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Organization Committee of Central Labor Union Makes Good Report; Local Presidents, Secretaries Are Asked To Attend the Next Meeting

The Charlotte Central Labor Union held its regular Wednesday meeting with many matters of interest coming up for discussion. The Endy Brothers Carnival appearance is going on as planned the week of September 25th through the 30th. Various special and regular committees reported, every one showing by their reports that they were active, producing delegates.

The strike of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs was dealt with at length by the special committee appointed to help. Various new organizations also were reported formed and in process of formation by the organization committee. Another rapid augmentation of delegates to the CCLU seems to be in the offing.

One of the largest soon to affiliate with the Charlotte Central Labor Union will be a branch of the Bricklayers, Hod Carriers, and Common Laborers Union. This new union will soon have a membership of several hundred, it is said. The Teamsters and Chauffeurs union also reported much activity.

In connection with the organization drive now under way the Central Labor Union president, Henry A. Stalls, last night issued a call for all local union presidents and secretaries to attend the Central Labor Union meeting next Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock in Moose Hall, South Tryon street, further to consolidate plans for the organization campaign. The delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention made their report.

Under reports of locals some very favorable news was heard relative to the numbers of new members being received, as well as closed shop contracts being signed with new companies, heretofore unaccustomed to dealings in collective bargaining.

The meeting adjourned after much discussion of a private matter until next Wednesday.

Investments from the United States in foreign countries at the end of 1937 were \$4,759,000,000 in excess of foreign investments in the United States. (Department of Commerce).

Const. and General Laborers Union To Get Charter Soon

A charter has been sent for from Charlotte of the Construction and General Laborers Union, and will be installed within a week or ten days, this new local starting off with around 100 members. The final organization meeting was held last Saturday, with a large attendance. John S. Turner, representing Int. Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union of America, did the organization work. Mr. Turner has just installed locals in Greensboro, Raleigh and Wilmington, and has organizations in state of formation in Greensboro and Fayetteville. Not only for his own organization has Brother Turner done good work in North Carolina, but for other labor units, always being "subject to call" when needed.

I. T. U. Ladies' Aux. To Have Basket Lunch Bryant Park Sunday Afternoon

On Sunday afternoon, at 5 o'clock the Ladies Auxiliary of Typographical Union No. 538, are going to have a basket luncheon at Bryant Park. These events are given periodically by the ladies in order to draw the families of the Typo boys into closer contact, and they are enjoyable affairs indeed. The time is so arranged as to give the boys on the night shifts, a chance to be present. "Eats-a-plenty" is one of the outstanding features, as each family is supposed to bring a well-filled basket and an empty stomach. The boys can discuss craft and enjoy fellowship, and the ladies can "discuss" each other (and the men). So get your basket ready and your mind in a happy mood, for this affair, as always is going to be a most enjoyable one.

The Comrades Moan Low These Days

American Communists are singing mighty low these days. No longer do they split the welkin with praises of Soviet Russia as defender of democracy, freedom and light.

Comrade Stalin has knocked the props right out of the argument that Soviet Russia is friend of democracy and foe of Nazi-ism.

The Soviet-Nazi trade and non-aggression agreement did the trick and is taking a lot of brassness out of Communists here.

They try hard to defend the Soviet-Nazi pact but it is plain their hearts are not in the job and that they are finding the going very rough.

They could probably argue more convincingly on the thesis that the moon is made of green cheese.

Effect of the trade and non-aggression agreement on American Communists was shown at the annual parade of the American League for Peace and Democracy, a Communist "front organization."

Parade was held in New York City, stronghold of the Stalinists.

Last year it said 15,000 to 20,000 marched. This year about 4,000 were in line, the New York Times reports.

At a rally after the parade, speakers alternated between a defense of the pact as a blow at Germany and Italy and a confession that they were "confused" as to the ultimate significance.

Chances are they won't be long confused as to its meaning.

Rest of the world is not confused. It knows the pact for what it is, a blow at the democratic nations.

In all truth, the agreement must have been a tremendous shock to the Communist rank and file. Leaders may not have been so much surprised, as they are fully aware of Comrade Sta-

lins' capacity for duplicity. In recent years the Communists have based their tactics and whole policy on the idea of an inevitable war between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia.

So they gave up their program of revolution, for a time, and sought to woo American favor with every device of propaganda.

The aim was American support for Russia in the event of war with Germany.

Former extremists measures and the ultimate program of Communism were played down and specific reform measures advocated by the New Deal and others were favored.

