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**THE I. T. U. AND THE A. F. OF L.**

The Journal has previously published and commented upon the edict of the A. F. of L. executive council as regards the suspension of the I. T. U. from its fold, but has said nothing during the "much-talk" and publicity as regards the Typos locally. It is deeply regretted by some members that things have come to pass as they have, while to others it is exactly to their liking, and there are some who do not care a great deal either way. To those who have fought in the movement locally for advancement of the cause of organized labor along lines of peace, good will and harmony, it has been a severe blow. When those who really founded the labor movement in Charlotte, nearly half a century ago, think of what is coming to pass in our ranks at the present it brings deep regret and sadness. It places men bound together as brothers at the forks in the road, and while there is no ill will toward the other, until time has worked out a solution, a parting has taken place, at least for the time being and the Typographical Union is placed in the ranks of other independent international organizations.

The Journal, as stated on previous occasions before, is an adherent of the A. F. of L. and as long as it does not conflict in any way with his I. T. U. obligations will continue to espouse its doctrine.

**BEHIND THE AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS**

Actions speak louder than words. For the past three years the American Youth Congress, which has been vocal on virtually every controversial subject, consistently and obstinately has blocked every effort to condemn Communism and its subversive activities. Its sympathies for Moscow are so pronounced that even the deserved rebuke administered to it by President Roosevelt made no dent in its hide-bound fealty to Marxism and Moscow. The attitude of these youngsters, supposed to represent the moral and intellectual fabric of this nation, the leaders of tomorrow, is an ominous warning of what the future will bring. It is true that in this cock-eyed world our youngsters of today are faced with serious problems, particularly that of employment. But every generation of American youth had to face similar trials and tribulations. They were not petted and pampered. They did not think that the government owed them a living and they had a right to demand special privileges simply because they were young. We of an older generation fought for everything we have. Perhaps we have made a mess of things, but we cannot see where the youth of today, in spite of its advantages of education and better living, have anything on the past generation for genuine spirit, courage and independence. If they had, they would not whine about serving their country, and demand special considerations for themselves. That certainly is not the American Way. Sneering and scoffing at our government and at ingrained customs and traditions is not going to better conditions. A generation ago youth was seen, but not heard because our elders correctly reasoned that opinion without weight and authority was simply presumption. Today however a cock-eye theory that majority rule is democratic, makes a Gallup poll, rather than the consensus of qualified and authoritative reason, a standard of action. If and until the Americans in this Youth Congress evince a little spirit and independence, and until the snarling contemptuous libertarians dominating these sheep show us a medicum of commonsense and intelligence, we are not greatly concerned what these nincompoops think. What most of them need is a sound paddling which their spineless and irresponsible elders have delayed over the course of years. No one can convince us that the American Youth Congress speaks for American Youth for the simple reason that the Congress on the record by no stretching of the imagination can be termed "American."

**REACTIONARY EMPLOYERS FIGHT DECENT WAGES AND HOURS**

The continuing campaign of certain groups of employers to weaken and even repeal the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 is strong evidence of a determination to impose indecently low living standards and indecently long hours on millions of workers now protected by the law. From the point of view of economic justice reasoning citizens are wholly unable to understand the attitude of these subversive business men. The provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act are clearly not unreasonable. In the field of wages employers are prohibited from paying less than 30 cents an hour to working men and women in the industries covered by the law. In the field of hours employers are prohibited from employing workers longer than 42 hours per week. This means \$12.60 in wages for a 42-hour week. Surely this small remuneration does not enable the workers anywhere to purchase an unreasonably high living standard for themselves and their families. And yet, a considerable group of employers are vigorously fighting these wages and hours and seek the statutory right to pay their employes less than 30 cents an hour and work them longer than 42 hours per week. The American Federation of Labor is determined that the protection given low income workers by the Fair Labor Standards Act shall not be diminished, that all attempts to weaken or destroy the act shall be fought on every front and that chiseling employers who violate the act shall be dealt with vigorously in strict compliance with the penalties prescribed by the statute.

