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CONVENTION ACTS TO EXTEND AID TO LABOR PRESS LOYAL TO AFL IN '43

TORONTO.—In a special effort to aid the labor press, the 62d annual convention of the American Federation of Labor authorized President William Green to appoint a committee to explore ways and means by which such assistance can be rendered. The committee will report its findings to the Executive Council.

The convention took this action in approving unanimously a report by the Resolutions Committee, which read as follows:

"The vast flood of anti-labor propaganda loosed upon the American people during the past year shows no signs of abating. The enemies of labor continue to seize upon every pretext and excuse to revile and condemn and vilify the motives and activities of the labor movement. No expense is spared and no medium of expression and communication is overlooked in this campaign. Through the news columns of the daily press, through the syndicated articles of hostile columnists, through newspaper advertisements, magazine articles and books, and even over the radio, the anti-labor poison is spread.

"We concur with the report of the Executive Council in commending the efforts of the Publicity and Information Service of the American Federation of Labor to combat this propaganda and to present the truth about labor to our own membership and to the American people as a whole.

"The new 'Labor for Victory' radio program especially gives labor a wider opportunity to tell its story in a direct and undistorted way to the public, and your committee recommends that this convention express its appreciation to the National Broadcasting Company for making this ra-

dio time available to the American Federation of Labor.

"Nevertheless, we must face the fact that most mediums of public expression are distinctly inimical to labor and are being used to damage labor's interests. Labor does not have the funds or facilities to match its enemies at present.

"The one field of expression which is wholly friendly and cooperative with labor is the bona fide labor press. Your committee recommends that this convention give more than a perfunctory vote of thanks to the labor press for the splendid way in which it has rallied to labor's cause and fought labor's battles during the past year.

We recommend that action be taken by the American Federation of Labor to aid and assist and support more fully than ever before these friendly publications and to help them reach a wider audience. To this end your committee suggests that this convention authorize the appointment of a special committee by the President of the American Federation of Labor which would explore ways and means by which further assistance can be extended to the labor press and which would report its findings to the Executive Council."

What To Put In That Lunchbox

Million of war workers will be carrying packed lunches that include one instead of two or more meat sandwiches a week, as a result of meat rationing.

That means more attention must be paid to getting a balanced lunch and replacing the extra meat sandwiches with egg, cheese, fish or baked bean sandwiches on whole wheat or enriched bread, according to the Nutrition Division of the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services.

"A war worker's lunch should be a balanced meal containing one-third of the day's food needs," says Dr. Robert S. Goodhart, technical advisor for the industrial nutrition phase of the National Nutrition Program. "It should contain sandwiches made of enriched white bread or whole grain bread with cheese, peanut butter, eggs, meat, poultry or baked bean fillings; raw vegetables, such as tomato or carrot sticks; a dessert of fruit; and milk."

AFL THANKS MORRELL FOR SPEECH

Rear Admiral Ben Morell, USN, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks of the Navy Department, received the following telegram on Oct. 3, 1942, from John B. Coyne, President of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department:

"We appreciate your having come to Toronto for the purpose of addressing the convention of the Building and Construction Trades Department. It has been noted that there has been considerable criticism in the press due to the remarks you made on that occasion. In your speech you said in part, 'If I have any bias at all in labor matters, it is in your favor.' This we well know. We understood the speech you made before us and certainly you did not intend to advocate the destruction of labor unions."

A WORD FOR THE LABOR PAPERS

By H. G. FISHER, Secretary-Treasurer, North Carolina State Federation of Labor.

(From The Federationist)

I wish to say a few words for our heroic brothers whose praises are seldom sung, yet whose labors for the Labor Movement never end.

I am thinking of the Labor papers, and how their editors are always on the job, day and night, week in and week out, serving the Labor Movement. Usually the Labor paper editor is always at the Union meetings, especially the meetings of the Central Labor Union and the Building Trades Council. If committees are to be appointed for some extra work, the group invariably names the editor of the Labor paper, and he devotes many uncounted hours to this commit-

tee work, and does the assignments given him.

But how few of our members pay their subscription to the Labor paper!

That is the real tragedy of the Labor Movement—the lack of support given the Labor press by the membership. Practically every member of the Organized Labor Movement in this as well as all other states are subscribers to one or more daily newspapers. They pay their subscriptions regularly and on time. Yet a comparatively few pay their subscription to the Labor paper. Our members will pay up every week or month to the daily paper, although it carries Westbrook Peglar's column, but seemingly think they have no obligation toward their Labor paper.

Brother Bill Witter sacrificed his health, and is now in the Union Printers Home, largely in the work he did against such great odds in publishing The Charlotte Labor Journal for the past decade. Friends are carrying on the work for him, while he is recovering his health, and it is a good job they're doing, too.

Down at Raleigh Brother Ruffin has edited The Union Herald for years and years. There has been a sufficient amount of intelligent appeal in that Labor paper to organize practically all workers of this state, had the paper been properly circulated.

