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UNION MAN IS NOMINATED FOR MAYOR ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Patrick J. Burke business representative of Milk Wagon Drivers and Inside Dairy Workers Local 603, won an overwhelming victory over his opponent, Joseph M. Darst, real estate dealer, by a 44,590 to 28,275 vote, in the Democratic primary last week. Burke is the first labor official ever to be nominated for mayor, although the late Henry Kiel, three-time mayor of St. Louis, was a union bricklayer and contractor before being elected to head the city government. Kiel, who was recognized at his death as one of the greatest builders and civic leaders St. Louis ever had, at first had been viciously fought by the daily press in his contests for mayor.

BOB REYNOLDS' NATIONALISTS TO BE INVESTIGATED

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6. — A public inquiry into the activities of Senator Robert Reynolds and his American Nationalists Committee to determine if they are for the best interests of the country will be held here on Aug. 9 by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Controller Harold J. Boyd, former V.F.W. official, stated yesterday. "The purpose of the hearing," Mr. Boyd said, "will be to attempt to determine if the activities of the American Nationalists Committee are in the best interests of total victory and a peaceful and progressive post-war world for this nation."

GASTONIA ORGANIZATION WORK ALREADY SHOWING GOOD RESULTS; GASTONIA YARN CORPORATION HELP VOTES TO GO INTO THE A. F. OF L.

GASTONIA.—Employees of five textile plants operated by Gastonia Comber Yarn Corporation voted in a National Labor Relations Board employee election held here last week to name Local No. 12 of the United Textile Workers of America an affiliate of American Federation of Labor, as their collective bargaining agent. The union won the election by a vote of 479 to 287. Out of approximately 981 employees eligible to vote, a total of 766 did vote, with 32 votes being challenged and 12 ballots voided, UTW officials said. The five GCY plants whose employees balloted in the NLRB-conducted election are Gastonia Processing Co., Gastonia Thread Co. and the Clara, Dunn and Armstrong Mills.

A. F. OF L. STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM KING COTTON HOTEL, GREENSBORO, N. C. MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14-15-16

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 14, 1944, 9:30
Convention Called to Order R. D. Apple, Sr., President Greensboro Central Labor Union
Invocation Pastor First Lutheran 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 to all."
National Anthem Miss Helen Barger
At the Piano — Mrs. B. A. Swicegood
Address of Welcome W. H. Sullivan Mayor City of Greensboro
Address of Welcome Judge Wm. M. York President of Chamber of Commerce
Address of Welcome John C. Story Sheriff of Guilford County
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 or Order
12:00—Address
12:30—Adjournment for lunch
MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 O'CLOCK
Report of Credentials Committee
Obligation and seating of Delegates

3:00—Address Hon. J. Melville Broughton Governor State of North Carolina
Report of Rules Committee
Introduction of Visitors
Address
Appointment of Committees
Announcements
TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15, 9:30
Invocation A. E. Brown
Chaplain North Carolina State Federation of Labor
Reports of Committees
Introduction of International Union Representatives
11:00—Address
12:30—Adjournment for lunch
TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 O'CLOCK
Reports of Committees
Address
Nomination of Officers
TUESDAY EVENING, 9:30 TO 12:30
DANCE
King Cotton Hotel Ball Room
WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16, 9:30
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 16, 2:00 O'CLOCK
Final Committee reports
Election of Officers and selection of Convention City
Installation of Officers
Adjournment Sine Die

GOV. BROUGHTON TAKES CRACK AT THE C.I.O.

RALEIGH, Aug. 8. — Governor Broughton said last night that "the anti-Southern front" of "powerful Northern Negro groups" and the CIO's Political Action Committee caused defeat of Southern candidates for the Democratic Vice-Presidential nomination at the Chicago convention. The Governor said these groups seemed to have resolved that the people of the South "should forever be but the hewers of wood and drawers of water within the Democratic Party." He said that the PAC's anti-Southern front at the convention was "unfair and undemocratic" and that its aim was to gain control of the Democratic Party. The Negro groups, he said, were not representative of the Negro race. "I have no feud with the Political Action Committee, and I believe profoundly in the cause of labor and deeply respect its rights," he continued. "But I'd deny to the PAC or to any other labor group or other groups, white or colored, the right to dictate the affairs of the Democratic Party or of the American people. Broughton was an active campaigner for the Vice-Presidential nomination, and received 43 votes on the first ballot."

