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## LABOR'S CONFERENCE AT ATLANTA MARCH 2 AND 3, MATTER OF HISTORY; BUT AFTER EFFECTS WILL BE FELT

ATLANTA, Ga., March 11.—History was made in the meeting of the great Southern Labor Conference held here on March 2 and 3. A new chapter in the South's progress was written by that great event. A definite turning point in the South's philosophy was reached and successfully negotiated on March 2 and 3, 1940. The South's finest citizenship came to Atlanta on those days for a very definite purpose, and that purpose was accomplished in such emphasized manner that future historians will give to the Southern Labor Conference of 1940 a prominent place in the South's history.

From Norfolk, Va., to Shreveport, La., 1239 miles due east and west, and from Frankfort, Ky., to Miami, Fla., 1109 miles north and south, came delegations representing State Federations of Labor, City Central Labor Unions, Building Trades Councils, Metal Trades Councils, District Councils, Railroad Systems, Union Label Leagues, Women's Auxiliaries and Local Unions, to gather in Atlanta for the greatest American Federation of Labor gathering ever held in the history of this powerful organization.

Southern hospitality has never been lavished upon any gathering of people in more whole-hearted and genuine manner than that showered upon the visiting American Federation of Labor officials and delegations. From the moment of the arrival of the train bearing President Wm. Green and his official family at the Terminal Station early Saturday morning, March 2, until Mr. Green left the city at 8:30 Sunday evening, Atlanta and the South shouted a great welcome to him. That President Green was hailed as a symbol of honesty and righteousness as the leader of an American institution based upon honesty and righteousness and impressed upon him every moment that he remain in the city.

As early as 7 o'clock on that Saturday morning the people began gathering at the Terminal Station, and when the train bearing President Green and his party arrived an hour later, thousands of people had assembled at the station to welcome him and his associates. At his first appearance Atlanta's own Union band struck up the strains of Dixie's welcome, and the assembled thousands added their hearty applause to the welcoming notes of the band. Officially meeting and greeting President Green were Georgia's Governor E. D. Rivers, Atlanta's Mayor W. D. Hartsfield, George L. Googe, southern representative of the American Federation of Labor; Charles B. Grambling, president of the Atlanta Federation of Trades, and Albert W. Gossett, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

It was an auspicious moment when President Green, walking between the Governor of Georgia and the Mayor of Atlanta, and flanked on both sides by thousands of cheering men and women, traversed the long corridor of the Terminal Station and passed through the specious waiting room to enter the Mayor's automobile in waiting to bear him to his hotel. Adding to the scene was the uniformed official escort of six men who had been named by the state and city to be at the service of President Green during his stay in Atlanta. He was then taken to the Henry Grady Hotel, where the Roosevelt suite at that famous hostelry had been placed at his disposal.

great assembly gave him a place high in the esteem of the people of the South. Honesty, sincerity, capability, devotion to duty and a high sense of fair play and fair dealings, were readily recognized by the audience as outstanding characteristics of Mr. Meany's nature. Never has Southern audiences accepted any one with more spontaneous and enthusiastic welcome than was manifested for Secretary Meany at this meeting.

Dewey L. Johnson, president of the Atlanta Federation of Trades, assisted by George L. Googe, presented many notable men in labor, business, the professions and in public life. Governor Rivers, Mayor Hartsfield, Congressman Ramspeck, Labor's Editor Keating, Chief Justice Charles S. Reid, and numerous other outstanding leaders.

A touching scene was enacted when Jerome Meany, the "Samuel Gompers of the South," was presented. As he arose, his frail body speaking eloquently of his long years of labor leadership in the South, the huge crowd rose as one man and the men and women of all ranks in life joined in one mighty burst of applause in recognition of the lift and work and worth of the South's own Jerome Meany.

In addition to the regular conference program during the day, the banquet Saturday night, and the luncheon at the noon hour, many group meetings were called, several of which were held Friday night even before the conference started. International officers met with their own organizers and local union officials, thus bringing the International and the Local Unions of the South into personal and intimate contact and conference. Those group meetings lasted throughout Sunday, and many were held on Monday, after adjournment of the general conference. One of the pre-conference events of noteworthy importance was a radio broadcast Friday night in which President Johnson and Judge Joseph A. Padway participated. The Atlanta Journal's "Editorial Hour" on WSB was given over to Labor Friday night preceding the opening of the Conference, and a highly important chapter of the Conference was written at that time.

