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# WPA WAGE RULE REPEAL IS ASKED FOR BY A.F.L

Facing the Facts

With PHILIP PEARL

#### Elmer F. Andrews Turns Down Plea Southern Mill Men for Rejection Of Minimum Hourly Wage Of 321/2 cents

grounds, of a proposed 321/2 cent industry were over-ruled yesterday by Elmer F. Andrews, administrator of the wage-hour act.

in a list of 24 objections to the recommendation, disclosed that they would challenge the validity of the law it-

wage.
Tyre Taylor, counsel for the American Cotton Manufacturers' association representing southern cotton mills, contended that the South failed to obtain sufficient representation on the committee of 21 members.

Andrews threw out his objection, which labor representatives declared 'cause unreasonable delay and post-

ponement of the order."

The administrator declined to pass on the merits of Taylor's contentions that the law itself was unconstitutional, because in it Congress had delegated legislative powers to the adwas for the courts to determine.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—South-ern demands for rejection on technical Taylor said, included "failure of the committee to give adequate consideration" to the economic and factors minimum hourly wage for the textile such as living costs, freight rates, taxation, and the effect of the wage

on the South's wage structure.

Taylor contended that the order As three weeks of public hearings on the recommendation by a textile industry committee ended, southerners, labor in the South was not represented on the committee.

John Abt, counsel for the C. I. O.'s Textile Workers' union, and Boris, self as well as the proposed minimum Shiskin, counsel or the A. F. of L.'s wage.

United Textile Workers, joined in demanding immediate adoption of the

They contended that even a 40-cent minimum, which their representatives on the committee originally supported, would not substantially cur-

tail employment in the industry.
Abt declared that the 32½ cent was entered with other challenges to minimum would improve low-level wages and aid management by "eliminating a degree of vicious competition in the industry carried on at the ex-

pense of the workers."

Andrews gave attorneys three weeks to file briefs, indicating that he would not reach a decision on ministrator. That matter, he said, the order for at least a month or six

#### Leader In A. F. L. | I. T. U. Auxiliary **Building Trades** Is Entertained Dies in New York By Mrs. C. B. Capps

McInerney, 48, president of the building and construction trades department of the American Federation of Labor, died in a hospital yesterday after a five-month illness. He was a resident of Washington.

The build-day, and in honor of the event Mrs. C. B. Capps entertained the members with a delightful luncheon at her home was beautifully decorated with flowers hamlet in favor of his protege. But a resident of Washington. McInerney, a native of New York, had served for the last two years as president of the building and con-

New YORK, July 11 .- Joseph A.

#### **Ruling In Labor Dispute Favors** A. F. of L. Units

PHILADELPHIA, July 11. — "Peaceful" mass picketing and strikes for a closed shop, even if these activi-ties violate State law, cannot be restrained by Federal courts in the opinion of the Third District Court of

Judge Francis Biddle, newly ap-pointed, delivered the opinion yesterday in upholding a lower court de-With the approval of Judges Albert B. Maris and William Clark, he held that the Norris- La Guardia cers association, the Service System Act restricted Federal Courts' injunc- Stores. The change will be made the tion powers in labor disputes to acts

of violence or fraud.

Judge William H. Kirkpatrick in Federal District Court here had refused to grant an injunction to Wilson & Co., meat packers, against three American Federation of Labor units. Demanding a closed shop and dis-

missal of five non-union employees, the unions called a strike at a Wilson plant here last December. Mass pic-

keting followed.

P. O. Clerks Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, July 18, to install the fol-lowing officers. Mrs. James Brad-burn, president; Mrs. W. H. Moon, first vice-president; Mrs. B. H. Thomas, second vice-president, and Mrs. R. H. Joyner third vice-president; Mrs. S. F. Blackwelder, secretary, and Mrs. E. R. Dixon, treasurer. One the features of the meeting will be the report of the state meeting held results in Beligh.

cently in Raleigh. This auxiliary mets every third Tuesday and the ladies are reported as being very active, and the meetings well attended.

The I. T. U. Woman's Auxiliary celebrated its tenth anniversary Tueson Hawthorne Lane. The home was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion. She was assisted by Mrs. W. M. Bostic. Those present included Mesdames J. E. Kumpe, Robert White, John White, W. C. Davis, W. R. Cashwell, W. P. Sanderson, H. M. Sykes, L. A. Hearn, L. E. Barker.

