

GREAT URGE FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS NOW IS BEFORE SOUTHERN STATES; LABOR HAS SERIOUS PROBLEMS

It's a queer old world, but a grand old world, and the last part of that statement is the truest. It is a grand old world. Here in 1937 we have the greatest urge for social and economic advancement which this old world has ever experienced.

Tenancy Work Money Is Voted

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Congress, in one of its last acts, voted \$20,000,000 to start an experimental attack, recommended by President Roosevelt, on the nation's tenancy problem.

The third deficiency appropriation bill, which the senate sent to the White House, carried two \$10,000,000 items to be used for loans to selected tenants for the purchase of farms and for government purchase of "unfit" land in the southwest.

A. F. G. E. Unit Not Going C. I. O.

A proposal to affiliate the American Federation of Government Employees, an A. F. of L. affiliate, with the Committee for Industrial Organization has been spurned by the Chattanooga union of the Federation.

C. I. O. UNION FACES DAMAGE SUIT OF \$700,000; WORKERS ARE SAID TO BE DEPRIVED OF MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD

ATLANTA, Aug. 26.—Suits asking \$700,000 in damages because of expulsion from a CIO union was met yesterday by a union official's claim that the seven plaintiffs were not expelled but merely suspended pending trial.

The CIO, the Textile Workers Organizing Committee, the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and five local and regional officers of these groups were made co-defendants in actions instituted yesterday by seven women who said they had been expelled without trial from the I. L. G. W. U. and as a result lost their jobs.

Mrs. Josephine Walden, business manager of the I. L. G. W. U. local, and one of the defendants, said today the petitioners had not been expelled. She declined to detail the charges on which she said they were awaiting trial but said they came under the heading of "conduct unbecoming one of our organizations."

Since the alleged expulsion, the petitioners said, the plaintiffs had been deprived of their livelihood because "all factories in the city of Atlanta are under contract with the local union."

Each petition asserted "the democratic form of labor organization has been destroyed and the right of a worker to earn an honest livelihood is at the mercy of the heads and officers of the associations."

It was charged the individual defendants "have been for many months running these associations and directing the activities of members in a manner that is little short of being dictatorial, making contracts with employers without consulting the workers as to their wishes and desires, calling strikes at their individual will without obtaining a strike vote from the workers, expelling members without filing charges or having a trial, and making numerous extra assessments without any vote and having the employers withhold the same from the workers' pay envelopes."

Defendants named as individuals and also in their official capacity were A. Steve Nance, southeastern director of the CIO and I. L. G. W. U.; Mrs. Walden, John Martin, regional director of the CIO; Ross Jones, president of the local; and Cora Hubbard, secretary of the local.

Plaintiffs in the suit, all of whom stated they were power machine operators, were Mrs. Eural Morris, Mrs. Eulalia Boswell, Mrs. Augie May Brown, Mrs. Inez Sanders, Mrs. Cecil Jones, Miss Anna Lee Sanderlin and Mrs. Artie White.

Movie Actor Tells 'Ten Best Ways to Get Name in Papers'

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—The movie actors' technique in getting their names in print was revealed last week by Spencer Tracy, film star.

Listed as the "ten best ways of getting one's name in the papers," Mr. Tracy's suggestions are:

- 1. Be born. Almost anyone can get a couple of lines in the "Births" column that way.
2. Step in front of a truck, and get in the "Deaths" column. If you care to die more spectacularly, it may be worth a paragraph or even a column.
3. Get married, but remember that the space you rate on this depends entirely on the person you marry.
4. The same goes for divorce.
5. Get named as co-respondent in someone else's divorce.
6. Win a sweepstakes, or come into a lot of dough in any way.
7. If you can't get the money any way, abscond with it. Recommended as surefire for page one, part two.
8. If you're a girl, and good looking enough, pose in a bathing suit alongside a prize cow, or alongside almost anything, from an all-American quarterback to a new gadget for shelling peas.
9. Write a syndicated byline column.
10. Buy the paper. [And another one: Be a Union Labor organizer in a strike zone.]

ALUMINUM WORKERS VOTE FOR A. F. L. UNION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A telegram received at the American Federation of Labor headquarters here from David Sigman, A. F. of L. organizer at Oshkosh, Wis., announced that the employees of the Aluminum Goods Manufacturing Company at Two Rivers and Minotowoc plants had chosen the American Federation of Labor Unions as collective bargaining agents by the large majority of 1,654 to 760.

