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## CENTRAL LABOR UNION TAKES IN NEW LOCALS; ORGANIZATION WORK GAINING GROUND AT RAPID RATE

The Central Labor Union held its regular Wednesday night meeting. It was the best attended meeting in many months. Two more locals joined the Central body this meeting—Local 74, National Association of P. O. and R. Mail Laborers, and the National Association of Special Delivery Messengers. Also in attendance were the officers of the new Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union, who told of their thanks for the assistance rendered them in organizing. Many other new locals have charters ordered, or are in process of formation. The various reports of local were in the main favorable. The strike of the Teamsters at the Great Southern is still in progress. The delegates present were told about the walk-out of the employer and his lawyer from a meeting of the Teamsters, at which were conciliators from the State and National Labor departments, as well as the NLRB representatives themselves. We were

told about the careflessness the Teamsters were using to peacefully picket per the city rulings. All they want is the employer to obey the law of the land. The organization committee was raised to five, and various special committees were appointed. Secretary Butler, of the Confectionery Workers, asked to have a representative sent to their next meeting to explain the C. L. U.'s position in the Labor Movement, and the assistance it can render. They are now negotiating contracts, and expect to have one signed in the very near future. Brother Clary, International representative of the Electricians, and Brother Turner, of the International Hod Carriers, both made instructive short talks that were right to the point, with no lengthy, windy words. Much of an instructive nature was discussed relative to strike benefits, unemployment compensation, and the many other things local delegates take back to their respective unions.

## Labor Editors Called To Meet In Cincinnati On October Second

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—R. E. Woodmansee, secretary-treasurer of the International Labor Press of America, issued the following call for the convention of that group: "The 29th annual convention of the International Labor Press of America will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, beginning Monday evening, October 2. The headquarters will be at the Netherland Plaza Hotel and the convention will be held in one of the banquet rooms. A large number of labor editors will be delegates of the A. F. of L. Convention which meets in Cincinnati beginning Monday, October 2, at 10 A. M., which will enable them to attend both conventions. Sessions of the Labor Press will be held when the A. F. of L. Convention is not in session.

## Telegraphers Reject Plan For CIO Merger Tried Destroy Union

CHICAGO, Ill.—Frank B. Powers, president of the Commercial Telegraphers Union, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, emphatically rejected a merger with the C. I. O. American Communications Association proposed by Mervyn Rathbone of New York, president of the A. C. A. The proposal was made on the opening day of the convention of the Commercial Telegraphers Union here.

"This C. I. O. outfit spent two years and \$100,000 trying to destroy our union," Mr. Powers declared, adding: "Now that they have failed, they ask us to unite with them. Such tactics are a sample of the communistic methods employed by the group sponsored by John L. Lewis."

Mr. Powers said that the communication from Mr. Rathbone would not even be officially received by the convention. He added that the C. I. O. union had won most of its members by closed shop agreements obtained by sit-down strikes, a method which, he declared, the Commercial Telegraphers Union has spurned.

## Crockett's Wrestling Program Monday Is Benefit Vet. F. Wars

Co-operating with Sports Promoter Jim Crockett, the Veterans of Foreign Wars will present a crack wrestling program at the Charlotte Armory next Monday night, September 25, to raise proceeds to apply to a fund being raised for purchase of two or more respirators, or Iron Lungs. The Iron Lungs, described by the world's leading medical authorities as such an important boon for the saving of human life that it has now become indispensable, will be for the use without fee of any man, woman or child who may require its services within a radius of 50 miles or more of Charlotte.

The wrestling card to be offered is an unusually strong one, the gladiators being selected from a list of 30 of the best-known wrestlers south of New York.

Ray Villmer, St. Louis youngster, and darling of wrestling followers throughout this section, tangles with Little Beaver, rugged Cherokee Indian bully who is always getting into jams with spectators, referees and commissions because of his battering, smashing tactics.

Sheriff Tom Hanly, a 290-pound, piano-legged former Boston cop and one hard-boiled hombre, tackles comparatively slender but wiry Pete Mangoff, a crafty-Russian bone-bender from Chicago, in the six-final.

The wrestling will start with a set-to between smiling, boyish Ray Eckert, of Kansas City, a clever youngster with a big following, and Lou Newman, skilled Canadian grappler.

## JOHN L. LEWIS CANNOT BE A "SUNBEAM" OF THE SOUTH; HE IS AN "EGOTISTICAL, FUNNY, FOOLISH OLD MAN," SAYS JAMES F. BARRETT

By JAMES F. BARRETT

John L. Lewis is an egotistical, funny, foolish, evil old man. The newspaper boys have referred to his "shaggy brows," "bulldog face" until he apparently has become imbued with the idea that he is a strutting dictator, a dynamic Devil before whom all ordinary creatures of the country should bow down—and pay assessments.

