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C. I. O. SPLITS AFTER JOHN L. LEWIS DECLARES FOR WENDELL WILLKIE; PRES. GREEN, A. F. OF L. SAYS RANKS ARE TORN WITH MUCH DISSENSION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The Roosevelt Administration struck back yesterday at John L. Lewis' denunciation of the New Deal and support of Wendell Willkie while evidence piled up that a deep political schism had developed in the CIO itself.

Stephen Early, Presidential secretary, said Lewis had "chosen to go down the lonely road." Many CIO leaders, Early declared, had "repudiated" Lewis' stand in messages to President Roosevelt.

Secretary of State Hull said that Lewis was "100 per cent wrong in his effort to prejudice the American people by the baseless charge that President Roosevelt is seeking to get this nation into war."

GREEN'S COMMENT

The Lewis expression brought comment, too, from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

The CIO, he said, was "torn with dissension, divided politically because its leaders seek to compel it to support a political party." The A. F. of L., he added, "has evolved and followed a non-partisan political party."

Some officials of the United Mine Workers, foundation stone of the CIO organization, disagreed with Lewis. Hugh V. Brown, president of District Seven, a Hazleton, Pa., unit and one of the big UMW locals, said the district membership would "go down the alley battling" for Roosevelt. On the other hand, Ray Edmundson, Illinois district president of the UMW, made public a resolution by sixteen UMW officials pledging support of Lewis and a "vigorous campaign" again a third term for President Roosevelt.

Some other examples of the split in the CIO were: The executive board of Local 601 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers at the Pittsburgh Westinghouse plant, which claims to be the biggest CIO local in the country, voted to reject Lewis' plea for Willkie. Henry Johnson, assistant national director of the CIO Packinghouse Workers Organizing Commit-

tee, announced that officers and members of fourteen locals had approved a resolution to "unanimously endorse" Lewis.

DUBINSKY BLASTS AT JOHN L. LEWIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—David Dubinsky declared last night that John L. Lewis "stands exposed before the entire labor movement as a person who would cast labor's interests to the winds to satisfy his swollen ego."

Dubinsky, a founder and former vice-president of the CIO who led his union of 255,000 clothing workers back into the American Federation of Labor, asserted that Lewis, in endorsing the candidacy of Wendell L. Willkie, "did not even speak for his CIO unions."

"The automobile workers, the textile workers, the rubber workers, the clothing workers, and many other CIO unions, representing the bulk of the CIO membership, are out campaigning for President Roosevelt and the New Deal," said Dubinsky, president of the powerful International Ladies Garment Workers' Union. "In Pennsylvania and Ohio mining towns it is reported the miners are decorating Mr. Lewis' pictures with black mire," he continued.

WHERE ORGANIZED LABOR STANDS

BY DR. CHARLES STELZLE

It is a striking fact that when Russian Communism first announced its program to the world, scores of the most outstanding business corporations in the United States declared that there was nothing to be alarmed about—that the Communists were simply working out a "great experiment."

While this was going on, Organized Labor was having its own experiences with Communism in the United States. Its affiliated national organizations, its State and Central Labor Bodies were battling against the inroads being made upon their membership by sniping agitators, who were being financed in large measure by funds. The representatives of Industry and Finance who endorsed—or condoned Communism—made a serious blunder, but Organized Labor has stood steadfastly for the principles of American Democracy.

Organized Labor similarly opposed Fascism and Nazism with their programs of tyranny and oppression, and it has been vindicated in its position with respect to these forms of government and their leaders. The rest of the country has finally come to the position which Organized Labor had long ago taken. I recall the action taken against even a milder form of radicalism at the first convention of the A. F. of L. which I attended as a fraternal delegate thirty-six years ago, and at later conventions of other labor bodies.

Why should Organized Labor have taken this position on economic and political issues, when others who were assumed to be wiser and more statesmanlike stood for philosophies which have proven themselves totally inadequate? Because Organized Labor has always been vehemently opposed to the outrageous cruelties practiced upon helpless people by the rulers of totalitarian governments; because Organized Labor instinctively believes in freedom from oppression and despair of every kind and has consistently been fighting for it for a hundred years; because Organized Labor seeks to raise the level of living of all workers, regardless of their race, their creed, their color, or their previous condition of servitude.

