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SPICY COMMENTS ON NEWS AFFECTING LABOR

With this issue the American Federation of Labor Weekly News Service begins the publication of a column entitled "Facing the Facts with Philip Pearl." Mr. Pearl is the publicity director of the American Federation of Labor. His column of comment on news of vital interest to working men and women will be of great value to the organized labor movement. It is released by the American Federation of Labor Weekly News Service.

CONVICTED!

Following the detailed testimony of Joseph A. Padway, counsel of the American Federation of Labor, before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor in favor of the amendments to the National Labor Relations Act proposed by the American Federation of Labor, a number of other representatives of A. F. of L. unions laid before the committee case after case in which the Labor Board arbitrarily decided against the American Federation of Labor and in favor of the C. I. O.

John P. Frey, president of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, gave undeniable testimony relative to the anti-A. F. of L. and pro-C. I. O. policy of the Labor Board in connection with the metal trades unions.

Frank Fenton, director of organization of the American Federation of Labor, followed Mr. Frey with multiple instances of bias shown by the board in favor of the C. I. O. and against the A. F. of L.

Frank B. Powers, president of the Commercial Telegraphers Union of North America, gave unanswerable details of how the Labor Board had discriminated against his union to the benefit of the C. I. O. telegraphers group.

George Googe, in charge of the southern organization headquarters of the American Federation of Labor, Atlanta, Ga., presented many cases where A. F. of L. unions in the South had felt the enmity of the Labor Board in various decisions calculated to benefit the C. I. O.

G. H. Granger, representing the California State Federation of Labor, gave the facts regarding the manner in which the Labor Board had undertaken to hamstring the A. F. of L. in Westwood, Calif. He declared that the statements regarding the Westwood situation were falsified by George Kidwell, California director of industrial relations, in his testimony before the committee.

Observers who followed the mountain of testimony presented by the American Federation of Labor were compelled to admit that by its submission to the Senate committee the Labor Board was positively convicted of having used its power illegally and for the definite purpose of destroying the craft unions of the American Federation of Labor and promoting the interests of the C. I. O.

Confronted with this voluminous and documented testimony, it is apparent that the adoption of the A. F. of L. amendments to the Labor Relations Act designed to curb the arbitrary and unwarranted power of the Labor Board is imperatively necessary to protect the organization rights of American workers.

Bldg. Trades Council Is To Meet In High Point Sunday, June 4

Next meeting of the North Carolina Building and Construction Trades Council will be held in High Point Sunday, June 4, and it is expected that it will be the largest meeting yet held by the State Council. The fact that there will be much building activity when work gets under way on the big High Point dam project makes next Sunday's meeting one of tremendous importance.

A Municipal Employes Charter For Charlotte

Charter for the newly organized local union of State, County and Municipal Employes was installed here last Friday night, with Albert W. Gossett, acting as installing officer, assisted by President H. L. Kiser of the Charlotte Central Labor Union. Mr. Gossett is Southern representative of the State, County and Municipal Employes' national organization.

Twitty Writes Us From Mountain Home, Tenn.

The editor got a card from Brother W. S. Twitty, of the Carpenters Union, who is at present in a hospital at Mountain Home, Tenn., for treatment. He says he is getting along okay, but does not know when he will be with us again. He sends regards to Central body delegates and to all his friends. Here's hoping he will be with us again soon.

In Central America, there are beetles so large that they can break the windshield of a car traveling at high speed.

Ring Feud Due At Crockett's Mat Show Monday P.M.

The mounting ring feud between Sol Slagle and the Purple Flash goes into bloodthirsty proportions at the Charlotte Armory Monday night when it enters its fourth and most vicious stage.

Although mat fans appear convinced that the popular double-jointed Slagle is a better wrestler than the unscrupulous Flash, the masked grappler won his third bout over the rubberman when he pinned him Monday night. An enraged Slagle reaped a sweet revenge over the Flash during most of the bout, but the Flash slipped up on Slagle while he was arguing with the referee, gave him several back breaker slams and pinned him.

The Charlotte boxing and wrestling commission has ordered that Promoter Jim Crockett have two referees to officiate Monday night. The fans were well pleased with Pete Ramos, who refereed Monday night, but the rough and tumble battles between Slagle and the Flash are too much for any one man to handle, the commission claims.

The commission has also ordered that the Flash's purple-robed manager stay 25 feet away from the ring Monday night. Slagle slammed him and a mob of fans rushed up to the ring, pulled him out and were about to stomp him when policemen intervened.

Organizing Tobacco Workers In the R. J. Reynolds Plants

WINSTON-SALEM, May 29.—C. V. Weaver, of the Tobacco Workers International Union, addressed a great labor gathering here recently and inspired the workers with his report on the splendid progress being made in organizing the workers employed in the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company's plants here. Agreements obtained a few weeks ago by the union with the Liggett-Myers Tobacco company has spurred the workers in the Reynolds plants to intense activity, it was reported.

