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Charlotte --- State A. F. L. Convention City In 1941?

STATE AND FEDERAL AID IS ASKED BY PRES. ROOSEVELT TO COMBAT FIFTH-COLUMNIST ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—President Roosevelt asked today for close Federal and State co-operation in meeting the threat of "fifth columnists," but urged that it be carried out solely through normal law enforcement channels.

In a message to a conference on law enforcement problems of national defense, Mr. Roosevelt mentioned "the cruel stupidities of the vigilante," and observed: "The amateur detective soon becomes a fussy and malicious busybody."

On the point of Federal-State co-operation, he said, "There are many policies where joint control can be effectively worked."

"I have in mind, as an example," he said, "the enactment by Congress and State legislatures of laws dealing with subversive activities, with seditious acts, with those things which slow up or break down our common defense program."

"These mutual objectives can be reached by carefully considered legislation, free from the prejudice and emotional haste which characterized much of similar legislation during the last World War."

Mr. Roosevelt's message to the

meeting of 165 officials from 45 states was read by Attorney General Jackson.

Addressing the meeting, Jackson warned of "an effort being made here now to try to 'soften' this country as France was 'softened.'"

He asserted that the "softening" efforts took the form of "the promise of business orders and of profits if the war can be called off and business relations resumed as usual with the victor" in an effort to create a "fifth column among men of influence and respectability."

Jackson listed these general forms of fifth column activity:

Proselyting or attempting to convert Americans from their traditional beliefs; "softening" by creating confusion or discrediting a nation's leaders; using threats of reprisals and promises of reward.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said that "the time is rapidly approaching when as a nation we must choose between the welfare of the great masses of Americans and a few interlopers who hide between the Bill of Rights while they undermine our nation."

State Federation of Labor Convention, Durham, Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, the 12th, 13th and 14th of August

CONVENTION PROGRAM

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 12, 10 O'CLOCK
BALL ROOM, WASHINGTON DUKE HOTEL, DURHAM

Convention called to order by W. M. Barbee, President of the Durham Central Labor Union. Invocation, Rev. John H. Marion, President Durham Ministerial Association; pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Address of Welcome, Hon. W. F. Carr, Mayor of the City of Durham. Response, James F. Barrett, Southern Publicity Director of the American Federation of Labor. Address, Mr. R. L. Lindsay, President Durham Chamber of Commerce. Address, Mr. W. P. Farthing, President Durham Junior Chamber of Commerce. Address, Hon. E. C. Brooks, Jr., Senator-Elect of Durham County. Address, Hon. Victor S. Bryant, Senior Member N. C. General Assembly, Durham County. Address, Hon. Forrest Pollard, Junior Member N. C. General Assembly, Durham County. Response, A. E. Brown, of Durham, Representative of the N. C. State Federation of Labor and the American Federation of Labor. Presentation of Gavel to C. A. Fink, President of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor by W. M. Barbee, President of the Durham Central Labor Union. President's Statement, C. A. Fink.

Convention Duly Opened for the Consideration and Transaction of Business. Appointment of Committees on Credentials. Introduction of Invited Guests. Report of Credentials Committee. Obligation and Seating of Delegates. Appointment of Convention Committees. Adjournment for Lunch.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2:30 O'CLOCK

Report of Rules Committee. Introduction of Resolutions. Address, Honorable Clyde R. Hoey, Governor of North Carolina. Introduction of International Representatives and Invited Guests. Report of Resolutions Committee. Adjournment.

TUESDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK

Invocation, A. E. Brown, Chaplain, N. C. State Federation of Labor. Report of Committee on Laws. Address, Hon. J. M. Broughton, Governor-Elect, State of North Carolina. Report of Committee on Officers' Reports. Report on Committee on Organization. Adjournment for Lunch.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2:30 O'CLOCK

Report of Committee on the Union Label. Address, Hon. Wilkins P. Horton, Lieutenant-Governor, State of North Carolina. Report of Committee on Legislation. Address, Mr. Geo. L. Gouge, Southern Representative of the American Federation of Labor. Nomination of Officers. Adjournment.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK

Banquet, 7 to 9 o'clock. Dance, 9 till—(For Colored Delegates and Visitors—Banquet, 7 o'clock, Biltmore Hotel. Dance, 9 till—).

