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A. F. L. GOING AFTER WHITE COLLAR WORKERS AND FARMERS IN A COUNTER ATTACK ON THE C. I. O.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The American Federation of Labor intends to start a counter-attack on C. I. O. organizing efforts among agricultural and white collar workers.

William Green, A. F. of L. president, announced yesterday he would set up federation councils in both fields to correlate drives against the Committee for Industrial Organization, headed by John L. Lewis.

So far there has been no national A. F. of L. organization among either agricultural or white collar workers. A. F. of L. members in each group were taken into locals directly affiliated with the federation.

A group of these locals in each field repeatedly has applied for a national union charter, but the Federation has turned them down on the ground that the unions were not strong enough for independence.

Lewis' invasion of this territory with the United Agricultural and Cannery Workers and the United Office and Professional Workers prompted the federation to fight back.

Green said the formation of councils—each to include representatives of all loyal locals—would be the first step toward granting A. F. of L. charters to both groups.

The Office Workers probably will set up their council during the A. F. of L.'s October convention in Denver, Green said. A date for the Agricultural and Packing House Workers' meeting had not yet been set.

The C. I. O., meantime, said the United Office and Professional Workers now include 36 locals with 22,000 members in 29 cities. Nineteen of these locals, it added, have seceded from the A. F. of L.

The United Agricultural and Cannery Workers claimed a membership of 60,000 in 23 States. Fifty-six A. F. of L. locals, the union said, voted to join the C. I. O., at a recent convention.

Radio Stars Form Union In The A. F. R. A.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—John L. Lewis and William Green have some new and potent rivals for public attention as labor leaders tonight in the persons of Jack Benny, Eddie Cantor, Bing Crosby, Grace Moore, and Rudy Valley.

Those names and others known to many were listed on the national board of directors of the newly-formed American Federation of Radio Artists, which launched its drive today to organize the radio field.

The federation, formed when the Actors' Equity association waived its jurisdiction over radio, will open offices in key cities, including Chicago and Los Angeles.

Carpenters Union Move Against Lewis' C. I. O.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 17.—Charging an "invasion" of its jurisdiction by John L. Lewis' Committee for Industrial Organization, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America ordered members of all its local unions in the United States and Canada today to refuse to work with materials furnished by unions affiliated with the C. I. O.

Labor Press Vital Need

The freedom of the press, guaranteed to us by the Constitution, must depend after all upon the support which the readers of the press give to it. We need scarcely more than mention the fact that the usual daily newspaper, to say nothing of the magazines, do not feel called upon to espouse the cause of organized labor. Such fair plan as is given this cause by the publications is based upon the unanswerable strength of the position of the labor movement.

But we wish to emphasize the fact, that if there were no great section of the national publications known as the Labor Press, which gives its first and last loyalty to the workers of the nation, and especially to those who are members of the organizations of labor, the other sections of the nation's publicity organs would probably pay much more scant attention to the rights of labor.

Circulation is the life of any publication. Given readers, any publication is in a position of power, in proportion to its friends who show their loyalty to their own cause by their subscriptions to their own press, and by their activity in helping to enlarge its circulation.

The rights of labor will always depend, to a great extent, upon the freedom of the labor press. A labor paper which circulates freely in its own community is an index of the power of labor in that locality. It is a very definite part of the organization itself, and its functions are so vital that neglect of the labor press is sure to reflect upon the qualities of the labor movement itself.

A Guildsman Questions Lewis As To Free Press

NEW YORK, N. Y., August 17.—Reuben Maury, editorial writer for the New York Daily News, and a member of the American Newspaper Guild, a CIO affiliate, today demands that John L. Lewis explain how this country's free press policy can jibe with the labor organizations' strong arm methods.

Maury, in an open letter to the CIO chief, which appears in the current Liberty magazine, insists that Lewis tell what loyalty toward CIO is expected from a reporter who runs into facts unfavorable to it.

"In your old United Mine Workers days, I gather, your idea about coal miners who disapproved of your policies was to have them slapped down," Maury writes. "If we newspaper CIO-ers don't give CIO the best of it in everything, do we get slapped down? Do I, for example, for writing this open letter to you?"

Maury also asks: "Where do you think, John, to take the hundreds of thousands who are joining CIO? It has been said publicly, without denials or lawsuits on your behalf, that your favorite organizers are Communists, avowedly or in spirit."