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**Central Labor Union To Have Open Meet At Court House, 13th**

The regular meeting of the Charlotte Central Labor Union was held as usual on Wednesday evening, in the K. of P. hall in the Piedmont building. A very large attendance was at hand, with two of the large unions once again having delegates on hand after long term negotiations for contracts which had finally been signed. Various encouraging reports from the locals re the Skating Areas fund were received during the reports of locals. Two new affiliate locals are in prospect for the Central body in the various fields covered by some four locals, all of whom are affiliated with the Central body. The meeting of March 13th of the Central body will be an open meeting held at the Court House at 8 P. M., the main purpose of this meeting to show the picture of the Federal Housing authority, which is of great interest to anyone who is sincere in his or her belief that slums can be eliminated in the United States, or at least conditions remedied. Any one who cares to take this opportunity to see the picture. Financial arrangements were made to send the three duly elected delegates to the A. F. of L. Southern conference of Labor in Atlanta. The regular routine business of the meeting was covered as usual.

The first attempts to build a rocket-ship were made in China more than 500 years ago.

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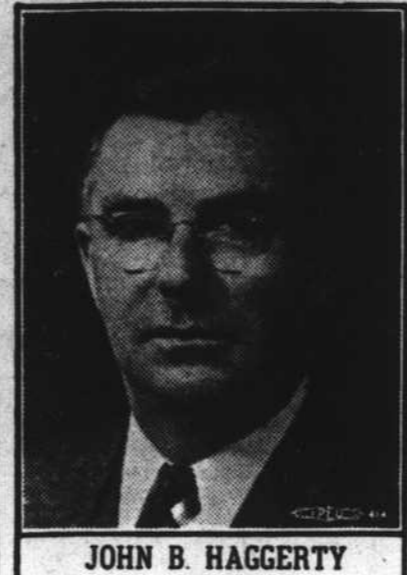
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**Men Who Control America?**

BY CHARLES STELZLE

Usually, when we discuss the question of who will control America, we concentrate upon some economic, social or political system. But after all, a more important consideration is the kind of people who will control the job—and they must be living people. This is self-evident. And so, let's see who, or what class, has the best chance to dominate.

The average duration of human life in the United States has been extended 15 years since 1912; that is, about 30 per cent. This gain has been accomplished despite the World War, an influenza epidemic and a world depression. The expectation of life is now 62 years, according to a comprehensive study recently made by Dr. Louis I. Dublin, statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which involved approximately 17,000,000 insured persons, practically all of whom were wage earners and their families. However, this extension of life does not mean that everybody is living longer than they did before. It means, mainly, that more people are living to a "ripe old age."

Another fact to be remembered is the rapidly declining birth rate. Mathematically, this increases the average age of those who are alive. In 1900 the birth rate was 30 per 1,000 of the population; in 1915 it was 25; today it is 15 per thousand. Actually, the present generation is not reproducing itself. An inevitable result of this change in our population is the certainty that America

will become a nation of "elders." Another result of this situation will be that immigration, once a factor of great importance, will play a minor role in our future population problem. Indeed, we may again welcome immigrants.

There are today about 1,500,000 more men than women in the United States; but the average death rate of men is much higher than that of women. In the age group between 45 to 54 the excess death rate of men over women is well over 50 per cent. If this death rate continues the nation will become thoroughly feminized and eventually women will dominate the country. Already, through inheritance and otherwise, they are powerful factors in the financial world.

Estimates regarding the per cent distribution of the total population according to age in 1980, based upon trends from 1850 to 1930, show a great decrease in the percentage of youth of the nation, and an increase in the percentage of the aged, as follows:

Under	5	5-19	20-44	45-64	65 and over
1850	15.1	37.4	35.1	9.8	2.6
1930	9.3	29.5	38.5	17.5	5.4
1980	6.4	19.6	33.7	25.9	14.4

All of which means that those over 40 will some day hold the balance of power in all elections—if they will not actually control them. They will have much to say as to those who will govern the country and want its laws shall be—and most of them will be women.

**Hanes Knitting Co. Signs An A.F. of L. Contract, Winston**

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Feb. 19.—An agreement was signed here last week between the P. H. Hanes Knitting Company and the local union of United Textile Workers of America, an A. F. of L. affiliate. Signing of the contract ended approximately three months of negotiation between the company and the United Textile Workers of America, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor,

which was chosen bargaining agent for employees at an election which followed a strike in the fall. The strike, which brought out workers in departments of the mill on October 31, was called in protest against alleged instruction of the "stretch-out."

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