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EDITORIAL COMMENT

CHARLOTTE CENTRAL LABOR UNION—NORTH CAROLINA STATE
FEDERATION OF LABOR—AND—A FEW "POLITICAL THOUGHTS"

By W. M. WITTER, Editor

After an absence of some months from the meetings of Central Labor Union, due to causes over which we had no control, it was the Editor's good fortune and pleasure to be able to get down to the Labor Temple last Thursday night and look the boys over. Our first observation was that the meeting was not as well attended as it should have been, a few of the "Old Guard" being on hand with a sprinkling here and there of comparatively new and younger faces, but all with the interests of the movement at heart. Of course, many of the delegates from locals are out-of-town on jobs, and some on night shifts, and taking everything into consideration, the attendance batting average was fair. The boys, among other things talked convention, to be held in Winston-Salem the second Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in August 9-10-11, and as usual Charlotte will have a large delegation, leading the state as to delegate quota, we believe, and they are already caucusing, getting a few resolutions in shape, and preparing to act as a unit in all matters pertaining to the welfare of Labor and the A. F. of L.

The editor missed the last convention, being out at Colorado Springs, but hopes, with consent of his physician, to be able to make this one, if possible. For the past dozen years it has been the three red letter days on the calendar for us, they always being looked forward to with pleasure.

Charlotte has the first vice-president, H. L. Kiser, and Vice-President J. A. Scoggins listed among the officers, and they are both men of high calibre, lending dignity and ability to the board. The delegates attending the State meeting are always men that are prominent in their various crafts, looking after the welfare of the membership as a whole.

As the Journal editor looks back over the past it causes him to ponder on the fact that in times of trouble or depression, when the workers are suffering or being "put through the mill," the meetings are overflowing as a rule, and the men seem bound closer together, but we guess that holds good with many other organizations. Of course, in North Carolina, there is no labor troubles, so to speak, of a startling nature, and employer and employe seem to be working "hand-in-glove." Yet, there will be much of importance to come before the state convention; things that are going to concern the workers "when this cruel war is over," and even now when laws are being enacted, and attempted to be passed, that would put the worker back into a semi-slavery state, so that certain elements of Big Business may be free of any and all laws that would safeguard the interests of the workers, and while The Journal does not deal in politics it has always, and intends to continue to support to the fullest extent those seeking office who have stood for the rights of the workers.

It was our privilege to pay tribute some weeks back to Hon. Cameron Morrison, whom we have known and honored through these many long years, for his stand against the Smith-Connally anti-labor bill, the former Governor-Senator having stated, regarding his vote, "that President Roosevelt had not requested any such legislation. I realized he possesses adequate powers to deal with strikes that might jeopardize the war effort, and, consequently, I failed to see any urgent need for additional legislation on this matter. Furthermore, through the years I have had occasion from time to time to take a bold position in representing the viewpoint of North Carolinians as I understood it. Again I did that yesterday."

It is with pleasure that we find Mr. Morrison slated for the first set address before the convention, Monday at noon, and that he will receive a warm welcome goes without saying.

The only other vote the President received from the Carolinas delegation upholding his veto of this infamous bill came from Hon. John H. Folger, of Mt. Airy, he and Cameron Morrison upholding the administration in a time of peril, and when our law-makers, suffering with just cause at the action of John Lewis, could not see that they were making an opening wedge for those who would destroy organized labor.

So, while the N. C. State Federation Convention program this year lacks a lot of "frills," a banquet, etc., there is much for it

THE MARCH OF LABOR



NEWSBOYS RARELY
RECEIVE COMPENSATION
FOR ACCIDENTS, SINCE
THE NEWSPAPERS AVOID
"EMPLOYING" THEM, AND
INSTEAD "SELL" THEM
THEIR PAPERS.

DURING THE SEATTLE
GENERAL STRIKE OF
1919, THE STRIKERS
THEMSELVES POLICED
THE CITY AND SET
UP FOOD KITCHENS
TO FEED THE ENTIRE
CITY POPULATION.



LABOR'S FIGHT IS
YOUR FIGHT. DO
YOUR BIT BY BUYING
UNION-LABEL GOODS.
LOOK FOR THIS
LABEL IN YOUR WATS
TO BE CERTAIN THAT
THEY ARE UNION-MADE



AS LATE AS 1835 THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK DECLARED THAT A STRIKE
OF WORKERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING
WAGES CONSTITUTED AN UNLAWFUL CONSPIRACY



A. F. OF L. CONVENTION CALL FOR 63D ANNUAL MEET AT BOSTON BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

A. F. OF L. BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO ALL AFFILIATED UNIONS, GREETINGS:

July 23, 1943.

You are hereby notified that, in pursuance of the Constitution of the American Federation of Labor, the Sixty-third Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor will be held in the Statler Hotel, Boston, Mass., beginning at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning, October 4, 1943, and will continue in session from day to day until the business of the Convention shall have been completed.

