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## A. F. OF L. METAL TRADES DEPT. ATTACKS MRS. PERKINS AND C.I.O.; CLAIM COLLUSION WITH N. L. R. B.

DENVER, Sept. 29.—Blasts at Labor Secretary Perkins and the National Labor Relations board and a spirited dispute on the C. I. O., issue Tuesday turned a previously calm labor convention of the A. F. of L. metal trades department into a lively forum.

Roy Horn, president of the Blacksmiths' union, started the fireworks when he accused Miss Perkins of attempting to dictate what unites American labor should join. He said he would prefer "the dictator that wears a little bunch of hair under his nose or his hat coked on one side of his head to one that wears a skirt."

Then Joseph A. Franklin, president of the boiler makers, jumped to his feet and reminded the delegates they had approved without question the recommendation of the resolutions committee that John L. Lewis' rebel C. I. O. unions should not be expelled at next week's A. F. of L. convention.

Franklin said that he, for one, wanted to be recorded as voting against the report. John Coefield, president of the plumbers interjected that he also wanted to record his objection.

The remarks of these two brought the convention to life. Although Arthur Wharton, president of the Machinists' union, defended the commi-

tee's report, the delegates voted almost unanimously to reconsider their previous action and to return the report to the committee for further consideration.

Horn's blast at Miss Perkins followed a statement by John P. Frey, department president, that the Labor department chief had said she opposed amendment of the Wagner Labor Disputes Act this year just after the A. F. of L. had proposed an amendment to protect craft unions.

"First we get a Secretary of Labor that none of us wanted—that none of us had ever heard of—and now she tells us what union we should belong to," Horn said.

Frey had mentioned the amendment after a long discussion on the floor, during the course of which several delegates accused the labor secretary of C. I. O. sympathies.

The Federation's metal trades department convention is one of the preliminaries to the general A. F. of L. convention opening next Monday.

## OCTOBER 4TH WILL MARK OPENING OF CAROLINAS BIG FAIR IN CHARLOTTE

Everything is in readiness for the opening of Carolinas Agricultural Fair on Monday, October 4, and the event has been heralded as the greatest and most outstanding exhibit of agricultural and home products ever made in the Carolinas. The old airport site in Charlotte will be the scene of the huge farm and home exhibits from Mecklenburg and surrounding counties, which will be on display throughout the entire week.

Keen interest has been shown by farmers and community leaders alike in every department classification of exhibit, and Bill Arp Lowrance, fair manager, says "Never before in the Carolinas has such interest been manifested in agricultural displays and home exhibits."

The livestock and swine exhibits at the fair this year promise to exceed, in gigantic proportions, any such exhibit ever made before at a fair in the Carolinas. Entries for this department have been received from far and near and more than usual interest is being shown in the draft-pulling contest, which will be an added attraction this year at the fair in which the entered horses and mules will vie for the greatest pulling prowess through a dynamometer recently purchased by the State, and which fair officials were able to secure for exhibition at the Carolinas fair. The pulling contest for horses and mules will be a feature of the fair on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 5 and 6.

The agricultural and home exhibits at the fair this year promises to offer the keenest competition ever shown before, due to the banner year which has been enjoyed by the farm men and women throughout the Carolinas. There will be practically a one hundred per cent entry of community exhibits from Mecklenburg county.

## Lenoir Furniture Workers Have Great Open Meeting

Federal Labor Union No. 20960, Lenoir, N. C., had open meeting Friday night, September 24, and Reed Brothers String Band, of Union No. 1624, Hickory, played the string music. Many jigs were put on by members. Mr. Poarch and one of the committee, W. R. Boyd, put on an old time dance and the newest wrinkle in dances. Also in between dances the organizer, Mr. Beck, spoke on the union and was pleased with the attendance at the open house meeting.

Saturday night at Hickory, Local Union No. 1624, had a dance and Brother Reed furnished the music for this occasion. We want to thank the Moose Lodge for co-operating in assisting us in our struggle to organize in this town.

