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GOES INTO ITS SECOND WEEK; LEWIS PROPOSITION TO COME UP A. F. OF L. CONVENTION AT BOSTON

BOSTON.—The American Federation of Labor Convention begins its second week Monday with most of the organization's business still ahead of it, principally the application of the United Mine Workers for readmission, the Negro membership question, plus a host of other resolutions and reports on Federation and Government affairs.

Members of the Resolutions Committee have discussed the UMW application extensively, and well placed sources say there is virtual unanimity for readmission of the miners provided their president John L. Lewis, first makes a definite commitment on the dismemberment of his catch-all District 50, which crosses the jurisdictional lines of some AFL unions.

The Lewis issue is not expected to reach the convention floor before tomorrow. A preliminary written report was to be ready for discussion at another executive session of the committee this forenoon.

The Progressive Mine Workers of America, which holds AFL charter rights in the mining industry, is a legal bar to the admission of the UMW, but AFL leaders consider this a secondary problem which can be worked out easily, if the District 50 issue is disposed of first.

Estimates of the Progressives' membership in Illinois and Kentucky range from 9,000 to 35,000, compared with more than a half million in the UMW.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVENTION

BOSTON.—Matthew Woll, head of Labor's League For Human Rights, handed a \$10,000 check to Luigi Antonini, chairman of the Italian-American Labor Council, for the purpose of rehabilitating the free trade union movement in liberated Italy. The impressive ceremony, serving as a symbol of American friendship for the oppressed people of Italy, took place on the platform of the AFL convention here immediately after the delegates unanimously adopted the following report:

"The American Federation of Labor, which has consistently fought Fascism and has never forgotten its fraternal ties with the organized labor movement of Italy, pledges itself to help the workers of Italy with all the means possible and at its disposal. It will assist in the complete destruction of Fascism in Italy and will aid in the restoration of democracy in that unhappy country until the Italian people win the blessings of a just peace and the benefits of freedom and democracy as announced in the Atlantic Charter."

With regard to pending legislation to lift the ban on Chinese immigration, the convention refused to change the AFL's traditional policy in favor

of outright exclusion but directed the Executive Council to make a thorough study of the subject with a view to possible future revision of the immigration laws.

Joseph A. Padway, AFL counsel, made a stirring speech to the convention in which he warned of the coming of Fascism to America through the enactment of State and Federal laws regulating and regimenting the activities of labor unions.

The fraternal delegates to the convention from the British Trades Union Congress—Harry Harrison and William Bayliss—presented interesting reports to the convention on labor conditions in England and Russia. At the conclusion of their addresses, President Green served emphatic notice that the AFL is eager to collaborate with British labor on war and peace aims, but will not sit down at the same table with representatives of Government-dominated labor movements.

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins ridiculed exaggerated press reports on strikes. She said the situation is remarkably good. The delegates got a laugh when she pointed

LEWIS' TERMS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO A. F. OF L.—CONFLICTS MUST BE SETTLED FIRST SAYS CONVENTION

BOSTON, Oct. 14.—Voting a gesture of welcome to the United Mine Workers, the A. F. of L. voted overwhelmingly that a settlement of jurisdictional rights must precede readmission.

The convention authorized the executive council to negotiate the return of the miners after federation leaders made impassioned pleas to delegates to place no obstacles in the path of labor unity.

Chairman Matthew Woll of the resolutions committee assured the delegates:

"This formula is designed to protect the interest of every affiliated organization. This council is not going to bargain away the jurisdictional rights of any organization merely to admit the United Mine Workers."

The convention's action was a rejection of Lewis' terms that the federation take the UMW "as is" and leave any jurisdictional questions until "after the fact of reaffiliation." The principal issue was the U. M. W.'s catch-all District 50, which has enrolled workers claimed by many A. F. L. craft unions.

OVER TEN MILLION DOLLARS GIVEN BY A.F.L. AFFILIATED INTERNATIONALS IN THE THIRD WAR LOAN DRIVE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 8.—Early reports from national and international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor indicate that their members have given outstanding support of the Third War Loan. President William Green reported to Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., this week that to date he has reports showing \$8,489,470 has been subscribed by the unions in the Third War Loan. Mr. Morgenthau congratulated Mr. Green on this excellent showing.

The New York State Federation of Labor, through its secretary, E. W. Edward, reported their goal to be \$2,000,000 or as much more as will be necessary to purchase a Liberty ship to be named for their past deceased president, Thomas J. Lyons.

E. W. Jimerson, president of Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of N. A., announced the purchase of \$1,000,000 in bonds and the probable purchase of another quarter of a million dollars' worth.