With this deep human interest, high purpose, and practical program as its ideal, Organized Labor cannot be satisfied with any philosophy or any government which further debases any human being who is suffering from injustice or oppression from any source which may be depriving him of his rights and privileges as a free citizen.

Roy Hudson Meets Untimely Death In A Rail Mishap

City Councilman Roy Hudson died this morning (Thursday) at 1:30 o'clock in the Gaffney, S. C., hospital of injuries received in an accident on a Southern Railway locomotive at Blacksburg, S. C., Tuesday.

The injuries were reported to have been received when Mr. Hudson was crushed between a water tank spout and the cab of an engine, on which he was serving as fireman. He suffered five fractured ribs and a crushed and dislocated shoulder.

At the hospital when he died were members of his family, Mayor Ben E. Douglas, Fire Chief Hendrix Palmer, and City Attorney J. M. Scarborough and Mrs. Scarborough. The city officials hurried to Gaffney last night when they received word that Mr. Hudson's condition was critical.

Mr. Hudson, who operated a grocery store at 416 West Seventh street, was also a railroad man and until a few months ago was on leave. He was recalled and had for several months been making frequent runs as a fireman.

W. Roy Hudson was born 41 years ago in Anson county, near Lilesville. He attended the public schools and at the age of 17 entered the employ of the Southern Railway. He later moved to Peachland and came from Peachland to Charlotte 20 years ago; still in the employ of the Southern. He worked at the Ford plant here for several years and later entered the grocery business, operating a store at 416 W. Seventh street.—Observer, Thursday. (Mr. Hudson was one of Labor's representatives on the City Council.)

REA HEADS WPA IN THIS AREA; WITH IT SINCE 1935

Appointment of David M. Rea of Charlotte as acting director of the Works Project Administration in the Charlotte area was announced today by B. A. Waldenmaier of Raleigh, WPA field engineer, who recently has been in charge of the office here.

The vacancy filled by Mr. Rea was created by the illness of T. Purdie Richardson.

Mr. Rea has been associated with the WPA since 1935, lately as construction supervisor and formerly as assistant area director.—News.

More Arrests At 19; 33.3 Per Cent Under The Age Of 25 Years

WASHINGTON.—The menace of crime to youth continues to increase, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

More arrests of persons aged 19 were made during the second quarter of 1940 than for any other single age group. This condition has prevailed since quarterly reports were first compiled ten years ago, the FBI states.

Persons under 25 years of age represented 33.3 per cent of more than a quarter of a million fingerprint arrests during the period reported.

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Three million trees have been planted in Palestine to replace those destroyed by vandalism, in the recent period of disorder there.

WHO'S WHO IN UNIONS



FRANK B. POWERS

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Frank B. Powers, International President of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, has been a continuous member of this organization since 1908. From 1921 to 1925 he held the position of International Secretary-Treasurer, and in the latter year was elected International President. Mr. Powers is an aggressive and persistent organizer, having been confronted during his tenure of office with such organizational problems as the Western Union and Associated Press. The Associated Press is now under a closed shop agreement, while Western Union is now in its organizational stages, with one partial closed shop agreement covering Washington, D. C.

This International Union had 4,500 members in 1928 when Mr. Powers was elected as President, and is now approaching the 10,000 mark. Some 500 radio operators are included in the increased membership.

Mr. Powers is also a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, holding a 25-year emblem. He was elected delegate from the American Federation of Labor to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in 1932. He has been a delegate to the conventions of the American Federation of Labor since 1925.

His address is: Mr. Frank B. Powers, International President, The Commercial Telegraphers' Union, 113 South Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.



COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPHERS' BUTTON

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SELECTIVE SERVICE APPEAL BOARDS ARE ANNOUNCED BY GOVERNOR CLYDE R. HOEY

RALEIGH, Oct. 29.—Governor Hoey Monday announced his recommendations for the seven North Carolina appeal boards which will be appointed by President Roosevelt to handle appeals arising from the selective service act.

Members of Board No. 5, which includes Mecklenburg, Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Lincoln, Richmond, Stanly, and Union counties, recommended by Governor Hoey were D. E. Henderson, of Charlotte, R. T. LeGrand, of Shelby, Dr. L. N. Glenn, of Gastonia, Claude L. Albee, of Charlotte, and James A. Hardison of Wadesboro.