Sunday, at Lenoir, a special meeting of the officers of Federal Union, No. 20960, met and discussed the coming of the furniture boom which is expected in Lenoir for the next two months, and will say since our strike at the Caldwell Furniture Company, many of our union members are getting as high as a 6 1/2-cent raise in pay on the hour, which amounts to nearly \$3.00 a week raise. W. A. Hoyle, recording secretary, is the boy who tells of his satisfaction of what the union has done for him, in getting his wages raised and making the shop a better place to work. Will also say that one Fink traitor and union wrecker, who was a foreman in the Caldwell Furniture Company, has been fired off the job and also the few scabs. This shows what the company thinks of a man who will scab on his fellow man.

The report of the Atlanta conference was read off and accepted and we were well pleased to know the A. F. of L. is going to organize the Southland.

Lenoir, Sept. 27. X.Y.Z.

## Rex Recreation Parlor & Bowling Alley Being Remodeled By Charlotte Union Men

Union men in Charlotte have not failed to notice the placard in the window, in large letters, stating that all remodeling of the Rex Recreation Parlor and Bowling Alley was being done by union labor. This set a precedent in Charlotte, but the proprietor, by doing so, gave evidence of the fact that he wanted first-class work and was willing to pay the union scale to procure same. And with this information at hand the Journal feels that it is worthy of passing the word on to the workers in order that they may patronize those who patronize them.

"The Rex," as the boys call it, is well and favorably known. The service at all times being courteous and efficient, with an atmosphere of friendly contact amid pleasant surroundings. So it is with pleasure that Labor greets the remodeled "Rex" and wishes it much success.

The pool room and refreshment counter are on the lower floor, while bowling alleys are in rear first floor. Attention is called to announcement which appears upon another page.

The opening of the newly-remodeled Rex will be next Wednesday—Oct. 6.

### BOATES DUE HOME TONIGHT

A card from Colonel and Mrs. Harry Boat from Orlando, Fla., says "all is well" and that they are stopping there only a short time and were then on their way again. They expect to arrive home this evening. We have missed the Colonel in the State A. F. of L. office and will be happy when he returns.

Special (by postcard) to Labor Journal: UMATILLA, Fla., Sept. 27.—Yes, we have no bananas here. Still going strong. Good weather, but no fish.

THE BOATES.

## Mueller Brass Co. Strike at Port Huron Sees Violence End

PORT HURON, Mich., Sept. 28.—Shifts changed without disorder late Tuesday at the Mueller Brass Co. plant, somewhat allaying fears of a recurrence of hand-to-hand fighting between Committee for Industrial Organization strikers and American Federation of Labor unionists, who routed a C. I. O. picket line.

David Lundquist, plant superintendent, and Carl E. Muir, president of the Mueller Federal union, an A. F. of L. affiliate, said they had assurance from Governor Frank Murphy of adequate protection against violence.

Muir said Police Chief Herman Nelson told him the C. I. O. union had promised not to picket the plant, pending the outcome of efforts by Governor Murphy's representatives to compose the differences.

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## CHATting

The world in which we live has ever been a world of change, and that is, perhaps more noticeable today than at any time in the history of man. Almost every day something new to us is brought to our attention. Sometimes it is a change for the better and is welcomed with open arms. At other times it may be something for which many have no use and believe we could get along very nicely without it.

The Michigan Christian Advocate tells this little story which has reference to that which may be seen any day in any city or town in which one may happen to be:

"Only recently two women found themselves seated at the same table. 'Do you mind if I smoke?' one asked the other (a courteous question and very, very rare).

"The other said without any 'puritanism' that while she did not smoke, she would not take offense, and they proceeded to get acquainted. When she was quite sure she was not going to be preached at, the smoker volunteered her own defense. 'My husband told me I was too Puritanical, and so I decided to smoke to prove that I was not.'

"Before the charge of Puritanism, all of her old defenses went down in a heap. After all, is Puritanism so horrible that we must choose moral laxness as the lesser of two evils?"