The Carpenters International Union also reported the purchase of a million dollars' worth of bonds through President William L. Hutcheson. William E. Walter, secretary of the "Boilermakers" International Union, announced the purchase by the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers of America in the amount of one and one-half million dollars.

Other purchases of bonds by A. F. of L. Unions reported to Mr. Morgenthau by Mr. Green to date are as follows:

International Molders International Union	\$200,000.00
Amalgamated Association Street and Electric	
Railway employees of America	700,000.00
International Brotherhood of Bookbinders	75,000.00
International Union of Operating Engineers	150,000.00
International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill	
Workers of the U. S. and Canada	60,000.00
Florida Federation of Labor	56,725.00
Arizona State Federation of Labor	105,000.00
Arkansas State Federation of Labor	15,000.00
South Carolina Federation of Labor	1,000.00
Baker's International Union	200,000.00
Printing Pressmen's International Union	91,022.00
Brotherhood of Painter's and Decorators	General fund of 850,000.00
International Painter's and Decorators	250,000.00
Teamsters International, Indianapolis, Indiana	75,000.00
United Association of Journeymen, Plumber's and Steamfitters	400,000.00
Bricklayers International Union	500,000.00

[While later returns have not been received The Journal is informed that the ten million by Internationals mark was passed and this does not include the millions upon millions that the Central Labor Unions and affiliated locals of the A. F. of L. bought.—Ed.]

out that in the past year she has seldom if ever been wakened in the early hours of the morning by frantic telephone reports on strike crises.

Other convention speakers during the first week's sessions included Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, Monsignor Francis J. Haas, Wage-Hour Administrator L. Metcalfe Walling, Chairman Arthur J. Altmeyer of the Social Security Board, Director Edward J. Phelan of the International Labor Organization and Fraternal Delegate Joseph Matte of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress. Because of lack of space, detailed reports on their addresses must be deferred to later issues.

Besides presiding over all convention sessions, President Green fulfilled several outside speaking engagements, notably one before the Boston Chamber of Commerce. In a straight-from-the-shoulder talk, the AFL chief told the businessmen that it is up to them to preserve free enterprise in America by instituting a post-war production program to provide jobs for all and by desisting from any post-war effort to destroy trade unions. Otherwise, he warned, the Government may be forced to step in and take over, with consequent extension of Federal regulation and regimentation which both business and labor want to avoid.

The oldest delegate at this AFL convention, in point of service, is William D. Mahon, AFL Vice-President and head of the Street and Electric Railway Workers' Union. He recently celebrated his 50th anniversary as President of the Union. The youngest "delegate" is 11-year-old Sally Tobin, tiny daughter of Delegate Sam Tobin of Detroit, representative of the Iron Workers. Sally, however, has been coming to AFL conventions since she was a baby and considers herself an "old-timer" because she knows so many of the delegates by name.

Venerable, white-haired Frank Morrison, secretary-emeritus of the AFL, is also here. The convention wouldn't be the same without him. Despite his advanced years, Mr. Morrison is in good health and is actively interested in every detail of the convention proceedings. He will address the convention before adjournment.

In point of numbers, this is one of the largest conventions in AFL history. More than 600 delegates crowd every inch of the huge hotel auditorium. Of course, the number of delegates is limited by the convention rules; otherwise the representatives of all the AFL unions would make too great a gathering even for Madison Square Garden or the Boston Common.

GOUGE CONGRATULATES LABOR UPON PART IT TOOK IN THIRD WAR LOAN DRIVE

Headquarters Area No. 2 A. F. of L.—U. S. Treasury Joint War Bond Campaign, 416 Hurt Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. October 7, 1943.

To All Local Unions and the Labor Press Dear Sirs and Brothers:

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you upon your organizations wholehearted support in the purchase of War Bonds during the Third War Loan drive, which ended last Saturday. We are indeed proud when America topped the Fifteen Billion campaign by running the sales up to approximately seventeen billion dollars.

You and your sister local unions by your service made possible the following statement of our Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt to the delegates of the American Federation of Labor Convention now in session at Boston:

"The battle of production is being won in every shipyard machine shop, factory and construction outfit in this country, and the skill, speed and adaptability of the working men and women have made possible the outfitting and equipment of our military forces in record time. The participation of the wage earners in this country not only in the production drive, but in the support of the war effort by the purchase of war bonds, both out of union treasuries and out of personal subscriptions is one of the items of American life of which we are very proud. In this country we are proving ourselves able to do voluntarily all that is necessary for the support of the great war effort and to stand back of the brave men who go into combat."

America's armed forces and production armies are attacking on all fronts of the globe; it is up to us individually and collectively to "back the attack" by periodically checking the Payroll Deduction Plan's operation of the members of each Local Union, to constantly encourage stragglers to keep their 10% authorization in effect at all times. We would deeply appreciate a report from the War Bond Committee of your organization at least once every sixty days that we may keep our records current.

