good salary, was engaged to be married to a young Budapest banker. Later she ran away with a young Dutchman and was married in Amsterdam. She didn't really love the Dutchman, but he offered her the security of a neutral nationality. Her children, if and when she had them, were not going to grow up as cannon fodder and nothing else.

A handsome young American girl who married a Frenchman and for years lived in France, is back in America now. One of the reasons is that she did not want her 10-year old son to fight in the French army if it happened, as it might happen, that he came to maturity in wartime. Being born in France to a French father made him subject to such a call.

An old lady in Vienna put all her spirit into the strawberry cakes she baked. She had not spirit left for anything else. Her two sons had been killed in the war. One was gassed and the other died of typhus fever. Her husband had a silver plate in his upper arm and quivered when spoken to sharply. Result of shell shock. Now, 19 years after the war, she says she would rather shoot herself than assist in another war.

And in Spain was met, just before the outbreak of the civil strife in that unfortunate country, a muscular German refugee woman who was trying to earn a living as gymnastic instructor. Her husband helped her. But on some days he could not work with her. A number of steel balls were hidden in his body and no doctor was ever able to get them out. They wandered around under his skin. When one lodged in a muscle near the armpit, only local pain was experienced. When one happened to travel upward to his skull, lying there between the brain and the hair, he had a fever. On those days he didn't work. And his wife will never fight in another war.

At the entrance gate to one of Hitler's German military camps is the sign: "You Were Born to Die for Germany." And that seems to be the idea of the rulers in the dictator countries, that people are born only to take their place on the battlefield and be shot at and perhaps killed.

The women in most of the countries of Europe have been so busy at their home tasks or in the fields or factories that they have had little or no time to learn of what is going on in the larger world. But conditions are changing. So are ideas of women. They are beginning to balk at producing children for the sake of keeping army ranks supplied with soldiers.

One reason why these European women are so unfamiliar with world doings is that jobs are not so plentiful in those countries as they are in America, and opportunities are fewer. The woman who does manage to escape the maternity bed and the kitchen and manages to get a job, has such a task to keep it she has little energy left for politics. But gradually the light is dawning and woman is coming into her own all over the world. In England there are women members of Parliament. In Russia women in many cases are doing the work of men, and working side by side with them at tasks which formerly belonged to man alone. At least two women are cabinet ministers or assistants. One woman is director of propaganda for the central committee. In Germany women vote, but their vote has no telling effect.

It is predicted that in the near future only about a half or a third of the adults in the world will produce offspring. In France the birth rate has fallen sharply and the government is showing grave concern about it. In England the birth rate is falling each year. In the smaller democracies, Sweden, Switzerland, Holland, etc., modern education, the spread of birth control, new opportunities in business life, have had a telling effect. In France, England, and the traditional neutral countries women are producing fewer children. The contrary is true of Germany, Italy, the Fascist and activist states, and also of Japan. The Italians produce so many babies that their population increases about 450,000 a year. It is predicted that eventually the birth rate of Germany will decrease, but at present it is being stimulated, and the Japanese rate is not slowing any.

If women refuse to bear children, it will not be many years before an army of men will be one of the things old men will read about in books of history, just as did we in our early days read the story of Jack the Giant Killer. In other words, no children, no soldiers. As years go by the world will learn how to keep peaceful—there may not be enough people left to start a war.

Charlotte Musicians Local No. 342 Backing Charlotte Symphony Orchestra; Union To Present Leader With Baton

Editor, Charlotte Labor Journal: The Charlotte Musicians Union, Local 342 of the American Federation of Musicians, is very well known in actual musical circles as backing the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, 100% both in money as well as musicians where they are most needed to compliment the very fine musicians, who have other means of income, so are not professionally inclined, and who perform with that organization.

The Central Labor Union hopes that all members who can, will attend the Charlotte Musicians Union concert Friday evening, February 19th, 1937. Of course there is a charge for this concert, but we assure you the money is only used to defray expenses co-incident with rehearsals as well as the concert. It is at the Alexander Graham High School Auditorium.

Your writer was a great deal surprised and in fact astounded when he learned from a reliable source, not connected with the management of the orchestra, that the school board have charged the school auditorium and rent for the last five years for the privilege of using the school auditorium and rehearsal rooms for a purely educational purpose. There is a nigger in the wood-pile some place. You may have read quite recently in the Charlotte News editorial columns something or other about politics entering the school system. Is this another case of politics? It seems I have heard somewhere or other about a teacher of music connected with the schools who is sunk to it in ears in politics. Let's hope he sinks over his head.

At this concert of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, the Charlotte Musicians Union are going to present the musical director of the Orchestra a baton, fittingly engraved, as a slight token of their appreciation for the work, Mr. G. S. DeRoxlo has done in the five years he has been conductor of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. He is an honorary member of the Charlotte local of the American Federation of Musicians.

There is not a single director of a large symphony orchestra in the country, as well as a member who plays with them, who is not a member in good standing of the American Federation of Musicians. In fact many of them are directly sponsored by the A. F. of M. locals, and practically every WPA music project that amounts to a row of beans or more, musically, is sponsored by some local of the American Federation of Musicians.

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.

"OUSTER ORDER" CALLED HITLERISM BY WM. GREEN, A. F. OF L. PRESIDENT; HE WON'T TAKE IT LYING DOWN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, assails as "Hitlerism" the order for his expulsion from his own union, the United Mine Workers.