We affirm as one of the cardinal principles of the trade union movement that the working people must unite irrespective of creed, color, sex, nationality or politics.—A. F. of L. Convention Declaration.

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.

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.

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3 Baby Robins Grow Into His Clothes

Asbury Park, N. J. — Morris Brenner left his coat hanging from a tree while he hoed in his garden. When he went to retrieve the coat, he found a robin's nest in the right pocket. Hoping the bird would move, Brenner left the coat there and later found three eggs in the nest on his return. The next day the eggs had hatched.

Starving Tribesmen Sell Girls at 6 Cents

Allahabad, India.—Young girls are being sold for as little as six cents each by starving aborigines of the Partagabh, Banswara and Turiam areas, it was reported recently. All crops of the 2,000,000 people of the tribes have been wiped out, it was said. American and Canadian missions are attempting to cope with the relief problem.

RETURNS HOME SOON AFTER OWN FUNERAL

Man Hears He Was Buried by Town After Drowning.

Milford, Conn.—The grim amusement enjoyed by Mark Twain's heroes upon returning to town after an absence to find neighbors mourning their demise was experienced in reality here by John J. Barrett, who startled officers of this community by reappearing sound in health and lively in spirits just three days after his funeral.

A drowned man, estimated to be fifty years old and dressed in a blue serge suit, was taken from the Housatonic river. He was taken to the Milford morgue and photographed. Next day three citizens of Redding, Conn., agreed that the dead man was John J. Barrett, fifty-two years old, of Redding. They were Mrs. Carrie Phillips, with whom he had often boarded, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Osborne, for whom he did occasional odd jobs.

There was no reason to doubt their testimony, so the town authorities buried the man, after proper rites, as John J. Barrett of Redding. Three days later the original and authentic Mr. Barrett materialized in Redding and strode briskly up the front steps of the Osborne house and rang the bell.

"Good morning," he said cheerily when Mrs. Osborne appeared in the door. "Have you got anything for" —But Mrs. Osborne had turned pale. "What's the matter, you sick?" he asked solicitously.

"But I thought you were—where—were?"—Mrs. Osborne's voice trailed off.

"Why, I've just been up to Fairfield," Barrett explained. "Been workin' on the Morehouse farm."

Mrs. Osborne, finally convinced that no specter had entered her doorway, explained what had troubled her. A little later Mrs. Phillips underwent a similar emotional shock when Barrett called to engage his old room for a few days.

Advised to straighten matters out with the Milford authorities, Barrett presented himself at headquarters and succeeded in identifying himself. They showed him the pictures they had taken of the drowned man and he agreed with them that the resemblance was striking, even uncanny.

And now everybody is wondering who was buried.

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AGED NAVAJO ONCE SOLD INTO SLAVERY

Now He Herds Flock of Sheep in Alamosa Canyon.

Alamosa, Colo.—Francisco Gallegos, eighty-eight-year-old Navajo who herds a flock of sheep in Alamosa canyon, thirty miles west of here, is one of Colorado's few former Indian slaves now alive. Gallegos was born among a tribe of desperate Indians who raided and plundered Spanish settlements in southern Colorado nearly a century ago. He narrowly escaped death in a pitched battle which his tribe fought with a group of white settlers after the Indians had stolen the white men's horses.

One of the Spanish settlers sighted the Indian baby sitting on the ground crying in the center of the battlefield on which the bodies of his mother and father lay. The settler started to shoot but changed his mind and picked up the infant and returned him to the Spanish settlement where he was sold to Juan de Jesus Gallegos for a slave.

He was reared by the Gallegos family but was never legally freed. When treaties between the whites and Indians were signed which provided that each give up their slaves, his master agreed to comply with the treaty but did not know to whom the child slave should go. The Indian child had no known relatives and his tribe refused to take him.

Francisco Gallegos knows nothing of his own people and is even unable to speak his own language. To him Spanish is his native tongue. He is a crack shot with a rifle and has uncanny success as a hunter.

In the past he has acted as a guide in the uncharted mountain routes. His master left his "slave son" flocks of sheep numbering more than 2,000 upon his death. Gallegos moved up the canyon and built the adobe hut where he lives today.

Conflicting reports are offered as to what became of Gallegos' sheep. Some persons say that unscrupulous neighbors stole his herd and others say that he lost them gambling. He herds a few sheep of his own today, but a county pension is his chief subsistence.

Age has left few marks on Gallegos, who is only slightly stooped. His hair is black and plentiful and he can walk twenty-five miles a day without tiring. Each year his marksmanship accounts for numerous coyotes, mountain lions, bears and deer.