"Really, the only legitimate charge against the Puritans was the unfortunate habit they had of enforcing their convictions and scruples upon other people. They were 95% an asset to our American life. Just stop and appraise the asset and liability percentages of various classes today and match the figures with the Puritan record. It is easy to find groups that are 95% a liability.

"Today's need is for smiling Puritans who will go in and out among us all, good, bad and indifferent, living witnesses to the survival of decency, the strength of clean living, the joy of real friendship with Christ, but with convictions as sturdy as the giant pines."

That is quite an interesting little sermon against one of the customs of today which has taken deep root with some people, and which is very much detested by many others. There was a time when, if smoke was seen ascending in the presence of humans, a man was seen in the midst of it, for in that day and time men only did the smoking, or occasionally some old lady who in some unaccountable manner has acquired the habit of smoking a crock pipe and plug tobacco.

Today it is common to see young women seated in motor cars, gatherings of men and women, or in public dining rooms, smoking cigarettes. All of which is most distasteful to many who do not so indulge. And especially in public dining rooms should this habit of smoking, by either sex, be stopped. No person would think of going into a church service and lighting a pipe, cigarette, or cigar. Neither should the same be permitted in public eating places. While smoking is very generally indulged in today, there are yet a few left who do not indulge, and they should not be denied the privilege of dining in public without having tobacco smoke mixed with their food. It is very distasteful to many and should not be permitted.

Some few years ago smoking was prohibited in any public place in which men and women assembled, and a sign, "No Smoking," or "Gentlemen Will Not Smoke, Others Must Not," was prominently posted, and obedience to the sign was the general response. And if one wished to smoke in the presence of a lady, permission was first asked. Not so today. Instead, either a man or a woman will light a cigarette without saying a word, unless it should be a request to supply the article or a match, and no permission asked.

While this writer enjoys a good long cigar perhaps as much as any man, it would please him very much to see a "No Smoking" sign posted in places other than gasoline filling stations, although it is not bad to have them there also.

Let I be accused of raising too much smoke, perhaps I had better let it rest where it is.



Most sensational act ever shown at a Fair will be Carver's Diving Horse at Carolinas Agricultural Fair, Charlotte, October 4th to 9th. The horse and rider plunge 50 feet into tank. Will dive every afternoon and night.

### FROM NEVADA

Two rabid Californians were caught in a heavy rainstorm in Los Angeles. Both watched the downpour with em-

barrassed expressions. Finally, after a deep silence, one said to the other: Boy, some terrible weather certainly blows in from Nevada, doesn't it?

## FREY SAYS REDS ARE LEADING C.I.O.; THAT COMMUNISTS ARE ON C.I.O. PAY-ROLL; THAT N.L.R. BOARD IS PARTIAL

DENVER, Sept. 27.—John P. Frey, president of the A. F. L. metal trades department, charged last night that Communists were on the C. I. O. pay roll as organizers and that Communists officered a large number of C. I. O. unions. In a report to his department's annual convention, Frey accused the National Labor Relations board of siding with John L. Lewis' Committee for Industrial Organization in labor's big civil war.

The metal trades meeting precedes the general American Federation of Labor convention, which opens here October 4.

The Communists, Frey said, had followed their "successful infiltration" of the C. I. O. with an effort to bore into A. F. of L. locals.

"During the year, as a result of this Communist influence, supplemented by activities of the C. I. O., a number of A. F. of L. locals adopted resolutions condemning the policy of the A. F. of L. of President William Green, the executive council, and many other responsible trade union officials," Frey said.

"A part of the tactics of the C. I. O. which was eagerly supplemented by the Communist party and its representatives, was to attack every trade union official who was opposed to the policy and tactics of the C. I. O."

The Communists, led by William Z. Foster, started their work in steel even before Lewis launched his campaign, Frey said, William Weinstein, American representative of the ex-

ecutive committee, Communist International in Moscow, was in command. Regarding the labor board, Frey said that its members had "apparently found it difficult" if not impossible, to maintain judicial impartiality between the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O.