Up in Washington a paper called "Labor" is published weekly. It is generally read by the railroad workers, but seldom seen by all of our other groups. It is one of the most intelligently edited papers in the country, and wields a greater influence upon the country than any other publication in America, I believe. It ought to go to every member of Organized Labor in America every week. Let us see if we can give an all-out support to our Labor papers from now on.

IT'S LABOR'S WAR — LET'S FIGHT—WITH PAY DOLLARS IN WAR BONDS.

THE HOME FRONT

The war we are fighting is war on the vastest of scales. It involves vast numbers of men, vast quantities of weapons and materials, vast distances. In its earlier stages the Axis aggressors, fanning out along interior lines that radiated from Berlin to Tokyo, were aided by the relatively short distances to their fronts. As the enemy's lines of communications were extended the odds no longer were as overwhelmingly in their favor, and yet distance is still the Allies' major problem.

But whereas the Axis means of transportation and supply are approaching definite limits, those of the United Nations are steadily increasing. The phenomenal growth of our "external" system of war transportation—new ships launched at an average of three a day, thousands of motor vehicles and cargo planes heading for overseas—is evidence that we shall solve that problem of distance as we shall solve our other problems. We may not hope, however, that this external transportation growth can be matched by a corresponding expansion of our continental transportation systems. We've about come to the end of our production of new railway freight and passenger cars, streetcars, buses, commercial trucks—materials used to build these carriers and conveyances are more needed for war uses. The wartime burden of the carriers has been staggering this year, and will be even heavier next year.

MANPOWER SITUATION TO BE CRITICAL

The program will not alter the necessity to keep autos within the 35 miles an hour maximum speed limit, in fact, we'll be more than ever obligated to take the best possible care of the five tires we keep. The Railway Express Agency will collect the "idle" tires at no cost to owners. While motorists may keep their five best tires, they must note down the serial numbers of those they keep—these numbers must be given on your application for gasoline mileage ration.

By the end of next year we'll need at least 20 million workers for direct war production—five million more than we now have—and there'll be about nine million in the armed services, several million of them drawn from war jobs. In June, 1942, about 47 1-2 million persons were employed, only a small percentage of them in war industry. During 1943 we can count on about 32 1-2 million people to carry on all civilian work and services other than direct war work and fighting. In the face of such a critical manpower situation local labor of all kinds, without prejudice as to employment, must be found for farms and local industries. And every business and factory must examine its roll of employees to see whether workers are doing the job for which they are best fitted, whether they can be trained on the spot for more highly skilled jobs, and who will replace those called to war.

EXCLUSIVE ELECTION FORECAST

If the Democratic Party is to lose any part of its majority in Washington, it will not lose it from the SOUTH.

Best available survey of local unions throughout the south, tends to show that every DEMOCRAT will be returned to both the House of Representatives and the U. S. SENATE, with the possible exception of the EAST TENNESSEE DISTRICT (KNOXVILLE) which may send a Republican to Congress.

In our own 10th NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT what started out as a race between CAMERON MORRISON and CHAS. A. JONAS, now has become nothing of the sort.

FORMER GOVERNOR MORRISON will be sent to CONGRESS by a majority of 8,000 votes, and if the voting is heavy, his majority may well reach 10,000 or over.

What will give CAMERON MORRISON this majority is the fact that he is a man of national prominence, having been Governor of North Carolina and U. S. Senator as well as a staunch supporter of the President.

SYMBOL OF PATRIOTISM



CHARLOTTE CENTRAL LABOR UNION

The attendance upon the meeting of Charlotte Central Labor Union last Wednesday night was fair, the Old Guard, with a sprinkling of new faces here and there, was noticeable. Secretary Jack Moore, who recently took over the post from Wm. S. Greene, along with President Scroggins, were on hand and H. L. Kiser, delegate from Central body to the A. F. of L. Convention held recently in Toronto, Canada, made a report on the highlights of that gathering which was interesting. Organizer Brown, of the State Federation, was present and gave a message to the body. Reports of the locals were good, everyone working. The Journal editor was present for the first time in the past five months and was called upon for a few remarks, and it made him feel good to be "back home" again, and he feels that Central Body meetings is a large part of home, having gone down the line with the boys for many long years, through the lean and lanky days, to the present time, when labor is baking in the sunshine instead of the shadows.

An important meeting of Central Body is scheduled for next Wednesday night and all unions are requested to meet in joint session.

PERTINENT COMMENT

"UNREASONABLE" SAYS THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

Our great neighbor, The "OBSERVER," in an editorial says it is unreasonable for the labor unions to request representation on the war board high command. Says The "Observer":

"It (the war) will not be won if run on a basis of putting men in charge only for the reason that they represent some sect or society... What greater reason for labor unions to claim representation in this war production command than, for instance, the Federal Council of Churches of America or the Womens' Christian Temperance Union?"