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK

Invocation—A. E. Brown, Chaplain. Report of Committee on Education. Report of Committee on Grievances. Introduction of International Representatives and Invited Guests; Adjournment for Lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2:30 O'CLOCK

Final Reports of All Regular Committees. Report of Committee on Thanks. Election of Officers and Selection of Convention City. Obligation of Officers. Adjournment.

AFL Union's Charges Upheld By NLRB; Ringling Circus Ordered Drop "Co. Union" First NLRB Action On Circus In History

The Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Circus has been ordered by the National Labor Relations Board not "to recognize or deal with the American Federation of Outdoor and Indoor Circus and Carnival Workers" and was compelled on July 25th to post an NLRB notice to that effect on the circus grounds in Chicago. The notice must be posted prominently for 60 consecutive working days.

The NLRB order was issued by the New York NLRB office and went into effect in Chicago, where the circus was playing last week. The order provides, furthermore, that the circus will not "interfere with, restrain or coerce its employees" in collective bargaining, and also that it will not "discriminate against" employees for "joining or assisting the Circus, Carnival, Fairs and Rodeo International Union," A. F. of L.

The American Federation of Outdoor and Indoor Circus and Carnival Workers was organized last winter in Sarasota, Fla. Immediately the Circus, Carnival, Fairs and Rodeo International Union (which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor) filed a complaint with the NLRB in New York (2nd Regional Board), claiming the new group was a company union. The NLRB investigated the charges and, as a result thereof, the Ringling management and the

Circus, Carnival, Fairs and Rodeo International Union agreed to a "Consent Decree" whereby the Ringling management promised not to recognize or deal with the American Federation of Outdoor and Indoor Circus and Carnival Workers.

With its only rival eliminated, the Circus, Carnival, Fairs and Rodeo International Union is pressing the circus for a closed shop agreement. The show was in Des Moines, Aug. 2, and Mason City, Iowa, Aug. 3.

Ralph Whitehead, international president of the Circus, Carnival, Fairs and Rodeo International Union is in Chicago this week.

This is the first time in circus history that a circus has been ordered by the NLRB to discontinue a "company union."

The "company union" (American Federation of Outdoor and Indoor Circus and Carnival Workers) applied for an AFL charter several times during the past few months and was turned down by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor. The "company union" also attempted to file a petition for certification with the NLRB office in Chicago last week, but was turned down because, according to the NLRB in Chicago, the "organization had no legal status."

DON'T SELL AMERICA "SHORT"

BY DR. CHARLES STELZLE

The great mass of people in this country have only the vaguest idea of how or why American industry stands supreme throughout the world. They have been the quiescent beneficiaries of an industrial system which has been built up through infinite patience and courage, and which has attracted to the United States millions of pioneers from other countries who have looked upon America as the "promised land." But many native Americans have taken these things for granted, and in the present crisis they have too easily become panic-stricken, because they had always had a feeling that "it can't happen here."

Something will happen to America because of the European situation. But no matter what happens, it is important that American industry be sold to our own people in such a way that they will be more intelligent when emergencies arise. When once they learn the whole story, they will refuse to be led into the acceptance of half-baked economic theories which may soon be offered to America, and which can only result in disaster.

There is scarcely an industry in this country but what has in it elements which are capable of creating tremendous dramatic interest, resulting in a greater pride in what America has accomplished and what it may do in coming days. The realization of this fact may become a driving force in steadying the people in our country.