Wish best wishes and kindest regards I am Fraternally your, GEORGE L. GOUGE Consulting Expert, War Finance Division.

Free Labor Will Out- Produce Nazi Slaves

THE MARCH OF LABOR

THE PEAK OF SIT-DOWN STRIKES OCCURRED IN 1937—477 TAKING PLACE.

THE ENGLISH ARBITRATION ACT OF 1900 PROVIDED THAT EACH PARTY NAME AN ARBITRATOR IN WAGE DISPUTES. BUT THE MASTERS REFUSED, AND NO STEPS WERE TAKEN TO COMPEL THEM.

IN 1890 ONE EMPLOYED WOMAN OUT OF SEVEN WAS MARRIED; IN 1930, ONE OUT OF THREE.

UNION MEMBERS! YOU HELP YOURSELF, YOUR UNION, AND THE CAUSE OF LABOR BY INSISTING UPON THIS LABEL IN YOUR NEW HAT.

THE PLEDGE OF EVERY LOYAL A. F. OF L. UNIONIST

"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!"

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

PRODUCE FOR VICTORY

'This WEEK, This WORLD
by Ted Friend

ON OCTOBER 1, 1942, Adolph Hitler stood before a vast crowd of doting Nazis at the Berlin Sportpalast and said, "If, for example, during the last few months—and it is only for a few months each year that one can wage war in Russia—we advance to the Don and then down the Don until at last we reach the Volga—storm Stalingrad and also take it—and you may depend upon it that we will do so—even this will be as nothing in the enemy's eyes! . . . If one has to deal with military idiots, naturally one cannot say where they will attack us—they are capable of embarking on the maddest enterprises."

It is difficult to conceive that it was just one little year ago that Hitler spoke.

A quick look at a map, of course, will indicate that the Germans never reached the Don much less the Volga, and that their "storming of Stalingrad" brought them only encirclement and defeat. As for the mad ventures of the "military idiots" that Hitler scorned—they have taken Africa, have knocked Italy out of the war and have organized the French into a commendable fighting force. From one end of Europe to the other the "idiots" have the Nazis on the defensive and very much worried as to where the next blow will fall.

Hitler unburdened himself of a few other fatuous observations as he bathed in the sunshine of adulation that he roared, "where the enemy chooses as a place for landing, he may count himself lucky if he manages to stay nine hours on land." One is tempted to observe, "Like in Casablanca, Algiers, Sicily, Sardinia and the mainland of Italy, for example!"

But Hitler did not really throw his audience into hysterics of enthusiasms—with endless Sieg Heils rending the air—until he declared, "All the hopes of our opponents in believing themselves capable of dissolving the bond between Germany and Italy are simply madness! Sieg Heil!—time has marched on, and away—from Hitler!"

THE OLD AMERICAN CITY of Boston, Cradle of Liberty, appears to be next on the schedule to treat itself to a blood bath of intolerance and terror. Reports continue to come in of many small time riots—which may be expected to grow into one big time riot—assuming a dangerous ascendancy in Boston.

THE REMARKABLE trend away from isolationism, reported by all polls and reflected by the enthusiastic Congressional support of the Fulbright Resolution, may be attributed, next to the logic of compelling events, to the book, "U. S. Foreign Policy," clarified historic American interests in the world scene for the public. Lippmann's book deserves an honored place in the library of every American concerned with his country's future well-being.

Evidence of the bankruptcy of isolationist thought is the pathetic effort on the part of former isolationists, such as Senator Wheeler of Montana, to find some usable issue upon which to hang their political hats. The demagogic effort to cash in on the draft appeal for the support of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, may, however, act as a boomerang against the rank and file of servicemen aligned against him. With the servicemen, Labor and the anti-isolationists all against him, Wheeler's senatorial days, in spite of his play upon artificial issues, would be numbered.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT: United States expenditures for the fiscal year that ended June 30 was \$78,178,885,240. But the indemnity which the Nazis planned, not to mention territorial surrenders, was the neat sum of \$500,000,000,000.

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I am the printing press, born of the mother earth. My heart is of steel, my limbs are of iron. My fingers are of brass. I sing the songs of the world. Oratories of history, the symphonies of all time. I am the voice of today. The herald of tomorrow. I weave into the warp of the past, the woof of the future. I tell the stories of peace and war alike. I make the human heart beat with passion or tenderness. I stir the pulse of nations, and make brave men do better deeds, and soldiers die. . . I am the laughter and tears of the world, And I shall never die, until all things return to the immutable dust.

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—Robt. H. (Bob) Davis—1911.

"LET'S GO U.S.A.—KEEP 'EM FLYING"