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Americanism is an unflinching love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1940

AS TO THE I. T. U. AND THE A. F. L.

Much has been said and speculation has been great in labor circles, and by the general public for that matter, the daily papers having carried much display as to the I. T. U.-A. F. L. controversy. The Journal received the first of last week direct from the A. F. of L. the followin, which it withheld from publication, waiting further developments.

"MIAMI, Fla.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor, at the first session of its regular midwinter meeting here, ordered its 49 State Federations of Labor and over 800 city Central bodies to dissociate themselves from the International Typographical Union because of that organization's refusal for the last three years to pay an assessment legally levied by the Federation. The 1937 convention of the Federation voted unanimously in favor of the assessment of 1 cent per month per member. The 1938 and 1939 conventions continued the assessment.

"William Green, president of the AFL, in announcing the action of the executive council, said the International Typographical Union owes the Federation about \$24,000 in back assessments. 'The AFL has tried to deal with the situation in a generous, patient and broad-minded way,' he added, 'The ITU is the only Union in the ranks of the Federation that has failed to pay the assessment. We regret this situation exceedingly.'

Charlotte Central Labor Union has two officials (president and vice-president) who are members of the I. T. U., and it has been authentically stated that until official notice has been received these officers or other delegates will not be unseated. Until such notice is received, the general understanding is matters will remain as they are and have been since the ITU was suspended. It will be up to local bodies to obey the AFL mandate or jeopardize their charter, those who should know about such things say.

The Typos helped form and have been a part of the Charlotte Central Labor Union, from its birth, its members carrying a great part of the burden during turbulent days of keeping the charter upon the wall. The suspension of the Typos by the A.F.L. will have no effect on their standing with the Allied Printing Trades Council, which is composed of Typographical, Printing Pressment and Assistants, Brotherhood of Bookbinders, Stereotypers and Electrotypers and Photo Engravers, the last four being affiliated with the AFL.

The Allied Printing Trades Council, or its label, is not affected by this edict, as the organizations other than the Typographical are A. F. of L. affiliates.

On two occasions the I. T. U. membership has voted against the assessment levied, the membership holding to the idea that A. F. of L. could, or should, not assess Internationals without their consent, and the I. T. U. constitution and by-laws, when it helped form the A. F. of L. carried that clause, which was well known to all members of labor organizations.

THE I. T. U. WILL NEVER GO C. I. O. There are many C. I. O. sympathizers in its ranks, but a majority will never be given to that branch. The I. T. U. will fight for peace in the ranks of labor, and those who hold and retain beliefs friendly to the A. F. of L., nothing coming between them and their obligation, will continue to hold these beliefs, as will those who have a C. I. O. leaning.

The time for labor peace is at hand. The rank and file are growing tired of the bickering, and as Dan Tobin, head of the powerful Teamsters and Chauffeurs, and a vice-president of the A. F. of L. has said, "MATTERS MUST COME TO A HEAD, AND THIS INTERNAL FIGHT AMONG OURSELVES ENDED.

The Charlotte Labor Journal was started nine years ago by I. T. U. members, Henry A. Stalls, now president of Charlotte Central Labor Union, and the present editor and publisher, who is vice-president of that body. Its lot was cast with the A. F. of L., carrying its continuous endorsement up to this good hour, and, as in the past its every endeavor will be to bring about peace in the labor movement.

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RULES FOR THE 4-STAR ESSAY CONTEST

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Rule 1

Essay No. 1 is "WHY I BUY UNION LABEL GOODS." This contest is open to everybody. It is a free-for-all! Any person, man or woman, boy or girl of any age, is eligible. (We urge all members of Labor Unions and Women's Auxiliaries as well as non-members to write on this subject.)

Rule 2

Essay No. 2 is "WHY I USE UNION SERVICES." This contest is open to everybody. It is a free-for-all! Any person, man or woman, boy or girl of any age, is eligible. (We urge all members of Labor Unions and Women's Auxiliaries as well as non-members to also write on this subject.)

