

Unions Are Democracies

America's unions are one of the foundation stones of America's Democracy. I still think so. I think so because

so. I think so because unions are for the most part democratic organizations, democratically run in the interest of their members.

If this is true, then it is also true that anything which tends to undermine unionism in American area also to undermine. to undermine unionism in America tends also to undermine Democracy in America. Unions protect the ordinary men and women of our country in their daily life and work. So does Democracy. Unions protect them against dictation by their employers, just as Democracy protects them against dictation by their government. Unions strive constantly to raise the standard constantly to raise the standard of living of the American people, just as democratic government in America tries to do the same thing. Besentially the only differthing. Besentially the only difference between America's unions and her form of government is a difference in size. Unions are smaller democracies within the one great Democracy. America is herself really just one big union, which includes and protects all Americans.

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Anything that harms our unions harms our democratic way of life. An attack on a union is an

attack on the democratic way of life that union members have fought to win for themselves.

There have been many signs recently of renewed attacks on relies to the content of the content unions. Congress is full of anti-union legislation these days. Pro-posals to emasculate the Wagner Act. Proposals to limit or "kill" the Wages and Hours law. The professional smear committees are always busy trying to dis-

credit unions or their democratically elected

But the most dangerous attempt to smash a union

is the proposal to use the Draft to break strikes. It's an old trick. The employes of a concern go out on strike. Some government official comes along and says to the strikers: "Either you go back to work or we will draft you into the army." the army."

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the army."

Of course, it's all supposed to
be for the defense of Democracy. But what kind of "defense
of Democracy" is that? This
kind of attack on unions is exactly what Hitler did in Germany. This kind of attack on
unions is exactly what went on
in France in the name of defending French democracy. And you
know what happened in France.
But even more than that, it
implies something that I, and
I will guess most other Americans, do not like. It implies that
going into the Army is some
kind of punishment. It implies
that the Army is going to be
used as a nationwide concentration camp for those who defend
their wages, their jobs, and the
American standard of living
against assault.

Our Army was preated to de-

our Army was sreated to defend American Democracy. If it is going to be used as a strike-breaking agency, its purpose will have been subverted. That will be using it to destroy our Democracy, not defend it. And Americans don't want to destroy their Democracy. Democracy protects America and Americans. We want to defend it.

A. F. OF L. COUNCIL J. ED. STUKES POSTPONES TWO NAT. CHARTERS

MIAMI, Fla.—The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, at its mid-winter meeting here, postponed granting a national charter to 126 Federal unions in the grain processing industry, claiming 17,000 members, because it wished to make sure that these unions did not in-

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der the jurisdiction of other national unions.

The Council also ruled that the time had not yet arrived to grant a national charter to nearly 100 Federal office workers' unions claiming 10,-000 members.

Or absent as result of illness.

The county is to pay the assistant for two weeks while the solicitor is on vacation, but the solicitor pays the assistant relieves the solicitor.—Observer.

"Gunmen" Were Indian Warriors
"Gunmen" originally were not
hoodlums but Indian warriors. The 1750 vintage gunman was mentioned in the Georgia Colonial Record: "A small party of Indians, consisting of one chief, six gunmen and a woman come here this day." By 1818 "gunmen" were cavalrymen; in the Congressional Debates, Andrew Jackson is recorded as seeking "one reciis recorded as seeking "one regiment of mounted gunmen" to put down an Indian uprising. The word did not carry the stigma of an out-law until 1903, according to the new American English dictionary of the University of Chicago Press, and even then it designated the despera-dos of the Wild West. The first use of the word in its present sense, the dictionary shows, was in 1916, when Carl Sandburg wrote: "I have seen the gunmen kill and go free to kill

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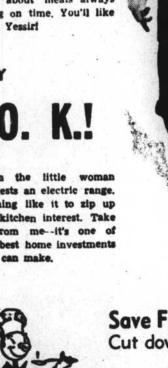


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