Both Charlotte Dailies Sign Contract With International Typographical Union; Statement By President H. A. Stalls

Negotiations have been completed between the publishers of *The Charlotte News* and *The Charlotte Observer* and Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338 whereby all parties have entered into a new contractual relationship for a period of three years, beginning June 1, 1939. The new agreement contains many outstanding features, some of which is a recognition of international and local Typographical Union laws and elimination of same from arbitration. The five-day week, time and one-half for overtime, and abolishment of peace-work December 31, 1940, are other stipulations in the contract, as is also a rigid apprenticeship training program in which it is set out that apprentices must serve an apprenticeship period of six years, during the last year of which time an apprentice must be trained on linotype and semigraph machines and other mechanical devices in the composing rooms of the newspapers.

Many of the points set forth in the new contract have been points of more or less controversial nature over a period of years and the closing of the new agreement around the conference table indicates that all parties desire a better understanding of each other's problems. Certainly it is the spirit in which the newspaper contract was negotiated and the results will bear out this statement.

The successful culmination of the new agreement allows for a fuller understanding and complete development of the semigraph typesetting machine, which has been sponsored by Mr. C. B. Johnson, publisher of the *Charlotte Observer*, for a period of over 10 years. A beginners' learning period has been provided for and allows 20 weeks' time for beginners to learn to operate the semigraph typewriter, on which machine the

coded copy is prepared for use on the semigraph setter unit.

When perfected the semigraph gives promise of revolutionizing the printing industry. It is not thought that the new devices will replace labor, but on the other hand will provide additional positions for skilled machinists and operators. Mr. Johnson holds to this view and requested that some means be set up in the new contract providing for the training of printers in the operation of the new machines when they reach the stage of perfection, which indications point out may be in the near future. The members of Charlotte Typographical Union are appreciative of his noble attitude.

The new contract was signed on May 26, which is the anniversary date of the founding of Charlotte Typographical Union on May 26, 1897. This is of special significance to members of the Charlotte Union, and also is of more than special significance to the three charter members of the organization who yet survive, and who have throughout the past 42 years watched the growth of Charlotte Typographical Union.

Representative Sloan G. (Kelly) Springfield, of the International Typographical Union; Henry A. Stalls, president of the Charlotte Typographical Union; and Ray C. Nixon, chairman of the union's scale committee, and Harold Eskridge represented the local and international unions in the negotiations. Mr. C. B. Johnson, of *The Charlotte Observer*, and Mr. J. Ed Dowd, of *The Charlotte News*, represented the publishers.

John P. White, mechanical superintendent of *The Observer*, and C. B. Capps, mechanical superintendent of *The News*, acted in the capacity of mediators between the parties and rendered valuable service.

N. Y. World's Fair Worker's Strike Is Now Settled

NEW YORK, N. Y.—A two-hour conference in Mayor F. H. LaGuardia's office in the Summer City Hall at the Arrowbrook Country Club, Flushing, Long Island, settled the 15-day strike called at the World's Fair by the Hod Carriers, Helpers, Building Workers and Common Laborers Union, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, in an effort to organize the maintenance workers, or "ground men," employed by the Fair Corporation.

WOLL TO SPEAK BEFORE ADVERTISING CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Matthew Woll, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor will address the 35th annual convention of the Advertising Federation of America, June 18 to 22, according to an announcement by the A. F. A. The Federation's annual convention brings together many advertising organizations in one convention. This year some of the exercises will be held at the New York World's Fair, which has designated the week beginning June 18 as "Advertising Week," while Sunday, June 18, will be observed by the Fair as "Advertising Federation Day for International Good Will."

Central Body Will Meet Wednesday Night June 7

Charlotte Central Labor Union will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday at 8 p.m. Much business will come before the body, due mainly to the fact that it meets now only on the first and third Wednesdays of each month instead of weekly. This schedule will continue through August, as has been the custom for many years. All delegates are requested to be present.

A total of 172,000 young men tried to join the navy in the year ended in July, '38, but only 15,570 were accepted.

On the average, a citizen of this country has command of about 14 times as much goods and services as the average person elsewhere in the world.

Typo Auxiliary Gives Bingo Party At Mrs. H. M. Sykes

The Typographical Auxiliary had a pleasant evening last Wednesday (the 24th) at the home of Mrs. H. M. Sykes, 1701 East Boulevard. Bingo was the order of the evening. Refreshments were served. Six tables were occupied and quite a neat sum was realized for the ladies' delegate fund. Mrs. W. R. Cashwell will represent the auxiliary at the convention, which is held in conjunction with the I. T. U. convention, at Fort Worth, Texas, in August.

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