Rule 3

Essay No. 3 is "WHY I AM A LABOR UNIONIST." This essay is confined to only members of Labor Unions. Every Union member writing on this essay shall give his full name, the name and number of his Local Union, and his address, city and state. (All members of Labor Unions are eligible to also write on Essay No. 1 and Essay No. 2.)

Rule 4

Essay No. 4 is "WHY I JOINED A WOMEN'S AUXILIARY." Contestants in this Essay Contest are confined to only members of Women's Auxiliaries. A woman writer of this essay should state the name of the Women's Aux-

iliary of which she is a member, together with her full name, address, city and state. (Members of Women's Auxiliaries can also enter the Contests for Essay No. 1 and Essay No. 2.)

Rule 5

Each essay must not be more than 250 words in length.

Rule 6

The subject matter of each essay must be confined exclusively to the title of each essay. First, the title of the essay should be given. All essays should be written plainly on one side of the paper only and each page should be numbered. At the end of every essay, each contestant must state in writing, "This essay is my original production and is not copied from any source except as indicated by quotation marks." Then, sign your full name, address, city and state.

Rule 7

The essays will be judged principally on sincerity, simplicity and clarity. English, grammar and spelling do not count in choosing winners. The essays must be original. Your thoughts and new ideas are what we want. Selection of words and phrases have nothing to do with the winning of an essay. The simpler the better. It is not your ability to write, but your ability to think that counts. All essays will be the property of the Union Label Trades Department.

ment. No essay will be returned.

Rule 8

The essays will be judged by a committee of three prominent Americans.

Rule 9

The winning essays will be printed in the A. F. of L. Weekly News Letter, the International Labor News Service and will be released to all the weekly Labor newspapers and official monthly Labor journals. An electrical transcription will be made of the Grand Prize Winners' Essays, giving full credit to the respective authors. This record will be made available to all radio broadcasting stations in America.

Rule 10

Winners will be announced soon after the closing date, May 30, 1940. No essays will be accepted after 12 o'clock midnight, May 30, 1940.

Rule 11

The winner of the Grand Prize Essay for each essay contest will receive \$250 in cash. Union-made articles, proportionate in value, will be given for second, third, and other places in each essay contest.

Rule 12

Envelopes containing the essay should be addressed to I. M. Ornburn, Secretary-Treasurer, Union Label Trades Department, American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C.

Central Labor Union

Charlotte Central Labor Union held its regular meeting last night (Wednesday) which was largely attended. Three new delegates were obligated and reports of locals heard. Most of the time was given over to the Skating Area program which labor is sponsoring, and Chairman Moore and Secretary Conder, of the project, made exhaustive reports, other delegates discussing the matter, and much information was given out as to the methods of securing the necessary \$4,000 to make this undertaking a success.

TEXTILE UNION AGREEMENT WITH SANDERS COTTON MILL

MOBILE, Ala.—Agreement between the J. C. Sanders Cotton Mills and Local Union No. 22032, textile workers, has been signed. The agreement was negotiated for the Local Union by Ed Long and Walter Schaffer, representatives of the American Federation of Labor.



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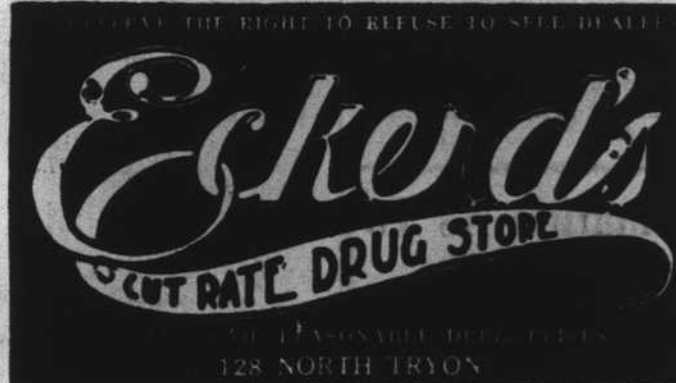
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