### **Entertained By Mrs.** Ray Long Last Week

Mrs. Ray Long entertained members of the Independent Food Dealers Association's auxiliary at a lovely party at her home 1220 Elizabeth avenue, their last meeting.
The home was decorated through-

out with cut flowers. After a series of games, Mrs. Long with several assistants, served an iced course. Several business matters were taken up for discussion during the short

business session. It was decided to change the name of the auxiliary to conform with that of the new grocers association, the Service System next business meeting.

#### "PAY AS YOU PLAY"

CHICAGO, Ill .- A ten-year "pay as-you-go" recreation plan recently voted for Portland, Oregon, will make that city one of the few in the country with a comprehensive play pro-gram based on needs and financed with current revenues, the Interna-The company, in its injunction suit and appeal, contended Pennsylvania law forbids mass picketing.

P.O. Clerks Auxiliary

To Install Officers

On Tuesday Inly 18

tional City Managers' Association reported recently. Whereas many cities have bonded themselves heavily to secure park and play facilities, Portland expects to acquire land and complete improvements gradually throughout the next ten years. The city will levy an annual fixed tax from 1939-1949 to finance the development. It is estimated that the levy will produce a revenue of slightly tional City Managers' Association re-On Tuesday, July 18 ment. It is estimated that will produce a revenue of slightly more than \$100,000 a year.

There's a lot of crime in the world, but the worst is that of paying starvation wages, which results in pov erty, disease and slow death.

## PATRONIZE JOURNAL

#### SEND IN NEWS

Every union in the city should have a press correspondent. You want news of your unions to appear in your paper. Then get busy and see that some one is especially appointed to send

And see that it reaches the office on time, for every paper has a closing time. All news must be in the office not later than 5 o'clock Tuesday evening.

if it is to appear in our next issue

#### impressions. They just have a feeling, cultivated by assiduous C. I. O. propaganda, that John L. Lewis rebellionists are motivated by progressive idealism and this feeling has been heightened by the dramatic and

Well, we want to address ourselves today to these friends of ours just because they are liberal-minded, because they are well-meaning and because they are amendable to reason. We think we can show them the light.

Just about a year ago the nation's attention was centered on the 1938 political campaigns. The C. I. O.,

spectacular fumadiddles of the C. I. O.

to reason. This holds especially true

good thing for labor. Their knowl-edge of the labor movement is not

fundamental but based on hearsay and

of the extremists in the C. I. O.

always boastful of its alleged political power, was raising quite an uproar. Through its alter ego, Labor's Non-Partican League, it made a great to-do about blacklisting candidates and defeating the "enemies of labor' and so on.

But strangely enough, John L Lewis personally was as silent as a tomb. He gave his personal endorsement to only one candidate, the secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, who ran for the Democratic nomination for Governor in Pennsyl-

#### There's the Rub

Now if the C. I. O. has any politi-following in any State it should have it in Pennsylvania because the min-

struction trades department Previously he had been business representative for 15 years of the Marble Polishers' union.

The survivors are his widow, three daughters, a son, three brothers, and They will also the polishers' and W. M. Witter.

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public confidence believe he can help tion of constructive development." working men and women of this country by continuing as their leader? How can a man so thoroughly and Labor Weekly News Service.)

It never pays to argue with a zealet | widely hated by the American people believe there is any hope of success ecause the fanatical mind isn't open for a rebel movement in organized labor which bears the stigma of his But we number among our friends leadership? some well-meaning liberals who sincerely believe that the C. I. O. is a

All of which brings up two more questions. Does Lewis care one whit about helping the working men and women whom he presumes to represent? Has he any interest in the labor movement other than his personal power and glory?

#### Seek and Ye Shall Find

We strongly urge our liberal friends to seek the answers to these ques-tions. And we wish to remind them tions. that it has been axiomatic in the labor movement ever since its earliest days that its only hope fo success rested upon the good will of the public.