THE WINNING OF THE WAR is the primary objective of all classes of people, including the membership of the American Federation of Labor. The destruction of totalitarianism and the triumph of democracy, the establishment and maintenance of free, democratic unions and the administration of said free, democratic unions by the membership, free from government dominion and government control, are uses involved in the outcome of this conflict in which labor is vitally interested.

The winning of the war and of the peace which will follow are questions which will be considered and acted upon by the delegates in attendance at the Sixty-Third Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor. The deliberations of those in attendance at the Convention and action taken by the officers and delegates will be influenced by singleness of thought and purpose. They will seek to cooperate fully with the government in the promotion of the war effort, to protect and preserve the economic philosophy as well as the principles and policies of the American Federation of Labor and to protect and preserve our common heritage of freedom, liberty, justice and democracy.

REPRESENTATION

Representation in the Convention will be on the following basis: From National or International Unions, for less than 4,000 members, one delegate; 4,000 or more, two delegates; 8,000 or more, three delegates; 16,000 or more, four delegates; 32,000 or more, five delegates; 64,000 or more, six delegates; 128,000 or more, seven delegates; 256,000 or more, eight delegates; and so on; and from Central Bodies and State Federations, and from local trade unions not having a National or International Union, and from Federal Labor Unions, one delegate.

Only bona fide wage workers who are not members of, or eligible to membership in, other Trade Unions shall be eligible as delegates from Federal Labor Unions. Only those persons whose Local Unions are affiliated with Central Bodies or with State Branches and who are delegates to said Central Bodies or State Branches shall be eligible to represent City Central Bodies or State Branches in the Conventions of the American Federation of Labor.

Organizations to be entitled to representation must have obtained a certificate of affiliation (charter), at least one month prior to the Convention; and no person will be recognized as a delegate who is not a member in good standing of the organization he is elected to represent.

Delegates are not entitled to seats in the Convention unless the tax and assessments of their organization have been paid in full to August 31, 1943.

The importance of our movement, the duty of the hour and for the future, demand that every organization entitled to representation shall send its full quota of delegates to the Boston Convention, October 4, 1943.

CREDENTIALS

Credentials in duplicate are forwarded to all affiliated unions. The original credential should be given to the delegate-elect and the duplicate forwarded to American Federation of Labor Office, A. F. of L. Building, Washington, D. C.

The Committee on Credentials will meet at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor ten days previous to the opening of the Convention, and will report immediately upon the opening thereof at Toronto; hence secretaries will observe the necessity of mailing the duplicate credentials of their respective delegates at the earliest possible moment to Washington, D. C.

RESOLUTIONS—TIME LIMIT

The provisions of the A. F. of L. Constitution, Article III, Section 6, require all resolutions, petitions, memorials and appeals to be received by the Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, at Headquarters in Washington, D. C., 30 days immediately preceding the opening of the Convention; EXCEPT in instances where such resolutions, petitions, memorials, appeals, etc., have been acted upon and approved at a regular convention of a National or International Union or State Federation of Labor, held during this 30-day period, in which event such proposals shall be received up to five days prior to the convening date of the Convention of the American Federation of Labor.

Resolutions of State Federations of Labor must first have received the approval of the previous Convention of the State Federation of Labor involved.

Resolutions of City Central Labor Unions must first have received the approval of such Central Labor Union at a regularly constituted meeting of the organization.

Any resolutions or proposals received after the expiration of the time limits shall be referred to the Executive Council and the Executive Council shall refer all such proposals to the Convention with the understanding that acceptance of such proposals is dependent upon the unanimous consent of the Convention.

Any or all proposals emanating from directly affiliated local trade and federal labor unions shall be referred to the Executive Council for consideration and disposition. The Executive Council shall in turn advise the Convention of the disposition made of such proposal or proposals.

Three copies of each resolution or proposal shall be furnished.

GRIEVANCES

Under the law no grievance may be considered by the Convention which has been decided by a previous Convention, except upon the recommendation of the Executive Council, nor will any grievance be considered where the parties hereto have not themselves previously held conference and attempted to adjust the same. (Art. III, Sec. 12.)

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Due to the fact that railroad facilities are taxed to the limit by transportation of troops and war material, Delegates are cautioned to make travel arrangements in advance, whether traveling by Pullman or Coach; also to buy round-trip tickets.

We have been advised that special convention fares are not authorized by the Railroads, but special fares for round-trip tickets operate in certain territories. Particulars may be secured from local ticket agents.

If there be any further information regarding the Convention, or arrangements for the convenience of the delegates, it will be communicated in a later circular or through the American Federationist.

