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ROOSEVELT APPOINTS BOARD TO SPEED UP PRODUCTION; HILLMAN LABOR APPOINTEE

WASHINGTON, May 29.—President Roosevelt named a national defense commission of seven, drawn from government, business, and labor, yesterday to gear the nation to top-speed production of planes, engines, guns, and other defense implements.

To this commission, he appointed:

Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., chiraman of United States Steel, to have charge of the delivery of industrial materials to the plants which produce the finished product.

William S. Knudsen, president of General Motors, to supervise the production of the finished product.

Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (C. I. O.), to atend to labor and supervise employment problems in general.

Chester C. Davis of the Federal Reserve board to see to farm products both for domestic use and for export.

Ralph Budd, chairman of the Burlington railroad, to supervise transportation problems.

Leon Henderson of the Securities commission to keep track of price trends in an effort to avoid any undue increase in the cost of living.

Miss Harriet Elliott, dean of women at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, to advise on consumer problems.

At the same time, word was passed on Capitol Hill that congressional leaders had agreed tentatively on an income "super-tax," amounting to 10 per cent of present income taxes, and an increase in levies on beer, liquor, tobacco, gasoline, and other items to finance the huge defense program.

MEETING OF CENTRAL LABOR UNION FULL OF INTEREST—ORGANIZATION WORK TO GO STEADILY FORWARD

The meeting was called to order by President Moore, with brother W. S. Campbell giving the invocation, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The various regular and special committees reported business proceeding as usual. Two new locals are in process of formation. Under reports of locals and delegates, increasing memberships still are being reported. The Carpenters reported a signed agreement bringing the Housing job to a fair status, a victory for the conservative Carpenters Local of Charlotte. Brother McGuiggan has turned over all his records on the retail clerks organization to the Charlotte Central Labor Union, as he was called to Washington, D. C. The Secretary reported he would be absent the next two meetings because of the Musicians convention, which he will attend. The carpenters reported the leasing of a fine new downtown hall at 309½ E. Trade St., now available for other crafts meeting place, at nominal rental charges. The Carpenters local are to be congraulated for this fine forward movement, and there is practically no doubt but that many locals as well as the Central body will be glad to accept of the carpenters' hospitality. The carpenters have already offered the Women's Label league a place to meet.

The President of the State County and City workers International will pay Charlotte a visit next Tuesday, and will be at the Hotel Charlotte at 5 P.M. Three locals of this body reported many new members being accepted into their bodies. The amendment to the constitution which was first passed on May 8th as follows: Section 2. The officers shall be elected the last regular meeting in June: nominations to be made at the meeting previous, and shall serve for one year beginning with the first regular meeting in July, was duly read again and passed, making the change in the constitution legal and now active.

The committee to draw up the preparedness resolution was appointed as fololws by President Moore: Brothers Witter, Scoggins and F. G. Campbell. The committee authorized to be appointed for the assistance of the new firemen's organization in their negotiations are Brothers Condor, Kiser, W. S. Campbell, McEliece and President Moore. Brother Brown, the newly appointed organizer for the State body by the State body, made an inspiring address to the assembled delegates. It was listened to with deep request, and the delegates gave him a hearty round of applause at its conclusion. Brother Brown stated he wanted every local in Charlotte to affiliate with the State Federation of Labor. An organization was authorized by the assembled delegates to try to bring the 1941 State Federation of Labor convention to Charlotte, the organization to be started immediately. The Musicians announced a Rock Hill local of the American Federation of Musicians formed, and another in process, making a total in the Carolinas now 16. The Teamsters reported a very large new local formed in Moncks Corner of the chauffeurs of that city. The meeting then adjourned.

Wm. S. GREENE, Sec'y.

U. S. SUPREME COURT RULES LABOR UNIONS NOT LIABLE TO STRIKE DAMAGE — SIX TO THREE DECISION

WASHINGTON.—In a far-reaching decision, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday that the activities of labor unions are not subject to the Federal anti-trust laws unless they "restrain commercial competition in some substantial way."

Justice Stone delivered the 6 to 3 opinion that held specifically that a Philadelphia labor union was not subject under the anti-trust laws for damages resulting from a sit-down strike.

Although Justice Stone asserted that the sit-down constituted a "lawless invasion and destruction of property by force and violence of the most brutal and wanton character," he said that the Sherman Act did not provide for damages.