"Living" Barricade Halts Truck Caravan

Cleveland. — Housewives on a suburban street, aroused by a steady stream of dirt-loaded trucks past their homes, formed a "living" blockade across the street and forced the drivers to give up. The contractor agreed to use another route. The city promised to clean the street.

BEAUTY LOSES LEGS; SUCCEEDS AS MODEL

Distinguished Artists Laud Her Graceful Hands.

Hackensack, N. J. — The last laugh is loudest. Jessie Simpson of Hackensack is laughing today at the tragedy that threatened to spoil her life. Fate played a cruel joke on the little beauty contest winner when a recent railway accident cost her the use of her legs. But Jessie could take it.

Two months later the tide has turned. The misfortune that crumbled her world about her has brought her to the notice of famous artists and photographers. Today Jessie Simpson holds success in the palms of her lovely hands. These hands that Howard Chandler Christy described as being "filled with grace and charm to the fingertips" have already won her a six months' contract as a model for wrist form watches with a watch company.

Arthur William Brown said that she had "the long, slim fingers that turn up slightly at the end to express grace." Dean Cornwall saw in them "the bravery and tenderness that constitute all true beauty."

Jessie is basking in bright lights just when her skies seemed darkest. Hal Phylfe, distinguished New York photographer, called her "the perfect photographic model, beautiful without a flaw." He is waiting for her to come on artificial legs to pose in his studio.

The doctors say it will be a year before Jessie can have her new legs. In her effort to jump on a moving commuter's train she slipped and fell beneath the wheels. To save her life the doctor was forced to amputate.

Two-Year-Old Counts to 100 and Can Say Alphabet

Camden, N. J. — Two year old David Barry Hoffman counts to 100, sings "Pennies from Heaven," "Margy," and "I'm an Old Cow-hand," and qualifies generally for the title "child prodigy."

Master Hoffman follows closely in the footsteps of his 11 year old brother Arthur, who did the same things when he was David's age and continued to be precocious through the lower grades of grammar school.

David can call off his grandmother's telephone number and those of the grocery man, his aunt and his father's business phone.

Son of an accountant and tutored by his mother, David knows the alphabet, having learned it by requesting information from his mother on the meaning of the odd figures in his picture books.

Louis, the boy's father, is proud of his accomplishments. Rose, his mother, doesn't want too much attention paid to the child.

Laborers must be recognized as being entitled to as much consideration as employers, and their rights must be equally safeguarded.—Commission on the Church and Social Service, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

It is hoped that this right (of labor to organize and bargain collectively) will never again be called in question by any considerable number of employers.—Administrative Committee, National Catholic War Council.

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Clerk Yells "Poison"; Wrong Man Treated

LaGrange, Ind. — A physician stopped in a grocery store to get something to "nibble on." He picked a cellophane package of rat poison from the rack instead of candy. The clerk chased him down the street, yelling "poison!" The doctor, not having opened the package, seized the breathless clerk, told him to cough hard and shouted for an antidote.

HUGE RATS MENACE PEOPLE IN ENGLAND

Rodents From South America Become Serious Pest.

London, England. — Great Britain is threatened by a new rat menace. This time the trouble is the nutria, a giant rat from South America introduced to this country for its fur, which has been escaping in considerable numbers in several districts.

The ministry of agriculture, after a four-year campaign costing thousands of pounds, has just won its fight with the muskrat, which was breeding in thousands and undermining river and railway embankments, when this new threat appeared.

Last month nearly 100 nutrias escaped from a farm in Surrey. Reports of other escapes have been made all over the country.

The ministry of agriculture has sent out a circular describing the nutria and asking local authorities for evidence of damage done by the rats.

The nutria averages between twelve and twenty-five pounds in weight and when free it bores long tunnels with a diameter of some twelve inches in the banks of streams.

"We do not know at present how much damage the nutria is likely to do. Nor do we know its rate of breeding when at liberty in this country," M. C. A. Hinton, deputy keeper of zoology at the Natural History museum, said.

"It is very independent and elusive, seeking lonely stretches of river to nest. It thus can do a lot of damage before being discovered. It is extremely fierce when interfered with and is likely to turn and fight dogs or human beings if attacked."

Trade unionism has passed the trial stage. It has come to its maturity out of long years of struggle and experience to an earned position of trust and confidence. The unions have built up standards of life and living, carefully, step by step.—William Green.

I look to the trade unions as the principal means for benefiting the conditions of the working classes.—Prof. Thorold Rogers, University of Oxford.

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