"Myself, I don't believe you are plotting a Soviet America, but I wonder if you realize how many millions of Americans do. In their eyes, John, you are a Red menace."

Lumber Workers Spurn C. I. O. At Seattle, Wash.

SEATTLE, WASH.—The "road back" to bona fide A. F. of L. unions is apparently being sought by many workers when they arise "the morning after" their intoxication by the C. I. O. spellbinders' being well-seasoned hot air.

In keeping with this trend, one of the largest unions of lumber and sawmill workers, Local No. 2519, has withdrawn from the so-called "Woodworkers' Federation," and has flatly refused to become associated with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Out of a reported membership of 2,000 it is stated that there were only four dissenting votes on the resolution to remain loyal to the American Federation of Labor.

Mediation Fails In Shipyard Workers Strike

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—An attempt by the State mediation board to settle the two-months-old strike involving 15,000 shipyard workers in the metropolitan area through a voluntary conference failed today and the board announced it would take legal action to force a conference Wednesday.

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Not slowly, but rapidly, and seemingly with an increasing pace, is the death toll increasing on our highways, in North Carolina, and elsewhere throughout the United States. The governments of the various states and of the United States are working every day making the highways safe and smooth and in proper condition for rapid transit wherever one may wish to go. Automobile manufacturers are busy doing what they can to make their machines travel faster over these improved roads. At the same time the manufacturers and the various motor clubs and law-making bodies are passing resolutions and laws to the end that drivers should be careful, in order that accidents may be avoided and life saved.

Taking from drunken drivers their license does not seem to be the benefit to the public it was hoped would result. Imprisonment because of accident and death does not appear to carry any warning to many, and never does a day pass when one or more accidents are not noted in the press. What final restrictions will be necessary it is hard to imagine, but since man with his intelligence has solved many problems which have seemed impossible, it does not appear but that some time in the future we may yet get to the final solution.

During the past several weeks there has occurred in and near Charlotte some very serious automobile wrecks, involving the death and injury of quite a few Charlotte residents. Perhaps if those who drive, especially those who drive recklessly or at high speed, would give some thought to what sudden death really means they would take more heed while on the road.

Within recent days a prominent Charlotte doctor was killed in a wreck of his own car, and while thinking of this death and its effect on the city and country as a whole, some thoughts arise which might help others to look at accidents more in the light of a national calamity, instead of just the death of one more person, and when the final services are over to go ahead as before and take what comes.

In the case of this Charlotte physician we may look at it in the light that here is a mature man, born as are other persons, nursed and cared for by parents, nurses and physicians, grew to manhood, went to school, studied, graduated, went to college, spent the required time there in study and preparation for his life work, served as interne in hospitals, finally branched out into the wide field of caring for the afflicted whoever they may be, was successful both in his labors and in the accumulation of this world's goods, treated the wealthy and the ones who were poverty-stricken, all the while studying in order that he may be better prepared to carry on his work of relieving human suffering.

Years passed and all was moving nicely with him. Desiring a few days of rest he went down to the seashore to enjoy himself. Came time to return, and he and others boarded his automobile, in the hands of a trusted chauffeur, for Charlotte. A turn in the road was not successfully made. When the passengers were finally gathered up the doctor was dead and the others needed hospital attention. A few hours before all were in good health. Now all the result of work and study of this one life, in the twinkling of an eye, has gone, never to return. If this man's place ever is filled the same must again take place, and it is doubtful if the place ever will be filled. A lifetime to prepare—failure to make one turn in the road destroys all. Like the flowers which we enjoy—here today, gone tomorrow.

Another angle. The accumulation of this world's goods in one person's hands represents so much power. After death, this accumulation is divided up into many smaller amounts, and like the strands of a rope, as a rope there is great power. As strands, each can be broken by the hand. Its power of help has vanished. Become weak. But, unlike the rope, it will never again be one unit to work with force.

Let us consider seriously what accidents really mean. More people suffer than merely the one who receives the hurt and spills the blood.

SENATOR SAYS NRLB IS LEWIS ALLY AT ANTI-C. I. O. RALLY AT WEIRTON, W. VA., BEFORE 8,000 STEEL WORKERS

WEIRTON, W. Va., Aug. 16.—Senator Rush D. Holt, West Virginia's anti-New Deal Democrat, bitterly attacked the National Labor Relations board Sunday at an outdoor rally of Weirton Steel workers.