On Sunday morning President Green filled the pulpit at Druid Hills Baptist church, Rev. Dr. Louis D. Newton, pastor, having invited Mr. Green to speak from his pulpit. The large edifice was filled to overflowing with a membership and visitors anxious to hear the president of the American Federation of Labor. The address was broadcast, and tens of thousands in the radio audience also heard labor's chieftain speaking from the pulpit of the noted Druid Hills Baptist church.

Late in the afternoon President Green spoke at the Conference proper and the thousands who heard him in the closing session of the two-days' meeting declared that his presentation of the record of achievements of the American Federation of Labor was the most powerful address of the popular leader's career. Time and time again his address was interrupted by such spontaneous and enthusiastic applause that no room for any doubt was left in the mind of any one that President Wm. Green is Southern Labor's ideal in labor leadership and statesmanship. He left the Auditorium soon after completion of his address to board a train for Washington, and a great host of friends accompanied him to the station, happy in having had the great leader in the Southland, yet reluctant to see him leave. President Green's reception in Atlanta, the execution of the full program which had been arranged for him, a program that taxed his strength and endurance, the manifold honors that were heaped upon him throughout his all too brief stay in this city, the clamoring crowd of enthusiastic friends gathered about him for a last word of farewell or to make the final good wish for his safe journey back to his office in Washington, constituted an emphatic and unassailable answer to all of Mr. Green's critics.

The Southern Labor Conference gave to the South its opportunity to say to the world that the South is wholly dedicated to the high principles of the American Federation of Labor upon which it has stood for three score years. Because President Green has had the courage, even in the face of concentrated, vicious attacks upon him by combinations of destructionists, to stand firmly by the established principles of the American Federation of Labor, the South received him with these signal honors. It was the South's manner of expressing its gratitude to President Green and its eternal loyalty to the high and holy and humane principles of the American Federation of Labor.

DR. LEVY'S TOMBSTONE IS TO BE DEDICATED AT JEWISH CEMETERY SUN.

Dedication services for the tombstone of Dr. Sam Levy, late Charlotte physician, will be held next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Hebrew Cemetery. Rabbi William Greenburg will be in charge of the services. All friends of the late Dr. Levy are invited to attend the services.

KINNEY SHOE CO. TO PAY NEARLY \$52,000 BONUS TO EMPLOYEES THIS WEEK

Bonuses amounting to \$52,046 are being distributed this week to employees of the 340 Kinney Shoe Stores in accordance with the company's profit sharing plan. This year's bonus represents an increase of 58 per cent over the bonus distributed the previous year.

## WHAT ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBOR

BY CHARLES STELZLE

The world is closing in on the measure of "personal liberty" you may enjoy. It was never truer than it is today that "no man liveth unto himself." This is certainly true in the countries which are now engaged in war. And restrictions of the severest character are also being placed upon those who live in so-called neutral countries.

We may talk as we please about our Bill of Rights and our Constitutional privileges, but there are some things of which even these do not treat and they are things which affect us in our everyday life. They are so personal that in many cases they cannot be reached by the law. The whole doctrine of law has been reduced by Blackstone, one of the world's greatest legal authorities to this simple formula: "first, that we should live honestly; second, that we hurt nobody; and third, that we should render to every one his due." And this formula applies to bosses as well as to workers.

The application of these principles to social relationships, to the labor problem, to forms of government, and to international affairs, would settle every legal question which disturbs the world today. Unfortunately the working out of these principles is often overshadowed by covetousness, bigotry, hatred and envy, and these lead to personal conflict, class struggles, and sometimes to world war.

Because of this fact there arises the necessity for a higher law. It was handed down to us thousands of years ago. Here it is: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This law was announced by the Great Teacher when he was asked the question as to what is the first and great commandment, and when He told the story of the Good Samaritan as an illustration of this principle.