Democracy, the antithesis of Communism, was extolled to the skies.

Even support of the hitherto hated church was sought.

Now comes Dictator Stalin shaking hands with Dictator Hitler and promising not to join any war on the Nazi.

Years of Communist effort to appear devoted to democracy apparently have been wasted effort, if Russia and Germany are to become chums.

Sincere Communists must be exceedingly peeved.

"Here we have been acting like good little boys, when we might have been raising hell and bringing the revolution," many must say.

No wonder they are "confused."

So far, the Communists have been doing a good job of making themselves ridiculous by their defense of the Soviet-Nazi pact.

The more they talk the weaker their arguments appear.

Their labored explanations fail to convince but add to the gaiety of nations.

And any gaiety is welcome in this time of world trouble.

TEXTILE ORGANIZATIONAL WORK BEING DONE BY THE A. F. OF L. THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SOUTH

TEXTILE UNION SIGNS GOOD AGREEMENT AT HARTSVILLE

HARTSVILLE, S. C., Sept. 11.—An agreement was signed here last week between the Hartsville Print and Dye Works and Local Union No. 21948, A. F. of L. textile organization. The agreement contains many features of benefit to the workers. There are 328 employes in this plant eligible to membership in the Local Union, and more than 300 of this number are members of the Local in good standing. Gordon L. Chastain, of the Southern Cotton Textile Federation, assisted the Local Union in the negotiations.

PAY RISE ASKED TO MEET COST-OF-LIVING BOOSTS WASHINGTON, D. C.—Boosted cost

of living will lead the United Textile Workers of America, A. F. of L. affiliate, to demand wage increases sufficient to liquidate the rising costs, according to Francis J. Gorman, chairman of the union's executive council. The textile manufacturers, Mr. Gorman said, were getting higher prices for their products and could advance wages without decreasing dividends. "The textile workers are not going to be victimized by a general hike in their living costs," he declared.

FONTANA WORKERS TURN TO THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

FONTANA, N.C., Sept. 11.—Charter was installed here last week for the newly organized American Federation of Labor local union which is made up of employes of the Tennessee Copper company employed at the North Carolina plant. These workers have had a local union of the CIO here, but voted unanimously some time ago to disband that union and organize an A. F. of L. local union. Ed Long, A. F. of L. representative who has done such splendid work in the Copper Basin, installed the charter and obligated the membership and the officers.

AGREEMENT SIGNED BY UNION AND BIRMINGHAM LAUNDRY CO.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Sept. 11.—An agreement was signed here last week between the Ideal Laundry company and Local 109, of the Laundry Workers International Union. The agreement runs for one year, and contains many clauses of great benefit to the laundry workers. R. R. Moore, former State Labor Commissioner of Alabama, but now an organizer for the American Federation of Labor, assisted the Local Union's officers and committees in the negotiations.

CHARTER IS INSTALLED AT WINSTON-SALEM FOR NEW TEXTILE UNION

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Sept. 11.—Charter for the recently organized A. F. of L. Textile Local Union, formed by the employes of the Haynes Knitting Mills here, was installed last week, and the new union started on its way. Elmer Estes and Alfred Jones, A. F. of L. organizers, assisted the local membership in the installation ceremonies, while the organizing committee of the Central Labor Union lent its aid throughout the organization period and attended the installation meeting.

A. F. L. UNION ASKS TEXTILE STRIKE PROBE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Barre Wool Company, Barre, Mass., was charged with using terroristic practices against strikers in a request made by Francis J. Gorman, chairman of the executive council of the United Textile Workers of America, A. F. of L. affiliate, in a request that the Department of Justice and the Senate Civil Liberties Committee investigate the situation in Barre, where members of the Textile Workers local employed by the company have been on strike for a number of weeks.

CHARTER INSTALLED FOR LABOR UNION AT HOUMA, LA.

HOUMA, La., Sept. 11.—Charter for the newly organized local union of Common and Construction on Laborers was installed here last week, with W. L. Donnell, of the A. F. of L. staff, acting as installing officer. Holt Ross, Southern Representative of the Common and Construction Laborers International Union, was to have been here for the event, but was called to another city, requesting Organizer Donnell to act for him.

LABOR ORGANIZES LOCAL UNION AT GREENSBORO, N. C.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Sept. 11.—A local union of Common and Construction Laborers was organized here, charter installed and officers named, since the convention of the State Federation of Labor held in Raleigh, August 14. John S. Turner, of the Laborers' International Union, was here and assisted the workers in perfecting their organization. Aiding also was the organizing committee of the Central Labor Union, under direction of Vice-President Causey of the State Federation of Labor.