The young bespectacled senator spoke on the eve of a board hearing on its complaint that Weirton Steel employed terrorism against the Steel Workers' Organizing committee.

Before a crowd of Weirton workers, mostly members of the Weirton Employees' Security league, which the board calls a company-sponsored organization, Holt declared:

"The National Labor Relations board has been just another alphabetical way to spell C. I. O."

"The C. I. O. wants the national labor board to decide its cases, not on the question of right or wrong, but on the campaign contributions of John L. Lewis."

"I am going to do all in my power to see that... the board conducts its activities in West Virginia fairly and honestly."

"Before the rally, a two-mile long parade of Weirton workers marched four abreast through the town to the grove at the city limits, where Holt spoke."

"The marchers, keeping time to five brass bands, carried placards denouncing John L. Lewis, the C. I. O., and the national labor board."

"About 20 women, employed in the tin mill, paraded in blue uniforms. Men in the mill wore tin top-hats, made in the shops."

"Each department of the steel company was represented in the line of march."

"The crowd cheered wildly when Holt declared:

"I am now preparing much data on the whole set-up, and unless there is a change for the better in the National Labor Relations board and it settles down to try to conciliate and help industrial strife, rather than spread difficulties, and unless it stop stalling, long-sided decisions, I intend to present the facts to the United States Senate in the next session and ask that both for an investigation of the board."

Holt then accused John L. Lewis, chairman of the C. I. O., of having determined either to rule or destroy the American Federation of Labor.

"The very day that Lewis was defeated in the race for presidency of the A. F. of L.," the senator charged, "he set out in an ambitious way to either rule or destroy that organization."

Congressman Arthur P. Lammek of the Twelfth Ohio district, a Democrat, told the workers:

"Organize as you please under the Wagner labor relations act and elect whom you please to represent you."

"If that doesn't suit John L. Lewis, tell him to go to hell."

Lammek declared that he understood "members of the NLRB visited some of you workers in your homes in company with members of the C. I. O. The NLRB is not supposed to take sides."

"They have no right to help organize the plants."

"At one point in Lammek's talk, a heckler took offense at the Ohioan who remarked that "although I voted for Roosevelt, I oppose certain administration legislation."

The crowd boomed as the heckler shouted: "I object, I object."

Many who marched today will be summoned as witnesses in the labor board hearing tomorrow in New Cumberland's red-brick courthouse. The board has announced it would call 300 witnesses in an attempt to prove the C. I. O.'s contention of company employe domination.

HUGO BLACK, NEW DEAL ADHERENT, CONFIRMED BY SENATE VOTE 63 TO 16; KLAN AFFILIATION THROWN ASIDE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Hugo L. Black, aggressive new dealer, stood ready last night to take the oath of office as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The last obstacle to his assuming the judicial robes was removed by a Senate vote of 63 to 16, approving his nomination, the first to be made to the court by President Roosevelt in three years of conflict with the tribunal.

In confirming the appointment, the Senate brushed aside charges that Black has been a member of the Ku Klux Klan, that he is of a temperament ill-suited to the judicial office, and that he is ineligible for the post for constitutional reasons.

These accusations were hurled with vigor and occasionally with bitterness by the small but resolute band of those who opposed confirmation, throughout a day of forthright debate.

The spectacular charges that Black had been associated with the Klan were raised at the outset of the debate by Senator Copeland of New York, and emerged irrepressibly throughout, until, just before the voting began.

Carpenter's Unions On Pacific Coast Boycotting C. I. O.

PORTLAND, Oregon.—The attempt of C. I. O. adherents to promote a rival to the carpenter's union, known as the International Woodworkers of America, is reported as meeting with stiff resistance all along the Pacific Coast, where C. I. O. activities in this line have been centered.

A growing boycott threatens to tie up the entire lumber industry of the Northwest, it is revealed. The strong Portland local of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, affiliated with the A. F. of L., has joined with other Northwest locals in declaring that they would not handle products manufactured by members of the C. I. O. organization.

Nothing is so sacred but what it is capable of being amended—or more generously interpreted or more clearly understood. Even the Bible was "amended" by an officially appointed ecclesiastical body which decided to have it consist of only sixty-six books. The Constitution of the United States is regarded by many as a sacred document—but it has been amended twenty-one times.