Fraternally yours,

WM. GREEN, President.
GEORGE MEANY, Secretary-Treasurer.

to do, much food for thought over present occurrences, and post-war planning to be done, with a course of procedure drawn up and discussed, that labor may survive and hold the gains it has made, against the powerful forces that would destroy it.

Our State Federation is blessed with a leader of broad vision in the person of C. A. Fink, a man honored even by his adversaries, for his courage and fair dealing in all matters between employer and employe, yet, ever guarding the welfare of the workers; and he has on his executive board, men capable and cooperative in seeing that the good name enjoyed by the A. F. of L. in North Carolina is not besmirched. AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, LET US UPHOLD THE HANDS OF OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, WHO HAS DONE MORE FOR LABOR, ORGANIZED AND UNORGANIZED, THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENT OF THESE UNITED STATES.

N. C. FEDERATION OF LABOR CONVENTION PROGRAM

ROBERT E. LEE HOTEL, WINSTON-SALEM

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 9, 1943, 9:30

Convention called to order, W. E. Lewis, President Winston-Salem Central Labor Union.
Invocation, Rev. Vernon I. Graf, Pastor of Christ Moravian Church.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, by all delegates present.

THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One Nation, indivisible, With liberty and justice for all."

Address of Welcome, George W. Coan, Mayor of City of Winston-Salem.

Address of Welcome, H. K. Hoyt, President of Chamber of Commerce.

Address of welcome, Ernie G. Shore, Sheriff of Forsyth County.

Address of welcome, Ernest Yarbrough, Secretary of Retail Merchants Association.

Response, James F. Barrett, Former President North Carolina State Federation of Labor.

Presentation of Gavel to C. A. Fink, President of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor, and the President's annual address.

Convention duly opened for the consideration and transaction of business.

Appointment of Committee on Credentials and Committee on Rules and Order.

12:00, Address, Hon. Cameron Morrison, United States Congressman.

12:30—Adjournment for lunch.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 O'CLOCK

Report of Credentials Committee.
Obligation and Seating of Delegates.

Address
Report of Rules committee.

Introduction of Visitors.

Address.
Appointment of Committees.

Announcements.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 10, 9:30 O'CLOCK

Invocation, A. E. Brown, Chaplain North Carolina State Federation of Labor.

Reports of Committees.

Introduction of International Union Representatives.

11:00—Address, Hon. J. Melville Broughton, Governor State of North Carolina.

12:30—Adjournment for lunch.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 O'CLOCK

Reports of Committees.

Address.
Nomination of Officers.

TUESDAY EVENING, 9:30 UNTIL

Dance—Roof Garden—Robert E. Lee Hotel.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 11, 9:30 O'CLOCK

Invocation, A. E. Brown, Chaplain North Carolina State Federation of Labor.

Report of Resolutions Committee and other Committees.

Unfinished business.

12:30—Adjournment for lunch.

WEDNESDAY, AFTERNOON, AUGUST 11, 2:00 O'CLOCK

Final Committee reports.

Election of Officers and selection of Convention City for 1944.

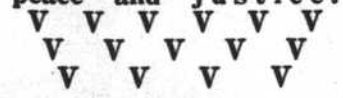
Installation of Officers.
Adjournment Sine Die.

HAVING NIGHTMARES TOJO!

A "sleep well movement" will be staged throughout Japan as a feature of the Japanese physical-improvement month, the Tokyo radio declared in a broadcast reported by the OWI. Japanese factories have been ordered to join in the "sleep well movement" whose purpose, the broadcast said, would be "to achieve quick recovery from fatigue."

OUR SOLEMN PLEDGE

We, American workingmen and workingwomen, pledge ourselves to our first duty—to defeat and destroy Axis tyranny. We of American Labor, realize that this conflict transcends all other struggles and that every possibility of social progress depends upon the victory of the free nations. We, American soldiers of production, who provide so much of the Material, Men, Mobilization, Money, and Morale, vow that our country's war effort shall be organized without regard for any vested interests. We extend warmest Labor solidarity to the suffering people under the heel of the brutal Axis conquerors. In tribute to their great courage in keeping the flames of freedom burning, we declare: no appeasement or tolerance will ever be shown to the Fascist Hangmen. We appeal to the working people of Germany, Italy, and Japan to take matters into their own hands and settle scores with their savage Fascist rulers. This is our common path to lasting peace and justice.



BUY WAR BONDS TO YOUR LAST DOLLARS;
BETTER BROKE THAN TO BE A SLAVE;
LET LABOR SHOW CAPITAL THE WAY.

CHEAP LABOR, CHEAP WORKERS, CHEAP BUSINESS

Cheap labor not only makes cheap workers, but makes cheap business for any city or community. Cheap labor makes for cheap jobs. Cheap jobs mean little money for the storekeeper, butcher and the baker. Ask the merchant if he prefers WPA to well paid laborers.