The decision clarified to a considerable extent the long controversy that has existed over whether labor organizations were subject to the 1890 Sherman Act and later legislation which prohibited combinations or conspiracies in restraint of interstate trade or commerce.

The ruling was expected to guide the Justice Department in its antitrust campaign against a number of labor organizations as well as business concerns charged with conspiracy to restrain interstate commerce.

Chief Justice Hughes wrote a dissenting opinion in which Justices McReynolds and Roberts joined.

Stone said that although labor organizations "are to some extent and in some circumstances subject to the act (Sherman), this court has refused to apply the Sherman Act in cases like the present in which coal strikes conducted by illegal means in a production industry prevented interstate shipment of substantial amounts of the product but in which it was not shown that the restrictions on shipments had operated to restrain commercial competition in some substantial way."

Odds and Ends, Local, Labor, Etc.

If America can not get out of the "red," it CAN get the Reds out of America.

With the eliminations over, the fight is now on to see where the "sound" vote is going.

Mayor Cooper, of "sound truck" fame, polled around 33,000 votes with no finances. Not so bad.

The "gun-toters" in the Nebel strike area have been disarmed. They can now use cuss words and missiles, such as rocks, tin cans, etc.

Typographical Union meets Sunday, 2 P. M. in the Moose hall, 114½ S. Tryon street. The meeting will be an important one and the usual large attendance is expected.

Mrs. Jessie Caldwell Smith, candidate for county treasurer, led a field of "old timers" by a good margin of votes, with Arthur Wearn as the runner-up. You can't beat the women?

The Charlotte delegates and visitors to the Va.-Carolina Typo Conference at Winston-Salem, Saturday and Sunday, report an enjoyable as well as profitable meeting.

Candidate Horton is already "on his way" to capture a big portion of the nearly 200,000 votes the other gubernatorial candidates got. But, Broughton is not asleep.

The Raleigh Times remains in a "struck" state, and it is reported that its subscription list is on a rapid decline as a result. The printer boys are doing no picketing, but "boring in" along other lines.

Central Labor Union is due to go on the every-other-week meeting basis, beginning with June, continuing until September, as has been the custom for many years, giving the boys a letdown during the summer months.

Organizer A. E. Brown, of the State A. F. of L. force made a hit with Central Labor Union delegates last night with a splendid talk. "Deacon" Brown is of the Barber's union, but an all-round labor man, clear cut, clean and energetic.

In the mad rush of our Anniversary edition and then the election, The Journal forgot to mention a cheering letter from the Barrs—Frank and the Madam, formerly of Charlotte, but now domiciled down Columbia way, where the "mere man" of the "firm" is steamfitting. Always glad to hear from these good unionists and friends of the Journal."

Council turned down the Sunday Theater Ordinance this week, now the Anti-Blue Law group is going to call for an air-tight Sabbath, one like in the old days, when Charlotte boasted of coca-cola in a cup, called coffee, and whiskey was obtainable in plenty on doctors' prescriptions—if you could scare up a cough—and some of the medicos waxed rich.

Husband: "Have you ever wondered what you would do if you had Rockefeller's income?"

Wife: "No, but I have often wondered what he would do if he had mine."

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Municipal - Highway Workers To Greet President Wedne'day

A. R. Zander, national president of the Municipal and State Highway Workers Union will be in Charlotte next Tussday and Wednesday and the local unit is preparing to welcome him in hearty manner. Arrangements are being made for Mr. Zander to deliver an address here, which will be announced later. He will hold a "levee" at the Charlotte hotel Tuesday from 5 to 7 and all union men are asked to greet Mr. Zander on his first visit to Charlotte.

Electrical Workers Unveil Plaque To World War Vets

NEW YORK.—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia last week unveiled a bronze plaque in honor of the 1,400 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3, who served in the last World War, at union headquarters, 130 East 25th Street, New York City. A large audience consisting of labor leaders, members of the union, and others participated in the dedicatory exercises.

The seven-story building which houses the offices of the union was decorated with flags and bunting. Streets adjacent to the scene of the ceremonies were blocked off and traffic rerouted.