Each board will have five members including a lawyer and a physician. Any person drafted may appeal from the decision of his local board, but the appeal boards will hear such cases from a written record, and the appellant will not make a personal appearance.

Appeals made on grounds of physical disability will be decided by a medical board, which has not yet been appointed.

Members of each appeal board will elect their own chairman and secretary, and will decide upon their headquarters at some point in their district. They will receive no pay, but may employ clerical assistance, which will be paid by the government.

CHARLOTTE EXPOSITION AND FOOD SHOW IS TO OPEN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, NOV. 6TH

The Charlotte Exposition and Food Show, Fifteenth Annual Affair, conducted by the Charlotte Retail Grocers Association, will open its doors at 7:00 P. M. Wednesday evening, November 6, with the Central High School band playing in front of the Auditorium amidst a great array of flags and lights.

The show in past years has been known for its unusual vaudeville attractions brought to Charlotte and this year there will be no exception because some of the outstanding acts in the country have been engaged for the show. The show will be headed by Dean Hudson and the Clubmen and will feature among the acts blond, curly-headed Gordon Irving, 2½-year marvel in trick bicycle riding. Little Gordon has traveled more than 135,000 miles in the show business and holds the record of the youngest bicycle rider in America making his first appearance on the stage at the age of 20 months.

Another feature act of the occasion will be Tosca Canestrelli, voted queen of the circus for 1940, who is said to be the world's only bounding rope sensation. Tosca is as much at home on the rope as most people are on the ground. Another feature of the show will be Captain Tiebor and his famous trained seals, one of the most outstanding seal acts on the road today.

The opening of the show will be featured by a special Regue of the Poole Dancing School, and other acts will be arranged by various changes during show.

The annual Baby Show will be conducted this year under the Sponsorship of the King's Daughters and winners in the contest will receive silver loving cups and other prizes. The Baby Show will be conducted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 11, 12 and 13.

Another outstanding feature of the afternoon show this year begins Monday of the second week which will be free Bingo games which will be given to all patrons attending the afternoon performances in addition to the vaudeville and it is expected that as many as 15,000 people will play Bingo each afternoon during the show as guests of the Home Service Stores. The usual show prizes will be given away including a brand new 1941 Nash automobile.

The Food Show Committee this year is composed of F. L. Marshall, president; N. J. Covington, treasurer; C. M. Kiser, past president; James B. Vogler, secretary and director, and W. A. McFarland, assistant director.

The show in the past years has been widely attended by people from a radius of fifty miles. Over 75,000 people attended the show last year.

Appeal Draft Board Goes Into Action To Elect Chairman

While local draft boards were getting matters arranged for receiving the master order list from Washington, questionnaires may be sent to men registered for selective military service, members of a newly-appointed appeal board, representing eight counties, arranged to meet here today and organize.

This appeal board is composed of D. E. Henderson and Claude L. Albee, of Charlotte, R. T. LeGrand, of

Shelby, Dr. L. N. Glenn, of Gastonia, and James A. Hardison, of Wadesboro. They represent Mecklenburg, Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Lincoln, Richmond, Stanly, and Union counties and form appeal board No. 5. There are seven such boards in the state. The members were appointed by Governor Clyde Hoey.

Mr. Henderson said yesterday that it planned to meet today in a room in the Charlotte Sanatorium, where Mr. LeGrand is a patient, and organize. Organization will consist of electing a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary and select a headquarters office for the board. It appeared probable that Charlotte would be selected as headquarters, being centrally located.—Observer, Thursday.

NOTICE TO SKEPTICAL!

BUSINESS WEEK, a national weekly publication for business men, in its latest issue has this comment contained in a story on the Labor Press: "In most cases the paper is taken home, carefully and sometimes laboriously read and reread, for Labor Editors fill their sheets with information close to the bread and butter of their readers."

EVERYMAN'S EPITAPH

Here I am underground.
How much happier my spirit now would be.
If I had tried just a little harder
While the ground was under me.
—P. M. Leaman.

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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.

UNFAIR TO ORGANIZED LABOR

QUALITY BOTTLING CO.
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The bottlers of Jacob Rupert Beer, sold in the State of North Carolina, is unfair to organized labor. This information is given The Journal by the Brewery Workers Local, No. 340, and members and friends of organized labor will govern themselves accordingly.

Central Labor Union has concurred in the placing of Rupert Beer on the unfair list 100 per cent.

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