There are 22,500 electrically wired homes in the United States.

Facing the Facts

With PHILIP PEARL

Propaganda and profits are the chief carriers of the most virulent disease known to man—war. The disease has broken out again in Europe in epidemic proportions. Only twenty-two years ago the same thing happened and this country was too thoughtless to prevent its spread, so we were hit too. Certainly we should be enlightened enough by now to set up a quarantine against the disease and isolate it to the other side of the Atlantic.

Already, however, the propaganda machine is blasting away at us and American business is flirting with the alluring charmer known as "Easy Profits." The United States is "on the spot." We are officially neutral but powerful forces are at work to involve us in the conflict sooner or later.

Remember that they told us that we fought the last war to "make the world safe for democracy?" Now they are telling us that the United States can not afford to let democracy in Europe be crushed under Hitler's heel. We admit it is a persuasive argument. An overwhelming majority of Americans hate Hitler. They hate everything he stands for. They feel Hitler must be stopped. Therefore, they sympathize deeply with Great Britain and France. But, brothers, and sisters, Great Britain and France created Hitler. They are responsible for his rise to power. If it had not been for the selfish and short-sighted "settlement" of the last war engineered by England and France, the German people would never have been in the mood to listen to a Hitler. Now it is up to England and France to destroy the hateful creature they created. It is their job. We wish them luck. We believe they can do it. But we are not going to do their dirty work for them again.

THE BOOM BOYS We must also watch out for the boom boys. They are at it again. And they are very dangerous. Because to a nation which has suffered from business stagnation and unemployment for so many years the prospect of busy factories and regular pay checks is a great temptation.

But we should remember what we learned after the war. The Congressional hearings which exposed the

machinations of munitions makers who foment war to make fat profits opened our eyes. We should not close them now to the facts. We have a neutrality law now which forbids us to sell munitions to any belligerent. It is a good law for America. It is a bad law for the munitions makers.

Suppose we change the law and substitute a "cash-and-carry" law which many well-meaning statesmen favor. What will happen? Well, England and France controlling the seas, will send their ships here and buy armaments, planes and guns in huge amounts. Business will boom. Labor will benefit. But suppose our customers, nevertheless, get the worst of it in the war. Will we be able to stay neutral and see our customers get licked? Not a chance. The minute we depend on any of the belligerents for our domestic prosperity we are inextricably involved in the conflict ourselves and our actual entry into the war is foredoomed.

Let us not be beguiled by high-pressure salesmanship to the effect that we can benefit out of this war. The everlasting truth is that war dis-eases and corrodes everything it touches. America's policy should be to keep hands off the war and fingers out of the war pie.

STALIN'S ROLE Only the short-sighted see in the war situation merely the danger of a Hitler victory. That would be terrible enough. But watch out for Stalin. The strategy behind the Stalin-Hitler pact is now beginning to reveal itself. The Soviet dictator is sitting on the sidelines helping Hitler all he can against the stronger combination of the Allies. Why? Because he wants a more equal struggle. He wants Hitler and the Allies to fight each other to a standstill and kill each other off so he can march in and take over the whole works. We don't believe it's possible for Hitler to win the war. But Stalin can be sitting on the sidelines. And that is the real threat in the European picture.

And what are our Commie friends on this side of the Atlantic doing about it? Are they repudiating Stalin for entering into an alliance with Nazism? Not a bit of it. Earl Browder, head of the Communist party in this country, declares from the witness stand before the Dies

Teamsters Strike On Great Southern Trucking Co. in Charlotte Is Still On; Boys Are Still Standing Firm

H. L. McCrorie, organizer for the Teamsters and Chauffeurs, Charlotte local, reports the strike of the drivers of the Great Southern Trucking Co.'s Charlotte branch as progressing along peaceful lines, as far as the drivers are concerned. There has been two meetings of the Labor Board looking into this affair. It is stated that this company has violated the Wagner Labor Relations Act. The only minor trouble that has occurred was caused by one of the strike breakers. Drivers have been imported here from Atlanta, but all of the trucks are not moving.

The men are peacefully picketing the plant, 24 hours each day, in three shifts. All evidence points to the fact that the boys will win out on a Labor Board decision. The concern has had trouble with its drivers in other places, the main office of which is in Jacksonville, Fla.

It is reported that L. A. Rawlinson, president of the Southern Trucking Co., walked out on the Labor Board meeting Wednesday afternoon, the State Labor board and the U. S. Department of Labor, as well as representatives of the Teamsters Chauffeurs, composing the Conference.