Last Friday the United Press carried the latest "blast" from this bombastic bulldozer. This was in the form of free advice to the employers of the South. The UP dispatch quoted the lambasting Lewis as saying the salvation of the South could be found in an alliance between the employers of the South and his abortion, the C. I. O. First, Lewis lashed out at the economic conditions of the South, reiterating the description given by others in saying the South is National Economic Problem No. 1. Then he offered as a cure-all for all of the South's troubles the John L. Lewis brainstrom—the C. I. O. He talked of the "sweat shops in the South," and said that an alliance between the South and the C. I. O. would cure all of these conditions and situations.

Is that so? John says he is powerfully strong in Pennsylvania, yet there are more sweat shops in the State of Pennsylvania than in all of the 13 Southern states combined. There exist in the state of Pennsylvania C. I. O. agreements with employers calling for wages of \$6 to \$8 a week, and these agreements were negotiated by John's own henchmen. Of

course, they got the check-off included in these agreements, and John checks them off, too, taking assessments from even these measly wages.

There are bad conditions in the South, just as there are in every state North of the Mason and Dixon line, and in every country in the world. The South is, and has been for some time, making more rapid progress in organization of the workers and in procuring good working agreements with the employers and getting more increases in wages than can be said of any other section of the United States. The American Federation of Labor and its affiliated organizations alone are responsible for these splendid advancements. And the program is continuing with more rapid and satisfying results.

In the few spots in the South where the John L. Lewis C. I. O. gained foothold, the John L. Lewis method of manhandling has been noted. Wherever a C. I. O. local union has been established with any degree of majority membership, there has also been established alongside of it a chapter of the Communist Party. The C. I. O. cannot stand alone, you see, and MUST have the support of the Communist Party to hold up the C. I. O. local.

If the employers of the South should accept John's flamboyant proposition, does he expect to bring his 200 thugs from Detroit down into the South and place them at the mill gates to collect "dues and assessments," and if one fails to pay, knock him to the ground with an iron incased rubber hose, like these thugs do in Detroit? x x x

## HAGGERTY PRAISES A. F. OF L. WORK IN THE SOUTH, LAYING STRESS ON STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 18.—"If there ever was a time in the proud history of the Labor Movement in which those belonging to it should rejoice in that fact and should with renewed conviction and courage re-dedicate themselves to it, now is that time," said Mr. John B. Haggerty, president of the International Union of Bookbinders, to a group of trades unionists in Atlanta today. Mr. Haggerty is also president of the Allied Printing Trades Council, and came to Atlanta for a conference with officials of the Coca-Cola company in which negotiations are under way for use of the Allied Printing Label on all printed matter used by the Coca-Cola company.

The distinguished labor official delivered the Labor Day address at Tampa and was enthusiastic over the progress made by the American Federation of Labor affiliates in Florida and throughout the South. In the conference with labor representatives gathered in the Atlanta offices of the A. F. of L., Mr. Haggerty pointed to conditions existing in Europe, where war is raging and civilization is threatened, where freedom in many nations has been destroyed and dictatorships established, and called at-

tention to the conditions in England where splendid democratic traditions and functions of government have been suspended in the horrors of the awful war.

Mr. Haggerty highly praised the work and leadership of the A. F. of L. in the South, declaring that the officers of the State Federations of Labor in the Southern states have rendered services to the Labor movement not excelled by any other groups in the nation's history. "These State Federation officials, the officers and members of Central Labor Unions, and the loyal worker of the local unions have placed our movement in the South right out in the front," he said. The visiting official was deeply impressed with the numerous labor papers so ably edited and so unwavering in their loyalty to the A. F. of L. "Our labor papers," Mr. Haggerty said, "constitute our shock troops, our first line of attack and defense, and without them our movement could never have made the splendid progress it has made."

President Haggerty left late Monday for Washington, declaring in his parting words that his trip into the South had been an inspiration and a revelation to him.

## GREAT SOUTHERN TRUCKING CO. STRIKE IS STILL ON—TEAMSTERS REPORT RANKS ARE STANDING FIRM

The Teamsters and Chauffeurs local of Charlotte, which is on strike at the Great Southern Trucking Co's Charlotte branch are holding firm, awaiting a hearing before the National Labor Relations Board, which is supposed to be held this week, and at which time A. L. Rawlinson, president of the company, will have to appear before the board. There has been no disorder on the part of the strikers and the 24-hour picketing is still being carried out.

The Teamsters and Chauffeurs, we are told, have no doubt as to the ruling of the board regarding the stand they have taken in the matter. H. L. McCrorie, organizer for the teamsters and chauffeurs, and a local man, is handling the Teamsters end of the affair, and reports the men standing firm, without a break and the morale is good.