The plaque was presented to the union by the American Legion Electrical Construction Post, No. 1137, composed exclusively of members of Local 3 who served in the last World War. The inscription on the plaue read:

"Dedicated in honor of the members of Local Union No. 2, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers—who served in the armed forces of the United States during the World War 1917-1919, and in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice."

20 MILLION MEMBERS IN AFL, GREEN PREDICTS

HARTFORD, Conn.—In a stiring appeal for a renewed drive to organize the unorganized, President William Green told the New England Labor Conference he envisions a membership of twenty million working men and women in the American Federation of Labor "in the not-too-distant future."

President Green reported to the delegates that the present dues-paid membership of the A. F. of L. is the highest in its history and declared the Federation is stronger "numerically, financially, politically and in every other way" than ever before.

The rattle of the machine-gun is music to the munition-maker's ears.

Is it coming to the point where death will be borne on the wings of the wind of the radio, that men may be electrocuted by the very air they berathe, or stabbed with an invisible ray?

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"A. F. OF L. WILL NOT COMPROMISE OR TRAFFIC WITH ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY," SAYS PRES. WM. GREEN

HARTFORD, Conn., May 26.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, charged yesterday that the Congress of Industrial Organizations "has welcomed and encouraged Communists."

In the same address, prepared for delivery at the New England Labor Conference, he quoted a recommendation of the AFL's executive council that "we must redouble our vigilance against treachery and the creation of 'trojan horse' organizations by Communist and Nazi adherents in this country."

Asserting the AFL "has refused at all times to compromise or traffic with the enemies of democracy," he added in a prepared address:

"We have fought them at every turn and we have defeated every effort they have made to bore from within the American Federation of Labor.

"Unfortunately, the rebel movement which broke away from the American Federation of Labor in 1935 has followed a different course. The CIO has admitted and welcomed and encouraged Communists. Public investigators have established beyond all doubt the fact that Communists control many of its unions. Some of these unions operate in fields vital to our national defense. Let us not underestimate the dangers of this situation.

"In the opinion of many people," he continued, "the CIO sit-down strikes in 1937, accompanied by the illegal occupation of private property, the seizure of entire cities and mutiny on the high seas, were a rehearsal for a Communist revolution.

"The leader of the CIO has done nothing to dispel this opinion. He has never lifted his voice against either of those infamous enemies of humanity, Hitler, or Stalin, nor has he ever denounced their unholy alliance. Instead we find him denouncing the President of our own country and every other responsible leader in American life.

"If I read the minds of the American people rightly, they are rapidly losing patience with such an attitude. . ."

Lewis' Mistake

(The following editorial is reprinted from the N. Y. Herald Tribune)

Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, is probably the most substantial figure at the executive helm of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. So when he says that John L. Lewis made a "mistake" in refusing to continue the peace negotiations between the CIO and the American Federation of Labor it is a little like the blunt remark of Premier Reynaud to the French Senate that the high command had been guilty of "unbelievable faults" in permitting the German passage of the Meuse. The delegates to the convention of his union, whom Mr. Hillman addressed, showed their agreement with him by trooping through the aisles of their meeting hall for twenty minutes shouting, "We want peace" and "We want unity." Later they unanimously adopted a resolution calling for a resumption of the peace negotiations. Are we wrong in thinking that Lewis, in this speech and its following demonstration, suffered a severe jolt?

It would be far too soon to say that labor was through with Lewis. But here we have dramatic evidence of its weariness with the schism he created and has kept alive to further his personal ambitions. It was about a year ago that David Dubinsky, head of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and, like Hillman, a tower of strength to Lewis, led his organization out of the C. I. O. It was Dubinsky's contention that a united labor movement was more important than industrial unionism. Hillman has specifically declined to follow Dubinsky's example, but who will say the threat is not there? And the CIO simply cannot afford another such defection. In other words, it begins to look as if Lewis would have to make peace or (perhaps the connective should be "and") lose his empire.

NEGRO HOUSING PROJECT STRIKE COMES TO AN END

Work was resumed on the Fairview Homes housing project (colored) Manday, a strike having been on since the 20th. The strike is said to have been settled to the satisfaction of the Building Trades Council and the Goode Construction Co.

Firemen Cite Figures In Plea For Pay Boost

Members of the City Council's Finance Committee last week had under consideration the request of Charlotte firemen for a 10 per cent wage increase beginning July 1.

