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## Organization Committee of Central Labor Union Asks for Ambitious Program, And Opening of Permanent Organization Headquarters Charlotte

The meeting was called to order by President Moore, with Chaplain Ernest Morgan making the invocation, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A report of the special resolutions committee formed to draft a resolution to the President favoring clemency for the WPA strikers in Minneapolis was received, and action concurred in by the assembled delegates.

The various regular and special committees made their reports. Actual construction is being held up on the Skating Areas due to a delay in action by the School Board assigning school property for them to be put on. The housing authority report was very favorable.

The organization committee asked for an ambitious program to be put over, and a motion passed to accede in their requests that a special committee, consisting of the Executive Committee and the organization committee, meet, with power to act, re the opening of a permanent organization headquarters. It was explained that there would be no expenses involved in any way for the Central Labor Union, other than stamps for circulation, if necessary, etc.

The recommendation of the Board of Trustees, which is made a part of these minutes re the Electrical Workers local, were concurred in by the assembled delegates.

A sad announcement to Charlotte Labor circles was the announcement of the retirement of State Vice-President H. L. Kiser as Business Agent for the Charlotte Building Trades Council.

A new representative has been chosen to represent the carpenters local, as announced by the Delegates from the Carpenters.

Two International Representatives made their usual enlightening talks on conditions in the South in the field of Labor, particularly affected their respective crafts: Brother Clary of the Electrical Union, and Brother McGuigan, of the International Retail Clerks. The Secretary was instructed by President Moore and the assembled delegates to turn over a report of the meeting to Brother Witter in time for his publication. After much further discussion for the good of the order, the meeting adjourned.

WM. S. GREENE,  
Sec. Charlotte Central Labor Union.

## Contestants In 4-Star Essay Are Getting "Busy"

WASHINGTON, D. C.—I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the Union Label Trades Department, American Federation of Labor, announced that the 4-Star Essay Contest spon-

sored by the department is in full swing with hundreds of essays still pouring into his office here. Pointing out that every contestant should read carefully the twelve rules for the contest which can be obtained from the department, Mr. Ornburn said "many contestants are disqualified because they do not abide by the rules. It would not be fair to award a prize because they do not abide by the rules while another sent in an equally good essay and complied with all of them."

Ancient Egypt had their own supply of asphalt for preparing mummies. It was probably received from a spring at Zanat.

## A. F. L. Overwhelms C. I. O. In Elections During Past Month

Smashing victories for the American Federation of Labor over the CIO all over the country were recorded in the latest official bulletin of the National Labor Relations Board on the results of collective bargaining elections during the past month.

Of forty-one elections listed in the NLRB release, the results were:

A. F. of L. unions won 24

CIO unions won 7

Independent unions won 5

Voted for no union 5

Tabulation of the results also showed

sweeping majorities for the American Federation of Labor in the total

popular vote of the workers. The totals compiled in the forty-one elections were:

Voted for AFL unions 4,800

Voted for CIO unions 1,728

Outstanding among the A. F. of L.

election victories were the clean sweep achieved by Federal labor unions against the CIO in New England rubber mills and the overwhelming vote rolled up by the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers among the employees of the Union Bag and Paper Corp., Savannah, Ga.

## MASS MEETING

Mecklenburg County Court House  
SUNDAY, APRIL 7th,  
AT 2:30 P.M.

For Retail Clerks, Grocery, Clothing, Dry Goods, Department Store, Etc.