## President May Send New Plea To Labor Settle Difficulties

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—President Roosevelt may send a new appeal to organized labor next month to end its long controversy and present a united front on domestic problems arising from the war in Europe. It is expected that the appeal will be contained in a message he will dispatch to the A. F. L. convention opening in Cincinnati October 2.

The President declined to disclose at his press conference today what his message would contain, but Daniel J. Tobin, head of the A. F. L. Teamsters Union, indicated that it would be a fresh call for unity between the A. F. L. and C. I. O. After Tobin and Secretary of Labor Perkins had conferred with Mr. Roosevelt, the labor leader told newspapermen he supposed the President's message would "ask that labor get together now that war is on in Europe."

Tobin went on to say that the President was anxious that there be no strikes at this time and evinced interest when told what "unrest" now existed in labor ranks.

## Am. Fed. of Teachers Defeat Martin For C. I. O. Affiliation

The recent convention of the American Federation of Teachers, held in Buffalo, N. Y., voted unanimously not to concur in a resolution advocating withdrawal from the American Federation of Labor and affiliation with the C. I. O. The resolution committee recommended non-concurrence and the convention, without a dissenting vote, upheld the committee. The convention also adopted unanimously a resolution commending the American Federation of Labor for its efforts to bring about peace in the labor movement.

## Typo Ladies Serve Picnic Lunch For Typo Boys Sunday

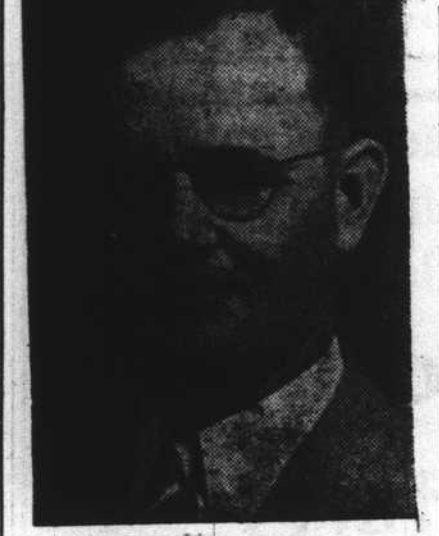
One of the periodical basket picnics given by the Ladies' Typographical Auxiliary was held Sunday afternoon at Bryant Park, with one of the largest gatherings in recent months. There were baskets and boxes, galore, well filled with various food to tempt faltering appetites and satisfy those who seemingly never get enough. The menu was of some length, and while it did not go from "soup to nuts," there was chicken, chicken and some more chicken, cheese, meats, pies, cakes, pickles, crackers, slaw, lemonade, iced tea, deviled eggs, and "undeviled" eggs, etc., etc. The ladies of this auxiliary certainly put on the dog when they see fit, and while the men stood by discussing shop, or playing with the kids, they did the work, so usual. Here's hoping there will be another one of these affairs soon, as it was certainly an enjoyable occasion; 6:30 finding us all on the way home in a happy frame of mind.

## Lupe, Chicago Judge, Fines C.I.O. Unions For Court Contempt

CHICAGO, Ill.—The C. I. O. Chicago Newspaper Guild was fined \$500 by Judge John J. Lupe on a charge of contempt of court. Judge Lupe held that members of the Guild had violated an injunction issued February 7 by Judge Grover C. Niemeyer, whose order forbade the Guild to harass advertisers or subscribers of the two Hearst Chicago newspapers which are now combined as The Herald-American, against which a C. I. O. strike has been in progress.

## State A. F. L. Pres. C. A. Fink Charlotte Visitor On Saturday

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C. A. Fink, of Spencer, president of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor was a Charlotte visitor Saturday, making one of his periodical visits to the Friendly City. Mr. Fink was at the hall of the Building Trades Council when "we" ran into him. He was here on a two-fold mission to greet the boys "when and where" he could find them and seeking some union made, labelled wearing apparel. He found them, shoes, hat, etc. Brother Fink is a firm believer in Union made goods, in every line, and if he can not find them one place, he will continue to search until he gets what he wants. And that is another example, set by our state head, that should be followed by every card holder. As always the Charlotte boys are always glad to have our president with us and he apparently is always in happy mood while in our midst.

Kiser, president of the North Carolina Building Trades Council, assisted the workers in the installation ceremonies. The local immediately affiliated with the Charlotte Central Labor Union.

## Endy Bros. Shows, Auspices of C. L. U. September 25th-30th

The Endy Bros., a well-known carnival company, will be in Charlotte the week of Sept. 25-30, showing at the usual carnival grounds. This organization has a clean record in the towns and cities it has shown, and is of a high type, being clean, wholesome and entertaining. The acts, the midway, the rides, etc., are all entertaining and a large turn-out is expected during its stay in Charlotte. Go out, take your family and your friends. All of Charlotte (most) will be there one of the six days.