The request, which had previously been presented to Fire Chief Hendrix Palmer by a committee from the local chapter of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, was turned over to the Council at a private session yesterday afternoon.

It was immediately referred to the finance committee, which will give it consideration as they frame the 1940-41 budget for presentation to the Council.

The firemen contend that they are required to work 84 hours a week, 12 hours a day seven days a week, that they get no days off and are subject to recall to duty even when off duty. Their hourly pay is 39 cents as compared to some other departments, such as the police and sanitary departments, where the hourly rate is 69 cents for policemen, 57 cents for sanitary truck drivers, and 53 cents for drivers' assistants.

There was no indication of what disposition will be made of the request until the budget preparation is further along.

I do the very best I know how—the very best I can—and I mean to keep doing so till the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything.—Abraham Lincoln.

Fowler to Repreesnt M. P. Operators At Louisville Meeting

W. H. Fowler, moving picture operator "de luxe," a prime mover in the I. A. T. S. E. & M. P. M. O. (bet we got that right) has gone to Louisville, Ky., for the convention of his organization, representing the Charlotte local, to be absent a week—or more. A delegate to one of these meetings has to take a lot of punishment, and as "Bill's *health* is poorly we fear the worst, but hope for the best. But kidding aside, the M. P. Operators have sent a good man to represent them and a scrapper to the last ditch.

UNEMPLOYMENT LOSS PUT AT 133 BILLION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The United States has lost $133,000,000,000 in national income during the depression by failing to provide employment for its citizens, Commisisoner of Labor Statistics Isador Lubin told a Senate Labor Subcommittee in testifying on a bill introduced by Senator Pepper of Florida to require the Works Projects Administration to employ not less than 3,000,000 jobless at minimum wages of $70 each.

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All Slated For The "Run-Offs" In Primary, June 22

The run-off for Governor will be between Horton and Broughton. The race for chairman of the Board of County Commissioners lies between Sid McAden and Harvey Morris. Arnie Cashion made the board by a clear majority, leaving J. M. Wallace, Edgar Price, Caldwell McDonald, Baxter J. Hunter, Fred A. Hamilton and J. Wilson Alexander to fight for the remaining three places.

James B. Vogler and Ed Tonissen were nominated for the House of Repreesntatives, with H. I. McDougle and Marvin Ritch in the run off for third man. Senator Joe L. Blythe was unopposed in the primary.

Mrs. Jesse Caldwell led the ticket for county treasurer with Arthur H. Wearn in the run-off.

Register of Deeds John R. Renfrow, County Recorder Vance Howard, County Surveyor J. W. Spratt and Charlotte Township Constable Dan Bradley returned to office with big majorities.

Greene And Davis Musicians' Delegates Go To Indianapolis

Wm. S. Greene, and "Big Bill" Davis will leave next Tuesday for Indianapolis to represent the Charlotte Musicians local at the meeting of the American Federation of Musicians, which will be in session for two weeks. Brother Greene is the efficient secretary of Central Labor Union, and Brother Davis, he of "Briarhopper" fame, is well known in labor circles.

Police Find No Guns At Nebel Strikers Hd'q't'rs

A squad of police swooped down on the commissary of Nebel Knitting company strikers at 110 West Worthington street at 4:30 p. m. yesterday in search of deadly weapons, but none were found, it was reported at police headquarters last night.

"We had reason to believe that weapons were cached there," said Chief E. J. Nolan, "and we made the search because we must keep order in that vicinity. We had previously taken weapons from Nebel workers. When information came to the police that the headquarters on Worthington street might house weapons, we investigated."

C. W. Dannenburg, representing the American Federation of Hosiery Workers (C.I.O.), said last night:

"The police came in four or five cars. We are always glad to have the police visit our headquarters. They can come in any time and search. We have nothing to hide. I only wish they were as thorough with the strikebreakers as they were with our headquarters."

Danenburg said there are only provisions in the place, such as flour, canned goods, and foods of various sorts.—Observer, Tuesday.

Some Wondering Familiar Job

The sailor was recounting his experience to a dear old lady when she interrupted him. "But what rank did you hold?" she asked.

"Ship's optician, lady," was the reply.

"What did your duty consist of?" asked the old lady.

"Scraping the eyes out of potatoes."