We want our liberal friends to see the C. I. O. in its true light. We want them to be with us. We want them to understand the American Federation of Labor, its structure, its principles, its history and its future. The American Federation of Labor

is not fixed. It is more responsive to the changing will of the majority of its membership than any other democratic organization in the world. It is not exclusive. There is room for every worker in the United States in its ranks. It is not stand-pat. There is room for every shade of thought in its councils. It is certainly not conservative. For if you ex-amine the record you will find that the American Federation of Labor has been in the thick of the fight for every liberal and progressive piece of legislation adopted in the last half-

Finally, pite C. I. O. propaganda to the contrary, the American Federation is not slow. You must remember that it is based on volun-

that Lewis know it too.

There's the rub. Here we have a is invincible. There is no way whereman astute enough to realize the public dislikes him so intensely that it sured sustained progress in deterwill vote against a candidate he open- mining its policies and plans other ly favors and for a candidate he open- than sincere democratic deliberation ly opposes. And yet this man pre- until a unanimous decision is reached. sumes to become the leader of organ-ized labor in the nation. This may seem a combrous, slow method to the impatient, but the imized labor in the nation.

Is that idealism? How can a man who realizes that he has forfeited mediate triumph than for the educa-

That is our answer to the rebels. (Released by the American Federation of

#### PRESIDENT WILLIAM GREEN SAYS STRIKES WILL CONTINUE IF BILL IS NOT PASSED TO RESTORE FOR-MER REQUIREMENT THAT WPA WORKERS RECEIVE PREVAILING LOCAL WAGE RATE FOR TYPE OF WORK THEY DO.

gress got its first bill Monday to re- meant use of the strike weapon. peal the WPA's new wage regulations and at the same time received an indirect warning from William Green, A. F. of L. president, that failure to to reconsider the new relief act. enact it would mean "strikes and

Representative Sabath, Democrat of Illinois, chairman of the rules committee, introduced the repealer in the House. It would restore the former requirement that WPA workers receive the prevailing local wage for the type of work they do. A similar measure was introduced later by Rep-resentative Keller, Democrat of Illi-

Before the day's session eded, repeal bills also had been offered by Representatives Bradley, Democrat of Pennsylvania, and O'Connor, Democrat of Montana.

The new wage regulations, pre-The new wage regulations, prescribed by Congress and effective 000 who joined in the walkout there July 1, require a worker to work at ing, at the maximum, to \$96 a month.

The new regulations, which re-

quired some workers to work twice as long to earn the same amount of money, resulted in the wide-spread walkouts on WPA projects last week. Thousands still remained away from their jobs today, but reports from some areas said there was a

back-to-work movement. the old rule was made in addressing the convention of the International Longshoremen's association in New

his New York address was the first glass, and other missiles.

WASHINGTON, July 11 .- Con- | time he had said flatly that this

All leaders of the A. F. of L. unions was called to a conference here Wednesday on action to compel Congress

The A. F. of L. i sparticularly concerned by the wage regulations be-cause many of its building trades members are employed on WPA projects. Under the old rule, they received the same hourly wage as similar craftsmen engaged on private

building projects.

A. F. of L. leaders contend that acceptance of the new wage rates would mean a concerted effort by contractors to beat down wages in private building.

The back-to-work trend among the striking WPA workers apparently was influenced by the WPA's rule that those remaining away five days would lose their jobs. ffl

least 130 hours a month to earn a "security wage," to be determined by the local cost of living and amounting, at the maximum to sold amountvell, New York WPA administrator, said work was proceeding on all proj-ects there, although A. F. of L. leaders had asserted 90 per cent would have to close down. WPA officials in New England said

many strikers were back on the job. In Illinois, 8,700, or about five per cent of the total number of WPA employes in that state, were reported absent from work.

A policeman was killed in an out-Green's threat of "strikes and strikes" if Congress did not restore while Congress was receiving the bills for revision of the wage regulations.

The officer was Patrolman Frank Gearty; 40, who was beaten on the head and shoulders, companions said, reviously had assert- as he and another officer escorted ed that the A. F. of L. would use all its economic strength to force Consewing project. Others in the police gress to revise the new regulations, detail were pelted with stones, broken

#### Roosevelt Backs **WPA Work Rules** Congress Firm

Washington, July 12 .- The Administration's strength appeared today to be aligned solidly against any modi-fication of the new law requiring WPA employees to work 130 hours a

President Roosevelt told reporters that he thought the Administration would stick to the existing statute. He said he knew nothing of attempts to alter the law except what he had

rolling as charter members. Be-cause of the fine personnel of this group, it is believed that this new local union will soon become one of Bills have been offered to carry out this revision, but Rayburn said the unions would have difficulty in obtain ing action on them before adjourn-WPA workers on strike in an at-

tempt to persuade Congress to change the law face a deadline set by Col. F. C. Harrington, WPA commissioner, who stay away from their jobs five consecutive working days.