There are some people who think that the future of America depends upon the "invulnerability" of the Constitution. But England has no constitution whatever, and somehow it manages to get along with less lawlessness than we do—in spite of our sacred document.

There is a great span between the revelation of God to Moses when He spoke to him out of the burning bush, and the revelation of God through Jesus Christ.

And the last word regarding the manifestation of God to mankind has not yet been spoken. He reveals Himself today in countless ways to men of every degree.

If you are getting no new light on the facts and forces of life you're in a bad way. There's something the matter with your thinking or there's no opening in your mind to let new ideas come in. And there never was a time in history when more new things were developing than just now.

A hundred years from today people will look back and say: "What a great thing it must have been to have lived in those days—when something big was happening all the time!"

What a chance there is today to mould the future of the world—or, at least, to become a part of the big world that's being moulded by others—and not being left behind because we have no imagination and no ideals.

Man, Long Legally Dead, Is Resurrected by Court

Newark, N. J. — Frank Polomka, declared legally dead nine years ago on petition of his wife, Valeria, whom he left ten years before, was brought back to life in the eyes of the courts at the request of the Prudential Insurance company.

The company, which refused to pay policies totaling \$810 on his life presented evidence that Polomka was living in Poland with six children and a wife whom he deserted before coming here in 1913. Surrogate Frederick Herrigel of Essex county vacated the 1928 order declaring Polomka dead. Identification was clinched by a missing finger on the left hand.

Valeria Polomka formerly lived at 146 Boyd street.

"Bobby," a Horse, Resigns From the British Navy

Devonport, England.—The British navy retired "Bobbie" with the full ceremonial honors usually reserved for an admiral disembarking from his flagship.

"Bobbie," a horse, was permitted to resign after 20 years' service in the naval forces.

More than 500 able-bodied seamen and non-commissioned officers lined the pathway from the stable to the gate of the royal naval barracks when he left, preceded by a sailors' band playing "The Boys of the Old Brigade."

An honor guard presented arms at the shrill of the bo'sun's pipes. Bobbie's successor, Betty, arrived just before the old veteran departed—so the navy still can carry on.

Fortune Found in Jar

Stockholm. — In an old jam jar the police of Skaane found \$10,000 in currency when they searched the house of Per Telander, following his sudden death. Telander left his native Sweden 54 years ago for the United States and returned in 1936.

Check 20 Years Late

Sweetwater, Tex. — A letter enclosing a money order for \$12.35, mailed at Des Moines, Iowa, December 1, 1917, reached its destination almost 20 years late.

Some Of The Men You Know In Labor

[Third of a Series of Sketches On Leaders In Labor In This Section.]

(By PEROXIDE) No. 3

Claude L. Albee is well known in Charlotte in every walk of life. His record in the labor movement is 100 per cent, and he numbers his friends by all who know him, while at times his opinions may differ with some of us, everyone likes him. His name is on the charter of Charlotte Central Labor Union, and he is one of the stalwarts who stood by the Union ship in the dreary and drab days when it took a man to stand. He is an oversea boy who knows what "going over the top" meant. He is a member of Charlotte Typographical Union, vice-president of Charlotte Central Labor Union, and vice-mayor of the city of Charlotte. He is of the A. R. F. persuasion, a member of many fraternal and civic organizations and an all-around worthwhile citizen.

(Brought out of the records and readopted December 9, 1936)

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."

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NOTICE TO TEXTILE WORKERS OF THE CAROLINAS

If you are interested in organization under the A. F. of L. you are requested to get in touch with the Charlotte office No. 302 South College Street, Phone 3-1905, and assistance will be given in every possible way. New textile locals are being formed along safe and sane lines, being directly affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

"Mad Holiday" At The Charlotte Theatre Fri.-Sat.

Concerned fully as much with the business of entertaining and amusing its audiences as with the more familiar one of mystifying them "Mad Holiday" comes to the Charlotte Theatre Friday presenting the amazingly different phenomena of a murder mystery "kidding" murder mysteries. Edmund Lowe and the sophisticated Elissa Landi proved apt choices for the leading roles in the diverting entertainment for Lowe, cast as a temperamental Hollywood player of detective characterizations, has actually appeared in several of them in his professional career including Philo Vance in "The Garden Murder Case."

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