CHINA HAS 2,000,000 UNION MEMBERS NOW
There are now 5,820 labor organizations in China with a total membership of more than 2,000,000, the Chinese News Service reports. China has ten different kinds of labor organizations.

C. E. Earnhardt, international vice-president of UTW, said here today that UTW will demand increased wages, full seniority, paid vacations, control over work loads, arbitration of disputes, free insurance, hospitalization, paid holidays and other benefits for the GCY employees. It was understood that conferences between union officials and the GCY management relative to negotiation of employee contracts will begin in the near future. The election was held in South School auditorium, located near the GCY plants. With respect to the Clara, Dunn and Armstrong plants, Vice-President Earnhardt said the election and union victory was the culmination of more than two years of UTW organizing activity.

DON'T CARE
Native: "Down this way we always take whiskey for snake-bites."
Tourist: "But whiskey won't cure you once you've been bitten."
Native: "Nope, but if you take it beforehand, you don't give a dang!"

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED BY PRESIDENT OF TYPO UNION

The following named committees were appointed Sunday afternoon at the August meeting of Charlotte Typographical Union, No. 338, to serve during the current year:
Executive committee—C. J. Pridgen, chairman, C. L. Albea, H. M. Sykes, W. M. Bostick, H. L. Beatty; auditing committee—C. R. Austin, J. H. Honeycutt, O. N. Burgess; standing committee—C. L. Albea, Ray C. Nixon, Conley Cook, Howard L. Beatty; chaplain—C. R. Austin; membership committee—W. M. Bostick, chairman, C. J. Pridgen, C. L. Albea, H. M. Sykes and H. L. Beatty; laws committee—H. T. Carricker, chairman, Harry Smith, Charles McCready; label committee—Henry A. Stalls, chairman, Charles McCready, H. H. Lawing; health and sanitation—Conley Cook, chairman, Charles McCready, A. B. Furr, A. M. Jones and R. F. White; publicity committee—H. A. Stalls, C. R. Austin, W. W. Herman; apprentice committee—W. M. Sykes, chairman, W. M. Bostick, L. M. Furr; sick and visiting—W. A. Vita, Charles McCready and Leon Owen.
James B. Felmet, member of the Observer mechanical force, will attend the forthcoming annual meeting of the International Typographical Union in Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 19-26, as a delegate representing the local union.
C. J. Pridgen is president of the Charlotte union, C. L. Albea is vice-president, W. M. Bostick, secretary-treasurer, and Howard L. Beatty, recording secretary.
Charlotte Typographical Union has a total enrollment of 115 members.

GEN. HERSHEY SAYS MORE MEN ARE NEEDED

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 8.—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey declares that "we've got the Army practically built," but adds, "We can't let up—we have to have more men to relieve the boys who are overseas. Some of our boys have been there two and three years, and it's time we brought them back," said the national director of Selective Service, as he met briefly with local boards.

PRIOR TO DEATH GENERAL McNAIR PRAISED WORKERS FOR PART THEY HAD IN MAKING INVASION POSSIBLE

WASHINGTON.—One of the last public utterances made by Lieut. Gen. Lesley J. McNair before his death on the Normandy beachhead was a statement praising the part labor played in making the invasion possible. Speaking in the War Department film "Brief For Invasion" which has just been released for showing to war production workers, the former Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces said "the guts, toughness and will to victory of the American soldier, accompanied by the equipment of the American worker, are more than staggering. They are unbeatable."
"We are going to use a great horde of men who are going to use a great continent-full of equipment provided for them by the workers back home, the footsoldiers of industry," General McNair declared.
"Sea and air operations will accompany our attack—but eventually it will be the doughboy who will spring from the landing craft, cut his way through the wire, fight hand-to-hand with the Nazis in their barricaded cities, and wipe them out."
"And the American worker will be there on D-Day also—he will be the backbone of the attack. He will have made the tools and the equipment which the sea will use, the air will use, and—in the heart of the struggle—the infantryman will use."
In another statement issued on June 15 in connection with the observation of Infantry Day, General McNair said:
"The part of Labor and Industry in this fight is clear—weapons, ammunition, signal equipment, transportation and many other vital items of equipment and supplies.
"Our Infantry has never lacked them, and owes much to the home front. May this fine support never falter through the hard fighting yet to come."
The death of General McNair was announced July 27, just 13 days after the War Department announced that he had relinquished his post as head of the Army Ground Forces for an important overseas assignment.

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