"I won't take it lying down," he told reporters after the miners' international policy committee had accused him of "treason" in the General Motors strike and called on union officials to take away his membership.

"I have committed no act that would justify such treatment," Green said, "I think in Germany Hitler sends them to concentration camps, doesn't he, when they oppose his will?"

"Here they expell you from your union." John P. Frey, president of the federation's metal trades department, stepped to Green's side in the renewal of battling inside organized labor's ranks.

"The automobile workers' strike was much more than a strike against General Motors corporation," Frey said. "It was a strike against the American Federation of Labor and its affiliated international unions."

The automobile strike was supported by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers and head of the committee for industrial organization, which is seeking to organize workers in each large industry into a single union. Lewis and Green once were close allies in the miners' union, but now are bitter foes. Green and other federation leaders favor organizing workers by separate crafts.

The Green forces brought about the suspension of the miners and nine other unions from the federation last year because of their affiliation with Lewis' committee.

Frey was criticized along with Green in the resolution adopted yesterday by the miners' international policy committee.

The resolution said tactics of both men "amount to treason and betrayal of labor" and condemned their "gratuitous, insulting, anti-union, strike-breaking statements." It directed the union's officers to expel Green.

Green previously had called the settlement of the general workers strike a surrender and defeat for Lewis.

Answering that assertion, the miners' committee said the resulting General Motors agreement on collective bargaining "is practically the same as most every other contract in existence in this country."

"This contract x x x established the basis for collective bargaining in the automobile industry," the committee added, "and is the foundation upon which continuing collective bargaining and economic justice may obtain in the industry."

Reviewing the strike, Frey declared in a statement, "The United Automobile Workers' union completely surrendered that part of their strike purpose which was directed against the American Federation of Labor."

He charged the automobile workers with "repudiation" of a charter they had received from the federation, which he said established their jurisdiction and protected the rights of the unions of skilled mechanics in the automobile industry.

Recognition of the United Automobile workers as sole bargaining representative of General Motors workers, he continued, would have cut out the craft unions and forced their members to join the Lewis-sponsored group.

(The corporation agreed to recognize the United Automobile workers as bargaining agent for their own members, but not for other General Motors employees.)

"As the automobile workers union entered into an agreement with General Motors corporation which abandoned their claim to sole representative authority," Frey said, "international unions in good standing in the American Federation of Labor are now free as they have been in the past, to organize the skilled workmen of the several crafts."

"The effort of a 'militant minority' to force their will upon an unwilling majority has resulted in complete failure."

FIVE-DAY WORK WEEK FOR TACOMA ELEC. WORKERS

After a long struggle, electrical workers employed by the city of Tacoma, Wash., have won the five-day week and are now endeavoring to have the city council pass an ordinance which would install the Seattle scale of wages. Hundreds of union workers will be affected if the ordinance is passed.

PEORIA, ILL., PRINTERS GET PAY INCREASE 7½ CENTS AN HOUR

A new agreement between Typographical Union No. 29, of Peoria, Ill., and the Peoria Journal, Peoria Transcript and the Peoria Star grants a wage increase of 7½ cents an hour, with the night force receiving an additional amount of 50 cents over the day rate of \$1.12½.

TAKING NO CHANCES

Greetologist: "Do you want an outside or inside room?" Sailorologist: "Gimme an inside bunk. It looks like it might rain outside."

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Labor Non-Partisan Political League Met At High Point

On Sunday afternoon there was a state meeting of the Labor Non-Partisan Political League held at High Point, presided over by James H. Fullerton, of Charlotte, the state chairman, which was well attended, much business of importance being transacted. Among others from Charlotte were Gilmer Holton and H. L. Kiser. This organization is growing and is composed of a large number of union men, along with others who believe in labor taking a hand in politics to see that laws of a beneficial nature (are passed,) and men favorable to labor are elected to office.

SUMMON LABOR LEADERS TO KEEP EFFECTIVE WALSH-HEALY CONTRACT ACT

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Labor department, striving to keep effective the Walsh-Healy government contract act, has called labor leaders to conference to discuss the lack of bids to supply steel for the navy building program.

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS ISSUE 17 NEW CHARTERS LOCAL UNIONS

The national office of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America announced the issuance of 17 charters to new locals in the following towns: Iistowel, Can.; Jamestown, N. Y.; Talladega, Ala.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Maryville, Tenn.; San Francisco, Calif.; Renton, Wash.; Osawatomie, Kans.; Gilmer, Tex.; Princeton, West Va.; Yuma, Ariz.; St. Paul, Minn.; Dora, Ala.; Birmingham, Ala.; Carson City, Nev.; Seattle, Wash.; St. Augustine, Fla.

Morse's Odd Death

Dunnigan, Calif. — Psychologists are wondering if a horse can die of fright. An eight-year-old girl was riding a horse between whom a real affection existed, when she fell off. The horse took a few more steps and fell dead.

What About Fido?

Cheyenne, Wyo.—A recent "dog census" conducted in this city revealed that Pal and Mickey are the names most frequently bestowed on canine pets. Names ranged from the aristocratic titles of King and Queen to the ultra-modern streamlined variety such as Zephyr.

Bear Trees Forester

New Castle, Va.—The keeper of the Potts mountain fire tower was "treed" in the tower all night by a big black bear.