We can't go wrong on any decision of course of action with this law as the guiding principle of our life. Applied to human relationships there would be no world wars, no class struggles, no labor problems, no personal conflicts. And frankly, anything less than this reduces mankind to the level of thinking expressed in the motto: "Every man for himself, and may the devil take the hindmost."

An unknown "neighbor" once wrote these words as his guide in his relationship to others:

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

This should be the spirit of every man who would be a "neighbor" in the truest sense—and verily, he shall have his reward, and he need not wait for that reward in whatever life there may be in the future.

## WHO'S WHO IN UNIONS



D. W. TRACY

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Daniel W. Tracy, International President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, who had demonstrated his ability as a Local Union Business Manager and later as Vice President of the Seventh District of the I. B. E. W., was chosen in 1935 to guide the destinies of the Brotherhood.

Mr. Tracy has been successful in expanding I. B. E. W. organization in the most difficult anti-union spots in the country. Under his guidance agreements have been consummated with practically all of the powerful utility interests in the nation. Under his direction giant electrical projects essayed and completed by the United States Government were manned by skilled electrical workers.

Serving with distinction as Sixth Vice President of the Building Trades Department and also Third Vice President of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, Mr. Tracy's undivided efforts on behalf of the workers are being reflected not only throughout the electrical industry but throughout the Labor world in general.

Under assignment of the United States Government, Mr. Tracy was the first American Labor Delegate to the International Labor Congress at Geneva, Switzerland. He also served as American Labor Delegate to the American Conference at Lima, Peru, in 1938.

His address is Mr. Daniel W. Tracy, President, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of America, 1200 Fifteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.



### ELECTRICAL WORKERS' LABEL

Adopted in 1905, the Union Label of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is registered in the United States Patent Office and has become a mark of distinction for electrical goods manufactured under fair wage and hour conditions.

It should be thoroughly understood that the use of this Union Label is permitted only on the condition that all goods so marked shall be produced exclusively by members of the I. B. E. W.

Due to the great variety of electrical products and services, it has been necessary to devise more than one form of the I. B. E. W. Union Label. In all cases, however, the registered seal is an integral part of the various forms of this emblem.

It is now possible to secure Union-made electrical products, bearing the I. B. E. W. mark of distinction, from the miniature curling iron to mammoth motor generator sets.

For further information regarding Union Labels, Shop Cards and Service Buttons write Mr. I. M. Ornburn, Secretary-Treasurer, Union Label Trades Department, American Federation of Labor Building, Washington, D. C.

## P. O. Auxiliary Meets Thursday March 19, 7 P. M.

The auxiliary to Post Office Clerks Local, 375, will have their next meeting Tuesday, March 19, at 7 o'clock at the Post Office Club House on the Catawba river. Mrs. Hoyle Hill, Mrs. Howell Kennedy and Mrs. Roy White will be joint hostesses and the husbands are invited as guests.

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## THE MARCH OF LABOR

**THOMAS PAINE**  
1731-1809

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE IT WAS A COMMON SENSE TO SEE GARNER WORKERS CARRYING HOME MACHINES THEY OWNED FROM SHOP TO SHOP AS THEY SOUGHT WORK.

NEARLY 40 MILLION AMERICANS ARE EMPLOYED BY THE BIG CORPORATIONS.

THE BOYCOTT

IN 1880, LORD ERNE, ANGRISH SON LANDLORD, SENT CAPTAIN BOYCOTT TO CONVINCE THE IREISH AND IRISH THINGS OF THE IREISH REFUSED TO HAVE ANY INTERCOURSE WITH THE AGENT OF SUCH A FAMILY. SINCE THEN BOYCOTT HAS BEEN KNOWN AS THE BOYCOTT.

ERNEST M. MORGAN  
A man well-known in Charlotte fraternal and Labor activities, a long time Charlotte resident and a true-blue unionist, honored by the Tenth District Convention held at Lincolnton Tuesday.

## CHARLOTTE Fri.—Sat.

**POWELL YOUNG**  
Clean, Robert Allen

MON.—TUE. "Another Thin Man" William Powell Myrna Loy

WED.—THU. "Clouds Over Europe" Laurence Oliver Valerie Hobson