

# Facing the Facts

With PHILIP PEARL

Thank you, Mr. President! The American Federation of Labor asked you last week to tell the American public the truth about the failure to resume labor negotiations. You responded promptly, Mr. President. You told the truth. You informed the public that the American Federation of Labor had responded favorably and unreservedly to your appeal for the restoration of peace conferences. You revealed for the first time that John L. Lewis had spurned your pleas.

Now the public knows the truth. Now it is the duty of all American workers, whether they are members of the American Federation of Labor or the C. I. O., to compel Mr. Lewis to see reason or get out. No one man can get away indefinitely with the position stubbornly held by Mr. Lewis. No one man can prevent the hosts of labor from achieving the unity they want and need. No one man can stay on the spot and take the heat that is

being turned on Mr. Lewis and will be turned on him.

Even Mr. Lewis knows this. So as soon as President Roosevelt spoke up and told the country the truth—in fact the very next day—Mr. Lewis attempted to squirm off the spot and escape the public wrath by making a show of offering peace. It was the same kind of phony offer Mr. Lewis has made repeatedly in the past. Some people, including most of his followers, were duped by the previous fake peace proposals emanating from Mt. Lewis. But by this time everyone is wise to his game. That kind of phony will not work any more, Mr. Lewis. You had better think up a new one, quickly.

**ULTERIOR MOTIVES**

Even Mr. Lewis anticipated difficulty in fooling the public this time, so he went to great lengths in insisting on his own sincerity and in warning against efforts to seek flaws in his proposal or to hunt ulterior motives behind it. It is not necessary to look for ulterior motives in the Lewis plan. They stick out all over it like porcupine quills.

Let us identify them for you. In the first place, Mr. Lewis did not submit his proposal to the American Federation of Labor directly or ask that it be submitted and considered by the duly constituted peace committees representing both sides. No. Instead, he blew his pretty bubble in the air at the tail end of a speech before the American Youth Congress in Washington. More about this Congress later.

In the second place, Mr. Lewis asked for the immediate chartering by the A. F. of L. of all C. I. O. units without audits of membership or regard for jurisdictional conflicts with existing A. F. of L. unions. This means that the A. F. of L. would issue charters to paper organizations with inflated membership and thus give them added strength and encouragement to carry on their fight against the A. F. of L. from within the A. F. of L. Wouldn't that be a fine way of achieving peace and unity?

Finally, Mr. Lewis topped his proposal off with the glittering but completely gratuitous offer to withdraw himself as a candidate for any office in the A. F. of L. How unselfish, noble and touching!

**THE WAY TO PEACE**

When we face the facts we see that the labor war has been a bitter one and the road to peace will not be an easy one. The essential requirements are these:

Peace must be real peace. It must come from a mutual realization that existing strike is unnecessary, harmful and dangerous to labor. It must be a lasting peace. It must be a complete peace.

# M. P. Labor Chief Has Only An Hour In Chicago Jail

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—William Bioff, stocky motion picture labor chief, rode in and out of jail yesterday on a merry-go-round of legal action.

In the midst of the swift sequence of events, he announced that he had resigned as chairman of the Conference of Studio Unions, the control center of most of the A. F. L. organizations in the Hollywood industry. He emphasized, however, that he would retain his other position as a representative of the International Alliance of Theatrical and State Employees.

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The American Federation of Labor is willing and has been willing from the beginning to admit all C. I. O. unions and their members to the fold without prejudice, without discrimination, and without penalty. We want them to come back. We want them to work with us, not against us.


Therefore, it is first necessary to have an independent audit made at once of the paid-up membership of both organizations.

After such an audit is made, it will be necessary for the officials of unions on each side with conflicting jurisdictions to sit down and work out mutually satisfactory mergers. The American Federation of Labor cannot have two unions fighting against each other in the same field for the right to represent the same workers.

Finally, after the mergers have been arranged on a voluntary basis, all the C. I. O. unions, including those originally chartered by the A. F. of L., came back at once to the house of labor and take their rightful place in the conventions of the American Federation of Labor with the same rights and privileges as the organizations which have remained faithful throughout.

Mr. Lewis, if you will accept these terms, you will be treated on the same footing as any other member in good standing. Nothing will be placed in the way of any ambitions you may still entertain. In fact, we invite you to come in and offer yourself as a candidate for any office in the American Federation of Labor at its next convention. We wouldn't think of depriving you of that opportunity.

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
State of North Carolina,  
County of Mecklenburg.  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
J. J. Woodall, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Leslie Woodall, Defendant.

The above defendant will take notice that an action has been commenced in the above court by the above-named plaintiff against her for a divorce absolute on the grounds of two (2) years' separation and that she is required to appear before the undersigned and answer or demur to the complaint filed herein within thirty (30) days for the last issue of this notice or the plaintiff will ask the court to try the issue joined herein.

This the 5th day of February, 1940.  
J. A. RUSSELL, Assistant,  
Clerk Superior Court.

Feb. 8, 15, 22, 29.

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North Carolina,  
Mecklenburg County.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Mrs. Monroe D. Phifer, widow, to the undersigned as Trustee, dated the 18th day of June, 1929, and recorded in the public register of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in Book 732 at Page 52, and because of default in the payment of indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out and perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust, the undersigned trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale in the Court House of Mecklenburg County in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday the 18th day of March, 1940, all of those three lots of land lying and being in the City of Charlotte and more particularly described as follows: Lots 14, 15 and 16, in Square 9 as shown on map of the W. W. Phifer property recorded in the Register's office in Book 332 at page 56. Said lots fronting on the northerly side of East 15th Street.

This Sale is made subject to all taxes, assessments or encumbrances which may now or in the future constitute a lien against the said property.

This sale will be held open for ten days for increased bid as by law required.

This the 6th day of February, 1940.  
J. L. LUSK, Trustee.  
Feb. 15, 22, 29; March 7.

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**PROFITS INCREASE**

The alleged lack of confidence of business men in the economic condition of the country is not reflected in current summaries of financial operations. According to the Associated Press profits of the first 230 large companies to report results for 1939 were nearly \$500,000, or 63 per cent greater than in 1938. A compilation placed earnings for the group at \$1,152,61,000, compared with \$704,806,000 in the previous year.

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North Carolina,  
Mecklenburg County.  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Nelda Lee Griggs Engram,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Joseph Lee Engram,  
Defendant.

The defendant, Joseph Lee Engram, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, for an absolute divorce by the plaintiff from the said defendant upon the ground of two years' separation of the parties;

And the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County in the Court House in Charlotte, North Carolina, on the 6th day of April, 1940, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief outlined in the said complaint as provided by law.

This the 17th day of February, 1940.  
J. A. RUSSELL,  
Assistant-Clerk of Superior Court.  
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# Philip Fleming Is Nominated As Wage-Hour Adm.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt nominated Col. Philip B. Fleming, of the Army Engineering Corps to administer the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. Statutory restrictions previously had made it impossible to make the army officer administrator of the Wage-Hour Act. These restrictions were removed in the urgent deficiency bill passed by Congress.

Col. Fleming has been serving as actual Wage-Hour Administrator, although technically listed as an assistant to Acting Administrator Harold Jacobs, since Elmer Andrews resigned last Fall.

**TWO GLOVE FIRMS SIGN UNION-LABEL CONTRACTS**

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Union label agreements with the Illinois Glove Company of Champaign, Illinois, and the Central Glove Company, of Effingham, Illinois, have just been negotiated by the International Glove Workers Union of America, according to an announcement here by Thomas Durian, president of the union. The two firms are operated under one management and manufacture and complete line of union-labeled dress and work gloves.

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