The board's order for an A. F. of L.-C. I. O. election in the National Electric Products Company's Ambridge, Pa., plant after that company had signed a closed shop contract with the A. F. of L. Frey called "a most severe blow to collective bargaining."

"Employers have become fearful that an agreement legitimately entered into with an A. F. of L. organization may be subject to reversal, resulting from appeals from the C. I. O. to the board," he explained.

Frey proposed amendment of the Wagner act and a change in the board's field personnel. He would remove from the board the authority to determine whether a craft or industrial union was "the appropriate collective bargaining unit" for a given group of workmen.

## SEC. CHARLOTTE MUSICIANS UNION ASKS AS TO "MUSICAL FUTURE OF SOUTH" — REAL REVIVAL ON

If the American Federation of Musicians win their fight to use local musicians in radio stations over the United States, will the South benefit musically? Time and again this writer has had to argue bitterly with members of well paid professions like doctors and lawyers, who were all for free music, refusing to consider the side of a musician who must eat like they do.

The working man on the other hand, has sympathized with the musician in his efforts to make a living much more than even some music teachers, who by the way, also were well paid. Now comes the time when the professional musician is going to get a break after years of struggle. And I want to accept plenty of plaudits for the small part, as secretary of the local, I have had the chance to play in the bringing about of this condition.

Not only from the point of view of material benefits to the individual musician do I see a favorable picture only, but from the point of view of music as an art, is where the South is actually going to benefit the most, in the long run.

Music as an art in the south has long been squelched by piped music from other regions, taking away the livelihood of our best performers. These performers are usually our best teachers. They will now be able to follow the pursuit of their art instead of pushing shovels on WPA projects, etc.

And the best part of the A. F. of M. rulings is that they are strongly in favor of only local musicians for work that is to be given out. Art for art's sake is very fine, where there are no children clamoring for food, clothing and books, and some other member of the family is providing the necessities of life. But watch the progress of the art of music in the South, where there is a real gainful occupation fostering same, and I am certain those who truly were against a union of musicians, strictly from the Artistic view of music, will gladly admit their mistake, when they see the advancement of music that is to occur in the south in the very near future.

Thanks to the American Federation of Musicians, it looks like the South is going to have a real revival of music as an art.

WILLIAM GREENE, Secretary Musicians Union.

## N. C. State Fair Goes 100 Pct. Union Has Been "Unfair"

RALEIGH, N. C.—For the first time in the history of North Carolina the annual State Fair will open this year with 100 per cent union labor. For the past four years the Fair has been on organized labor's "National Unfair List."

The Fair now has a new secretary, Dr. J. S. Dorton, national representative of the American Federation of Musicians for North Carolina, and Arthur Pagula, representative of the Stage Hands' Union, presented details of the union contracts at a recent meeting here.

## Kendall Reports Very Busy Week

A letter from George J. Kendall, A. F. of L. organizer, working out of Raleigh, reports unusual labor activity in his territory. He covered business for the organization in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Durham and Raleigh. A banquet at Raleigh of the Machinists; a conference with part-time organizers at Winston-Salem; a Central body meeting at Durham; a meeting with Railroad trainmen, etc., all of which is but a part of the daily and weekly routine of an organizer. Kendall reports results for A. F. of L. activities in North Carolina as bearing good fruit.

## Central Labor Union

The weekly meeting of Central body last night was well attended, the usual routine being gone through, with very little new business coming up, other than the board of trustees being instructed to take up the matter of a central meeting hall for all labor bodies.

Delegates from the Painters Union were seated, and announcement of progress by the Womens Union Label League was made by Miss Venetta Threat, the president. The carnival committee reported having completed preliminary arrangements for the coming of the Broadway Shows of America, October 25-30, under auspices of Central Labor Union.

## INT. MACHINISTS WIN BARGAINING FIGHT IN HAMILTON, OHIO, FIGHT

HAMILTON, Ohio.—The local lodge of the International Association of Machinists won a decisive victory in an employe election for collective bargaining agent, over a C. I. O. set-up, at the Hoover-Owens-Rentschler Company, local branch of the General Machinery Corporation.

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