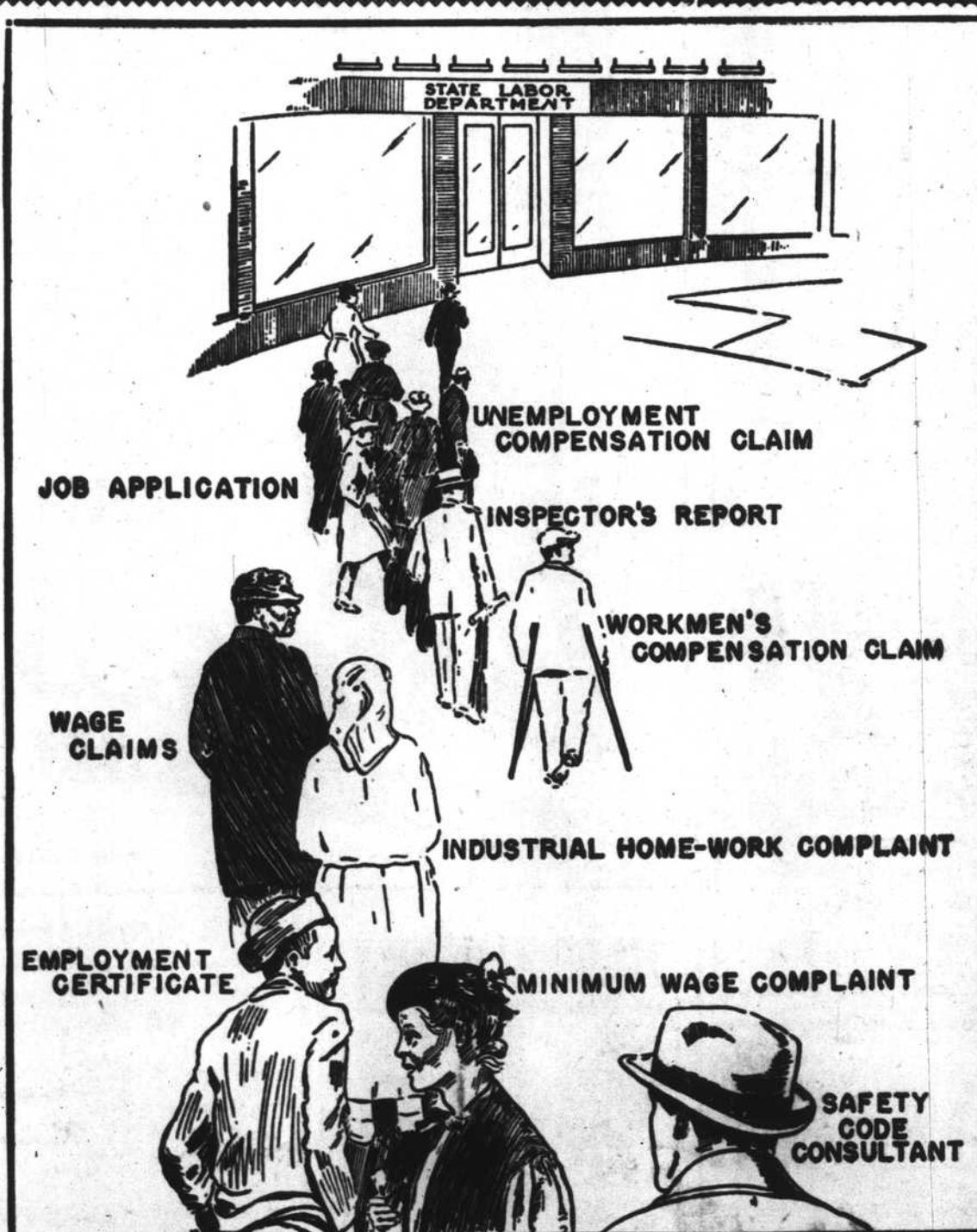
Come learn your rights through organization and let us help you secure better wages, hours and working conditions in Charlotte. Improve your standards of living and don't forget that you can stand to improve your working conditions. Organize to give your family and dear ones a better living. Protect your economic interests by joining the union.

Come and Bring a Friend. Let us help you and at the same time help yourself. Retail Clerks I.P.A. affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

It is generally conceded among scholars of Holy Writ that the Roman Empire, as it existed in Christ's time, will be re-established.

For two centuries oil has been gathered in Peru in shallow pits and stored in vats.

It is disconcerting to some employers that when they rant all that La-



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wage earners in many important  
functions of government

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## PRES. GREEN'S REPLY TO PEGLER IN ARTICLE NO. 2, DEALS WITH HITLER'S CHARGE OF "DEMOCRACY RACKETEERS ON THE PEOPLE"

There is just as much truth to the charge that the American Federation of Labor is a racketeering organization preying upon the workers of the country as there is to Adolf Hitler's charge that democracy is a device by which racketeering politicians prey upon the people.