As the deadline was reached for many of the strikers, there were no developments.

Indications were that the Justice Department would invoke penal provisions of the new relief act against from tehir jobs.

#### **Election Officers** Of Central Labor Union Next Wed.

On next Wednesday night the reg-ular annual election of officers will take place, there being no meeting this The Women's Labor League fills in during the summer every other Wednesday night, but had no meeting scheduled for this week. There will be a large attendance at the meeting of Central body next week, as there always is when there is an election on hand. So be present.

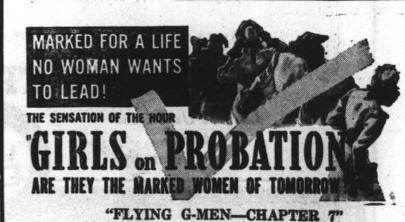
Officials of AFL building trades unions seeking to restore the prevailing wage hourly rates on WPA projects, said they had received no encouragement from Democratic Lead-av Rayhurn.

Buying nations are clamping down on Germany and Japan. One item alone proves an interesting factor—that of toys. Toys valued at \$249,018 were shipped out of the United States the first three months of this company and Japan were foryear, Germany and Japan were for-merly the chief source of supply. But buying nations are now reluctant to purchase from them because of conditions.

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#### ENTIRE DEPARTMENT JOINS THE LA., FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL UNION MONROE, La., July 10.—Charter was installed here last week for a

Fire Fighters Local Union, with every

member of the Fire Department en

the most influential local unions in

SOUTHERN LABOR NOTES

KNOXVILLE C. L. U. NOW HAS WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 10.— Permanent organization of the Wom-an's Auxiliary of the Central Labor Union, with installation of the charter issued by the American Federa-tion of Labor, occurred last Friday night at the home of Miss Lucille Thornburgh, Auxiliary president.

MOBILE ELECTRICAL

WORKERS SIGN CONTRACTS MOBILE, Ala., July 10.-Felix Vines, business manager of Local No.

505 Electrical Workers, advised to-day that agreements had been signed for a two-year period with six elec-trical contractors. These are Gulf Electric, C. H. Jones, Union Electric, Joseph H. Wilson, G. R. Wood & Company, and Alabama Neon. These agreements do not expire until June 30, 1947, and after the first six months call for a substantial increase in their scale for journeymen of \$1.12½ per hour. The \$1.12½ rate is an increase over their present rate

THEATRE SIGNS CONTRACT

MOBILE, Ala., July 10.—It was announced this past week that the Prichard Theatre, which had been placed on the unfair list by the Movng Picture Operators, but signed an agreement after several days of pic-keting and that from now on they would be 100 per cent fair to the moving picture operators.

COOKS AND WAITERS LOCAL

BATON ROUGE, La., July 10.— Charter for a newly organized Local Union of Cooks and Waiters was installed here last week, with a large membership. The organizing com-mittee of the Central Labor Union is pushing organization work, meet-

UNION LABOR WORKING ON SANTEE-COOPER PROJECTS

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 10.— At a meeting of the South Carolina Authority Trades and Labor Council held here last Monday much satis-faction was expressed because of the large number of Union men now employed by the Central Engineering company on the big \$40,000,000 Santee-Cooper project.

#### **Rhett Harley New** S. C. Com. of Labor

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 10.—At long last John W. Nates is out of the office of Commissioner of Labor in South Carolina. Governor Maybank last week appointed Mr. Rhett Harley of Charleston, to that office. Nates' term expired a year ago, but the then governor, Olin D. Johnson, failed to name a successor, so Nates has held on by virtue of political machinations.

The State Federation of Labor has long sought the scalp of Mr. Nates, C.I.O.-supported state official. La-bor in South Carolina watched Nates' retirement from office with genuine satisfaction.

IF YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS IN ARREARS SEND IN A CHECK