The teamsters are not striking for a closed shop or higher wages, or shorter hours, but for the enforcement of the Federal law.

The Teamsters and Chauffeurs local has been trying to get a conference with Mr. Rawlinson for the past six months, to adjust grievances, but he has refused in every instance to meet with his employees.

It will be of interest to all union men to know that the Teamsters have signed up a closed shop agreement, with seniority rights, with the Miller Motor Express Co., this agreement covering all employes of the concern between Richmond and Atlanta. This agreement was negotiated by Organizer H. L. McCrorie, assisted by James H. Fullerton, and R. C. Weigel, of Wilmington Teamsters local.

SWAT THE PROFITEER

Scenting blood on the European front, as the buzzard scents carrion, the profiteer is on the loose in this good old U. S. A.

"Sugar up 75 cents a hundred."
"Hogs Spurt as War Gets Under Way."
"Flour Takes Rise As War News Rolls In."

These are some of the headlines that show what follows in the wake of war—profiteering.

The horrors of war are enough for even a peaceful nation to endure. To subject our people to the further necessity of combating the Profiteer is inexcusable.

America is in no mood to create another 21,000 millionaires, as it did in the World War.

America has learned much since the bloody days of 1917-18, and will not endure the high-handed abuses of that disgraceful episode of profiteering and harassment by mafiosi of wealth.

America is going to stay out of this war—and American greed had better take warning that profiteering will not be tolerated.

Congress will be called in special session in a few days and the Neutrality Act will be revised to provide "cash-carry" trading with the other nations.

We are not likely to trade with Germany, for Hitler has no money nor ships to come for our goods. And he can't haul war supplies in gall, nor pay for them with brass.

We'll sell England and France all the supplies they want. They have the money to pay for them and they have the ships to haul them in.

But we have enough for all. Just because warring nations will pay a premium for supplies is no reason for us to tolerate the Profiteer.

Charge France and England a higher price if you can drive that sort of a bargain—but prices to Americans who help produce these wanted commodities must be held within reason.

AMERICA IS IN NO HUMOR TO STAND FOR A NEW FLOCK OF WAR-MADE MILLIONAIRES, AND THE PROFITEER WILL SOON FIND THAT OUT.

This must be a war of reason; of saneness, of humility that the World must go through with it.

There is no place in this country—and never will be again for that detestable worm, the PROFITEER!—Jim Trent in Knoxville Labor News.

FIVE MILLION HUNGRY MOUTHS TO BE FILLED

Uncle Sam is going to set up a larger table for undernourished school children. During the last year the Surplus Commodities Corporation has been supplying food for 800,000 daily lunches in 14,000 schools, but announced that the program will be enlarged to take care of 5,000,000 hungry mouths.

Committee that criticism of the Nazi-Soviet pact by a party member constitutes grounds for expulsion from the party.

The squirming Soviet agent gave a fine exhibition of Jonah swallowing the whale when he tried to justify the pact.

In the light of Comrade Browder's testimony, it is not significant that not a single C. I. O. orator on Labor Day saw fit to condemn the Soviet-Nazi pact? On the other hand, let us see what President Green had to say about it. He declared:

"The American Federation of Labor has ever been against them all—Nazism, Fascism and Communism. Now we see them united. We see Hitler and Stalin in an unholy alliance and Italy, through Mussolini, a co-partner with Hitler."

Enough said.

N. C. Listed 11,076 Released "Reliefers" Can Now Get Back On Gov't Payroll

ATLANTA, Sept. 13.—Malcolm Miller, southern regional director of the Work Projects administration, said Tuesday relief workers dropped recently from WPA rolls because of 18 months' continuous service could apply immediately for certification.

The rule requires a minimum 30-day furlough for any person except a war veteran who has been continuously employed by WPA for 18 months. Recertification of a client, Miller explained, could place the person on the eligible list for assignment after 30 days. He added, however:

"The chances are there would not be much opportunity for him to get back (on the payroll) at once. We always have a waiting list, and if 5,000 persons are dropped because of the 18-months' clause an equal number are put on from the eligible list. Hence a recertified worker would have to wait his turn."

Miller said a total of 97,021 persons were dropped through August 31 under the 18-months' clause in seven southeastern states. He listed these as Alabama, 15,042; Florida, 13,600; Georgia, 15,159; Kentucky, 24,257; North Carolina, 11,076; South Carolina, 10,395; and Tennessee, 7,592.

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 it in.

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.

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