The first meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday the entire day will be given over to business and talks along welfare lines of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs.

H. L. McCrorie, business agent of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs, in this district, informs The Journal that 100 delegates are expected, and that the meetings will be held in the Mecklenburg hotel, which is to be headquarters. The attendance will be made up of business agents, presidents of locals and secretaries from the various states, and matters pertaining to interstate traffic, state and local conditions in the trucking industry will be taken up and thoroughly discussed.

Organizer Frank Prohl, of Bir-

mingham, Ala., and Organizer T. P. O'Brien, of Washington, D. C., will be present and address the assembly.

Now as to Mr. Scalise, I have out

ed him. The American Federation of Labor cannot intervene in such cases and I will explain why in the next article.

Would it be fair to condemn Ameri-

can democracy because of a Teap-

Dome scandal and the disclosure that

even a Cabinet officer has been cor-

rupt?

Would you lose faith in the courts

and American justice because the

Senior Judge of the United Circuit

Court of Appeals is now serving a

jail sentence for betraying his trust?

Would you lose confidence in the

Federal Reserve System and start

hoarding your savings under a mat-

ter because a number of prominent

bankers have been sentenced to

prison for crookedness?

Would you condemn the police sys-

tem of an entire city because an indi-

vidual member of the force is exposed

as a bribe-taker?

Would you reject the capitalistic

system and join the Communist Party

because certain corporation officials

have run off with the stockholders'

money?

Well, then, there is just as much

sense in Westbrook Pegler's attacks

upon the American Federation of La-

bor because he has found two union

officials with criminal records.

The two men named by Mr. Pegler

are Willie Bioff and George Scalise.

I have never met Mr. Bioff nor

spoken to him. He is an appointed

representative of his union. The facts

in his case are that he has been asso-

ciated with the union movement only

five or six years. The crime for

which he was convicted in Chicago

took place many years before that and

had nothing to do with his subsequent

union activities. He is now charged

with having evaded his sentence and

the case is before the courts. It is up

to the officers and members of the

union by which Mr. Bioff is employ-

ed to decide whether they wish to be

represented by a man of his character.

My personal views in the matter are

well known to the officers of this par-

ticular union. However, Mr. Bioff

is not responsible to me but to them.

And the elected officers of the union

are responsible to the members of the

union. If the officers and members of the

union are dissatisfied with Mr.

Bioff, the union constitution provides

the means of getting rid of him. If

the officers and members of the union

feel that Mr. Bioff's record is a good

one and that he should be retain-

ed for the rest of his life?

The American Federation of Labor's

membership is made up of human be-

ings. They are subject to human

frailties. They cannot all be perfect.

But during its sixty years of exist-

ence, dishonesty has been the rare ex-

ception rather than the rule in the

American Federation of Labor and I

think that Mr. Pegler has uncon-

sciously helped to prove this.

## 200,000 WPA WORKERS PASS OUT IN APRIL — 1,500,000 BY JUNE 30; FUNDS CUT BY NEARLY MILLION

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Work Projects Administration announced Saturday that approximately 700,000 persons would be dropped from its rolls within the next three months.

Col. F. C. Harrington, WPA com-

misioner, said the cuts were neces-

sary to keep work-relief within the

expenditures authorized by Congress.

He said the reductions would be

made gradually to cushion the shock

to local relief organizations. The

April curtailment, he said, probably

would not exceed 200,000.

Enrollment stood at 3,311,500 on

March 20. Officials said they expect-

ed to work it down to about 1,500,000

by June 30.

The forthcoming reductions, they

said, will be comparatively drastic be-

cause WPA has been carrying through

the last few months almost as many

relief workers as it carried during the

1938-1939 fiscal year when it had an

appropriation of \$2,225,000,000. Con-

gress made only \$1,477,000,000 avail-

able for the 1939-40 fiscal year which

ends next June 30.

Harrington said the first step in