## Home-I. F. D. Groups Of Food Stores Will Hold Show Together

An agreement whereby the Independent Food Dealers Association and the Home Service Stores would unite in sponsoring one exposition and food show here, instead of two as in the past, was reached last night at a meeting of committees from the two organizations. The exposition will be held November 8 through 18 at the Armory-Auditorium on N. Cecil Street, and it is predicted that the combined efforts of the two sponsors will result in the largest show of its kind in the history of Charlotte.

Plans and preparations are going forward to make this year's show, which is the fourteenth annual affair, the most outstanding yet as an educational and entertaining attraction. The official name of the exposition will continue to be the Charlotte Exposition & Food Show. The committee appointed to conduct the show includes C. M. Kiser, N. J. Covington, F. L. Marshall, with James B. Vogler acting as secretary and show manager.

Representing the Independent Food Dealers at the meeting last night were B. T. Baker, M. B. Sinclair, J. L. Todd and J. R. Rice. Representing the Home Service Stores were Mr. Marshall, Mr. Kiser, Mr. Covington, and Mr. Vogler.

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## WAR NOTES (BY A VETERAN)

**FRENCH FRONT:** The advance of the French into the Saar is going on. Many vets remember TRIER, Germany. It is just a few miles away from the actual French front line. I remember it as a pretty German city, with its German architecture, stolid looking citizens, cobble streets, and bustling railroad depot with the funny signs like "Eisenbahn." This town was so dissimilar to the French towns that we had just left. Those had been leveled to the ground, and whole towns were nothing but signs in mud puddles. It looks like TRIER is going to become that way, if the French meet with any kind of resistance in their advance, which there is no doubt in my mind, they will.

**POLISH FRONT:** Russia did what I said they would do last week, only with one variation. Instead of having Poland's permission, she just waded in. Nothing may come of a border line between Germany and Russia in Poland. They fought each other in Spain.

**BRITISH FRONT:** The blockade is disrupting German industry, especially in its foreign trade. This will mean much unemployment in Germany. An Expeditionary force has been landed in France. I do not think the war is over, I think it has just begun.

**OTHER FRONTS:** Italy and its Mussolini are confronted with a problem that is simple as far as they are concerned. They will settle it from their own viewpoint.

**THE AMERICAN FRONT:** Canada is at war. We have a northern frontier that has no forts because there has never been any thought that there would ever be trouble between us. The largest problem before us is the Neutrality Issue, the subject of a special session of Congress called for the 21st of this month. That is our front at present.

## LABOR NOTES OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH

### KNOXVILLE WORKERS CALLED BACK TO JOBS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 18.—With bulletins posted recalling fifty members of various Shop Craft Unions to work at Coaster and John Sevier terminals at the Southern Railway, leaders of the various organizations this week anticipated the return of every idle worker in the next few months.

Shop craft committees here and over the system, it was reported, have been directed to list every idle member subject to call, including finished apprentices who have had no employment up to date. In this connection it was said that railroad officials will go beyond district lines in completing their shop forces, if this becomes necessary, thereby insuring the return to employment of all who formerly were employed.

### MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION CONVENTION BIG SUCCESS

VICKSBURG, Miss., Sept. 15.—The annual convention of the Mississippi State Federation of Labor, held here last week, was pronounced by all in attendance as being the most harmonious and constructive convention ever held in this state. L. E. (Lib) Jones, retiring as president after having served a long time, pledging his best cooperation to the new president, Joe Cameron, of Meridian.

George L. Googe represented President Wm. Green and the Executive Council at the convention, and in an impassioned plea aroused the delegates to a high pitch of enthusiasm for a continued and increased organization campaign throughout the state.

### ELECTRICAL WORKERS HOLD MEETING IN CHATTANOOGA

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 18.—Delegates from all electrical unions in Tennessee met in Chattanooga last Saturday for an all-day session concerning problems of their trade. The meeting was in Local 175's new hall on McCallie avenue.

Mr. Bill Keese addressed the unionists regarding insurance companies' interest in assisting them in drawing up safe electrical codes with a view of reducing fire losses.

Mr. S. R. Finley, manager of the Electric Power board, explained the policies and aims of public power.

### COLUMBUS JAIL JOB GOES TO UNION IRON WORKERS

COLUMBUS, Ga., Sept. 18.—An agreement was signed here last Saturday between the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works Company and the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, calling for union shop conditions on the construction of the big new jail just started here. C. F. Strickland represented the Iron Workers in the negotiations, while Mr. W. A. Oakey, president of the Roanoke Company, appeared personally to represent the company.

### CHARTER INSTALLED FOR LABORERS' LOCAL UNION

Charter for the newly-organized local union of Hod Carriers, Common and Construction Laborers was installed here last Saturday night. John S. Turner, International representative, and the organizing committee of the Central Labor Union, and H. L.

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