SINCE WHEN IS LABOR A SECT? The "Observer" would not call the United States Chamber of Commerce or the National Association of Manufacturers, a sect?

There is a very good reason for NOT including the Federal Council of Church in America on the Government board, because our democracy is based on the separation of the church and the state, and our economical civilization (which unfortunately includes wars) is based on LAND, CAPITAL AND LABOR.

We never saw anywhere in Adam Smith, Ricardo, Henry George or Thomas Jefferson it mentioned that the WCTU is an integral part of our civilization.

"THE TWO AND A HALF HOUR FOR LUNCH BOYS" ARE IN AGAIN

A controversy rages over what Admiral Land said or did not say at a recent meeting of the American Bankers Association.

The newspapers gave his statement very wide publicity when he was quoted as saying "ALL ORGANIZERS SHOULD BE TAKEN OUT AND SHOT."

The newspapers did not give equal space to the retraction that Admiral Land made the next day saying that his statement had been misunderstood and that he did not mean union organizers and he did not mean labor.

Something always happens to these "TWO AND HALF HOUR FOR LUNCH BOYS" everytime there is a Bankers meeting or some other jamboree of a similar nature, they unburden themselves of great nonsense.

Suppose a hundred war workers suddenly got together in a big hotel for a two and a half hour lunch period and listened to some drivel which is always denied and always "misquoted" the next day—there would be a great cry about workers neglecting their jobs, but these "two-and-a-half hour for lunch boys" roll on like the Mississippi and there is no stopping them.

Five hundred Admiral Lands will not take one iota of credit and admiration away from the millions of workers who are making our tanks and guns and planes and ships and neither will all the "two and a half hour for lunch boys" deter these workers from their appointed tasks leading to the goal of VICTORY AND EVERLASTING PEACE.

Navy-Labor Parley Opens

Bard Directs Conference Marking Step Toward Better Working Relationship

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Ralph A. Bard, Assistant Navy Secretary, under bitter fire from labor groups six months ago, today was running the first progressive labor show in Navy annals.

Under Bard's direction, a Navy "labor relations" conference started here with 200 delegates representing thousands of workers in shore establishments.

At the opening sessions and at a dinner the conference was addressed by Navy dignitaries and labor chiefs alike. Among those who spoke were Secretary of the Navy Knox, Rear Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, CIO President Philip Murray and AFL metal trades leader John P. Frey.

While brass-hats rubbed elbows with shipyard workers, Bard told the audience that the meeting was called to implement the labor policy formally proclaimed by the Navy on Aug. 6. This declaration called for full and free collective bargaining between "representatives of Navy management" and "representatives of labor." It was a direct challenge to anti-union Navy traditions.

AMERICA AND ENGLAND

(From N. Y. Times)
America and Great Britain, authors of the Atlantic Charter, are truly the Have nations. Hitler, Mussolini and Japan are truly the Have-Nots. How?

We have free speech. They have not. We have free thinking. They have not.

We have free teaching. They have not.

We have respect for religion. They have not.

We have reverence for human dignity. They have not.

We have practices described as justice, charity, mercy. They have not; they have only the highest interests of the state.

We have the common welfare, by which we mean men, women and children. They have not. They have only the state.

And because we, the Haves, have all these things, now, today, in our actual world, we have something for which to fight, today, now, right here, without waiting for the better world and the brighter future.

Charlotte Labor Joins Community Chest Campaign

For the first time in history organized labor throughout the country has become part of the COMMUNITY CHEST campaigns. Mr. Woll for the national American Federation of Labor signed an agreement covering 80 city drives, and in Charlotte, the American Federation

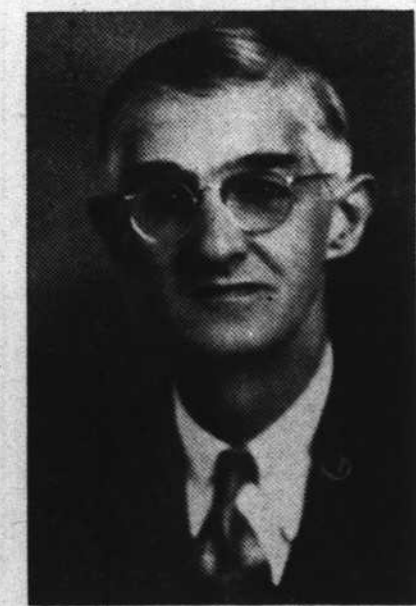


T. L. CONDER
Charlotte Central Labor Union

of Labor through the Charlotte Central Labor Union body (54 trade unions) is represented.

Mr. T. L. Conder, of the Charlotte Central body is the local labor representative on the WAR CHEST DRIVE, and LABOR can be depended upon to do its part.

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.



H. G. FISHER

tee work, with but little thought and seldom an expression of appreciation from the members.

The Movement seems to take it for granted that the editor of the Labor paper is just there, in line of duty, and is to be used whenever and for whatever purpose the boys deem fit.