

# Weekly Labor Press Mighty Bulwark Of American Worker

Have you ever spread out a hundred or more weekly labor papers in front of you, for a look at the grass roots of the labor movement? It's a great idea. Everyone ought to have the chance to do it. There's better writing in the labor papers than there used to be years ago. And today there's a note of life and action that runs all through them and that makes them exciting and fascinating. In these weekly papers there is the running story of what's doing. One thing notable about them is that their columns are not filled with a hymn of hate. They are filled with stories about what is being done to build.

There are better editorials than there were years ago. Many of them rank with the best to be found anywhere.

Communities are doing their own thinking and the labor paper editorial reflects the best of that thinking. A better idea of the multitude of local problems is gained from the weekly labor paper than from any other source. The editorials tackle those problems and handle them with skill and thought.

They tackle national problems, too. But standing out big and bold in these local papers is the story of a coast-to-coast determination to organize workers into unions for the sake of progress for workers.

And the progress, recorded community by community, is amazing. America has never seen anything like it.

Here and there a good woman's page shows up, but by and large labor papers find that the economic interests of the sexes are alike. The same principles operate.

But the growing woman's auxiliary movement may make some change in the growth of woman's pages. However, even here the work of the women is in the same economic channel with the work of men.

What is known as feature writing has come to the front in Seven Lea-

gue boots in the last few years, as far as labor is concerned.

A number of labor papers have fine feature stories, locally written. Their national news service brings them plenty of national feature stories.

The main restriction on the inter-prise of local papers is their inability to hire sufficiently large staffs. Most papers are still run by one or two man staffs.

Today, with union memberships growing by thousands every day, the local labor paper stands at the doorway of its greatest opportunity.

The opportunity to spread circulation, to become financially strong, to be able to "do things," is at hand.

The papers themselves must crack through the vicious circle which has been one in which poor papers could not attract readers and without readers the could not become strong papers. That devil has chased himself around the labor lot for many years.

But persistence and ingenuity are driving him out of labor publishing offices.

Labor paper publishing is as necessary as organizing. Papers are voices, needed always.

America has the greatest labor press of any nation on earth.

It is growing week by week. It is a thrilling and fascinating study.

Spread out a hundred or more of them some time and have a look.

## Japanese Goods Are Boycotted By the A. F. of L.

The following resolution was offered to the American Federation of Labor's Convention and adopted. It was introduced by I. M. Ornburn at the request of the Union Label Trades Department:

Whereas, the militaristic fanatics now in control of Japan are waging an undeclared war, and have killed and wounded many thousands of innocent people; and

Whereas, these fanatics are able to finance their atrocious activities only through dumping into the United States and other markets the products of exploited workers who are paid the equivalent of less than 5 cents per hour, and

Whereas, these atrocious activities will continue only so long as the Japanese are able to secure the necessary finances through the sale of the products of their exploited workers; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Union Label Trades Department unhesitatingly call upon members of organized labor, the friends of organized labor and all persons opposed to the unscrupulous tactics of the Japanese fanatics to boycott the products of Japan, and, by refusing to purchase such products, contribute toward the speedy elimination of these war-like activities.

Ogdonelle—Have you ever met the only man you could ever be happy with?

Sally—Oh, yes, lots of them. Mrs. Snicher—Getting this \$50 from my husband was like taking candy from a baby.

Mrs. Snosch—Yes, he certainly did put up a terrific holler.

### CRAZY BUSINESS

"Dija head about poor Jock going crazy?"

"Crazy! How did it happen?"

"He bought a score card at a baseball game and neither side scored."

When you buy foreign-made goods, you are cutting your own way. Don't chisel on yourself.

## C. I. O. Defeated On Bargaining By A.F.L. Workers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The American Federation of Labor won a long battle with the C. I. O., today at the National Electric Products corporation's Ambridge, Penn., plant.

The National Labor Relations board certified the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, an A. F. of L. union, as sole collective bargaining agent for the plant's production workers.

The United Electrical and Radio Workers, affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization, had contended it represented a majority of the employees. It lost a labor board election to the I. B. E. W., however, 918 to 685.

The case attained nation-wide prominence when the labor board ordered the election at the C. I. O.'s request after a Federal court at Pittsburgh directed the company to comply with a closed-shop contract it had made with the A. F. of L. union.

Meeting at Atlantic City, N. J., at the time, the A. F. of L. executive council accused the board of partiality to the C. I. O. and talked of amending the Wagner labor disputes act to prevent the board from stepping into inter-union disputes.

Federation leaders continued to pound away at the board during the recent A. F. of L. convention in Denver, and concluded by directing the executive council to have Wagner act amendments introduced at the next session of Congress.

At the same time, the C. I. O. criticized the board for what it said was partiality to the A. F. of L.

### CURED

Two women were waiting for a bus, which was nearly full when it came along.

"Room for one inside and one on top," said the conductor.

"But surely you wouldn't separate mother and daughter?"

"I did once," replied the conductor, as he rang the bell, "but never again!"

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## N. C. Employment Is On Increase Says Maj. Fletcher

RALEIGH, Oct. 19.—Employment in North Carolina industries increased one-tenth of one per cent last month over August and pay rolls were up three-tenths of one per cent, the State Department of Labor reported today.

Major A. L. Fletcher, labor commissioner, said 114,215 persons were employed by 1,013 industries forming a representative cross section. These workers earned during a one-week period \$1,749,505. The average weekly wage per worker in September was \$15.32, a slight increase over August, Fletcher said.

The average in manufacturing industries reporting was \$15.29 for a 36-hour week. Highest paid in this group were silk and rayon workers, who made an average wage of \$17.43 for 38 1-2 hours a week. Their earnings represented a four per cent increase over August.

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## Kendall Reports On Activities Raleigh Way

RALEIGH, Oct. 18.—We have been successful in recently setting up the old Central Labor Union charter, which is 37 years old and we also have been successful in ordering a new charter for the city and county municipal workers and I believe in the near future we will be successful in installing a new charter for the Carpenters and Joiners in Raleigh, N. C.

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"Certainly, ma'am," replied Mary. Then, hopefully: "May I ask, will there be much to be reticent about?"

Said the toe to the sock:

"Let me through, let me through."

Said the sock to the toe:

"I'll be darned if I do."

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AS USUAL

Mrs.: "The garageman sent that second-hand car you ordered and I tried it out."

Mr.: "How many people does it carry comfortably?"

Mrs.: "None."

JUST FOR FUN

He: "And so you think women have great strength of mind? Do you think that any woman would do as Caesar did and refuse a crown?"

She: "I think so. Of course, she might just try it on and see how it looked."

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