This country will continue to prosper economically as we succeed in providing for its people the things which they desire and can pay for, and as we create newer and better things which will enrich their lives, and which are made accessible to them. These cover a wide range. Every product or device which increases health, comfort, beauty, strength, safety, speed, convenience, cleanliness, learning, efficiency, accuracy, style or leisure, or which destroys fear, anxiety, worry, uncertainty or unreliability, is beneficial to humanity.

These also have mental and spiritual, as well as physical values. But such values can be produced in the days that are ahead, only as Americans believe in America. Therefore, America must not be "sold short." This means that we must have faith in ourselves and in our country. We have physical resources which have not yet been touched, but more important than these, we must depend upon the development of the fundamental character of the whole people. So long as American maintains the high ideals of Democracy for which it has always contended, it will be unconquerable.

THE MARCH OF LABOR

FIRST GENERAL STRIKE - PHILADELPHIA, 1934
STARTED WHEN STRIKEBREAKERS WERE BROUGHT IN TO BREAK THE STRIKE OF THE COAL-MINERS FOR A 10-HOUR DAY. OVER A THOUSAND OTHER TRADES WALKED OUT. THE STRIKE WAS WON.

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45 OUT OF EVERY 10,000 MINERS ARE KILLED ON THE JOB EVERY YEAR.

American Retail Federation Asks Retailers and Other Advertisers To Use Preparedness Slogans

[From Col. H. A. Wells, District Recruiting officer, with headquarters in the Postoffice building, Charlotte the Labor Journal is in receipt of the following, and passes it on to its advertisers. The idea is being followed out to some extent throughout the country, but not to the extent that it should be.]

HEADQUARTERS CHARLOTTE RECRUITING DISTRICT
Office of the Recruiting Officer
Post Office Building, Charlotte, N. C.
July 24, 1940.

Gentlemen:
The following letter from the Office of the President, American Retail Federation, Washington, D. C., dated July 9, 1940, is quoted for your information:

"TO ALL MEMBERS:
I call your attention to the new policy of the Army with respect to its recruiting program. The Army is asking retailers and other advertisers to include in their advertisements slogans such as these, or other appropriate slogans acceptable to the advertiser:
"We favor adequate preparedness for national defense. Serve with the colors."
"Defend our country—Enlist now."
"National defense cannot wait. The Army is calling."
"The local recruiting offices have a supply of posters suitable for window display and cuts of these posters which they will gladly furnish for use in newspaper advertising. The Airlines, banks, bus and street car companies, manufacturers, railroads, and other industries are co-operating with the Army in this program."
"Inasmuch as my letter of May 25 appears to have been misinterpreted by some retailers as an invitation not to co-operate with the Army Recruiting Program, I feel that retailers should know of this new policy. I recommend that retailers support the Army in every possible way in its preparation for national defense."

Cordially yours,
(Signed) DAVID R. CRAIG."

There seems to have been some misunderstanding on the part of the retail merchants of Charlotte as to the policy of their national association in co-operating with the Army Recruiting program by carrying preparedness slogans in their advertising. It is hoped that the above quoted letter from the American Retail Federation will entirely clarify this matter.

This headquarters respectfully requests that retail merchants and all other advertisers of Charlotte now begin carrying preparedness slogans in their advertising, such as are quoted above, and in this way assist in the national defense program.

H. A. WELLS,
Colonel, Infantry, District Recruiting Officer.

WHAT CAUSES STRIKES IS FOREMOST IN MIND OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC TRUCK DRIVERS FIGURE IN ARTICLE

This question is foremost in the minds of the general public as soon as a strike is resorted to. The answer is generally magnified to a large extent and all kinds of rumors and propaganda is turned loose when a good-sized payroll is stopped.

The average good citizen does not have the opportunity of getting the inside track on some of the rotten conditions and hardships imposed upon employees by some of the employers, who in their greed for profits and dividends close their eyes in all directions.

I do not know or could conceive of any idea where a strike would be more justifiable than to resent in that way the practice and rules in effect on certain transportation truck lines running in and out of our city.

The truck lines referred to operate the larger type trucks with capacity (tonnage of 15,000 to 30,000 pounds, the operator or driver of said trucks are often required to help load and unload en route, also while driving throughout the night are in constant danger of being maimed, crippled or losing their life on these highways.

These drivers have proven their efficiency and ability by long and faithful service which has satisfied their employers beyond all reasonable doubt of loyalty and dependability.

For this long and faithful record they are awarded the pitiful allowance of \$4.25 for all-night driving of near 300 miles. To make it in less than eight hours the speed laws would be broken.

Now if these same trucks have break downs of any nature, it is necessary to call headquarters to send tires or other parts and the driver has to wait on the arrival which may be from a distance of 150 or more miles, instead of making eight hours he will make two or three times eight hours and all of that on his own expense.

When reaching his destination, after all the faithful waiting and guarding his load out on some lonesome highway with the owls, he is told they cannot pay anything extra for that waiting and his compensation would be that same \$4.25 if the trip takes eight hours or eight days.

This faithful employee is under the extra expense of room and meals at each end of the line, subtract that expense from \$25.50, and his weekly earnings would leave the fat payday of \$15.00.

Do you wonder why the workers get fed up on such conditions? especially so when they have families to support and children to educate. Such families do not have the necessities of life.

It is hard to understand just why God will let such employers prosper. Just suppose he sees old satan with outstretched arms ready to take them in; won't there be lots of them. You

Wyoming Cannot Agree On Mountain Spelling

THERMOPOLIS, WYO.—The Big Horn basin mountain for which an irrigation project has been named is spelled "Hart" rather than "Heart," according to Tobias Borner, Thermopolis pioneer.

Borner said the mountain was named for a homesteader who lived near Cody at the base of the towering peak, whose name was James Hart. The irrigation project, linked with the Seminoe, Casper-Alcova or Kendrick projects and others, will water sparse Wyoming rangelands when the entire program is completed.

Borner said that Wyoming highway maps spell the mountain "heart" because it resembles a human blood pump.

Fixing of Ancient Clocks Is Hobby of Professor

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Twenty years ago Charles R. Brewer, now a professor of English and Bible at David Lipscomb college, tried his hand at doing what every man probably has wanted to do at one time or another—take a clock apart and put it back together.

Today Professor Brewer's hobby is to buy broken clocks of ancient vintage—some dating back to the early 1800s—and to repair them. Fourteen of them now tick away in his study alone.

DRAFT IN BRIEF

12,000,000 young men, 21 to 30 years old, inclusive, would register.

400,000 would be mustered into service by October, 1940; others later at President's discretion.

Period of service—One year, at \$21 a month and allowances.

Exemptions—Men in essential pursuits, clergymen, men with dependents, the unfit, Federal and State officials, judges, members of Congress, conscientious objectors. (The last named would be liable to noncombatant service.)

THE JOURNAL has by far the largest city circulation of any weekly published in Charlotte. Your ad in The Journal will bring results from the workers.

66,518 FIRED FROM WPA
WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Works Projects Administration reported that on June 5, 1,858,712 persons were employed on WPA projects. During the first week of June 66,518 were dropped from the rolls.

Deep thoughts blossom into beautiful actualities during the quiet hour.

TYPOGRAPHICAL AUXILIARY TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT WITH MRS. H. F. CARRIKER

The Woman's Auxiliary of Charlotte Typographical Union will meet Friday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. H. F. Carriker, 2549 East Seventh Street. Business of importance is to be transacted and a full attendance is desired.

BILL GREENE VACATIONING DOWN FLORIDA WAY

Wm. S. Greene, the popular and efficient secretary of Charlotte Central Labor Union, and Secretary of the Musicians' Local, is sojourning down in Florida on the beaches, so we understand. Can't figure out why he didn't take to the mountains. That the Madam is with him goes without saying.

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