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**SOUTHERN AFL UNIONS SCORE GAINS**

Widespread gains in wages, hours and improved working conditions granted to AFL unions throughout the South are reported by George L. Googe, chairman of the AFL Southern campaign to enroll 1,000,000 new members.

Reports pouring into his office in Atlanta, Ga., Googe said, show AFL unions throughout the entire area have been negotiating improved contracts for higher pay, shorter hours and other benefits, and in the vast majority of cases, without resort to governmental agencies.

At the same time the Teamsters reported a new agreement between the Houston Building and Construction Trades Council and the Associated General Contractors providing a closed shop in 90 days. In Chattanooga, Tenn., the Parks and Playgrounds Department granted the Truck Drivers' local a substantial wage increase, and in the same city the Truck Drivers' and Helpers' local in the Sears Roebuck unit won an NLRB election to become the bargaining agency for Sears' shipping department workers, truck drivers, warehousemen and helpers.

From Dallas came word that the Southern Pacific has signed a new agreement with the Teamsters providing a wage increase of 10 cents an hour and new classifications of workers not heretofore covered. Beneficiaries of the new agreement include 745 in Dallas, 47 in Fort Worth, 393 in Beaumont, 652 in Corpus Christi, 657 in San Antonio, 968 in Houston, 565 in Waco, 940 in Galveston and 941 in El Paso.

Highlights of Mr. Googe's report included the following:

Coke plant of Sharon Steel Co., Fairmont, W. Va., has selected District 50, United Mine Workers, as bargaining agent in an NLRB election. District 50 also has won two Florida NLRB elections, covering employees in Smith Co. and Merchants Fertilizer Co., both in Pensacola.

District 50 won \$60,000 in annual increased wages in contract with Barium Reduction Co., South Charleston, W. Va.

Chattanooga Drivers of Street and Electric Amalgamated (AFL), won a new contract providing 20-cent increase, improved vacation schedule and other benefits.

AFL bus drivers in Mobile obtained, by arbitration, a \$50,000 back pay award averaging \$200 for each worker.

AFL dry cleaners in Birmingham, Ala., won an election at the Utopia Cleaning Co. by a wide majority. This is the largest pressing plant in Birmingham and the smaller shops are expected to follow Utopia workers.

After a whirlwind campaign, workers of Southern Dairies in Atlanta came under the AFL Teamsters' banner. Wage increases are from \$4 to \$12 a week, hours are reduced from 66 to 54, overtime after 40 hours and paid two-week vacations are provided after one year's service.

**LABOR TO LEAD CAMPAIGN TO INSURE PEACE**

Labor will spare no effort to maintain world peace and will take the lead in a movement to outlaw the atomic bomb and "the whole dirty business of war," Reuben G. Soderstrom, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, told the delegates to the State Federation's 64th convention here.

Soderstrom's plea for peace and his statement that "labor is better off without wars" brought cheers from the nearly 1,200 delegates representing 750,000 Illinois American Federation of Labor members.

Soderstrom said it appeared as easy to establish peaceful national habits "as it is to establish those that are warlike." He added:

"In the future the family of nations ought to spend as much time and as much money developing good will and friendliness between countries as the individual nations now do to maintain military departments, military equipment, and governmental occupational protectorates."

Discussing the workers' share in production and profits, Soderstrom criticized "those who say we of labor encourage

**THE MARCH OF LABOR**

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men and women not to produce a full day's work. "The trouble with this charge is—it is not true," Soderstrom said. "We say to the employer, bring on your improved machinery, bring on your tools, we will use them, but... demand our full share of the revenue which will come from the increased production through our tool."

**RUTH TAYLOR SAYS:**

To the Editor:

The following article grew out of a conversation I had with the Secretary of Commerce on my last trip to Washington. Mr. Wallace's viewpoint on this subject was so interesting to me that I asked him to put it on paper for you, which he graciously consented to do.

RUTH TAYLOR

**ON GROWING UP**  
By The Hon. Henry A. Wallace,  
Secretary of Commerce

Miss Taylor has asked me what I think is the greatest need of the country today. I replied: "Our greatest need is to grow up."

She then asked: "What do you mean by growing up?"

Wherefore this short statement on maturity.

A mature person is one who can carry responsibility not merely to-day or tomorrow, nor next week nor next month, but month after month and year after year. But along with this sense of everlasting responsibility must go a sense of forbearance, of tolerance.

My father in speaking of certain farm leaders used to say, "They are the good old wheel horses." In other words they carried responsibility year after year.

They knew the common objective. Nobody needed to tell them what to do. When young they had early learned what field ought to be plowed and when. They carried this responsibility straight through the season and so as young men they came to be looked upon as

mature people and after they became farm owners the community placed responsibility on them.

Today as regional, group and national conflicts multiply, we discover it is not sufficient merely to carry responsibility year after year, but it is also essential to catch the other fellow's point of view.

A great German mathematician had carved on his tombstone the simple saying "One must turn things around." The capacity to look at the problem from the other man's point of view is perhaps the most needed quality in the world today.

Tolerance need not make us wishy-washy. As a matter of fact any person who is used to carrying responsibility year after year, will never be wishy-washy.

All of this means merely that we need now a widespread educational program in certain character fundamentals—those character fundamentals which will cause us to become mature in an individual and in a group and in a national sense.

After every great war there is a widespread tendency to revert to childish habits. A certain amount of this kind of thing may be forgiveable in the first few months after a great war. In its extreme form it is found in the excesses of the peacetime celebration of the Day of Armistice. It is time now to put away these excesses which are characteristic of childhood.

This education cannot come too soon if we are to save those American values which we want most today as we confront the possibility of the biggest boom and the most serious bust this nation has ever seen.

**WORKING IT OUT**

By FRANCES PERKINS

Any labor man who read the daily papers in recent weeks cannot but be startled at the evidence of anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish prejudice in many parts of Europe. The sympathy of all right-thinking decent people goes out to human beings who find their lives and opportunities devastated by prejudices over which they have no control and which spring out of base racial and religious reactions.

One of the most immoral practices which men perpetrate against one another is the punishing, even the execution and imprisonment of innocent people in retaliation for a crime or wrong doing of another individual who cannot be apprehended. Such was the destruction of Lidice and the assassination of all its inhabitants because some one unknown person had assassinated a German police administrator. And yet the newspapers continue to carry news frequently that "nine Jews have been seized and imprisoned as reparation" for some offense, imaginary or real, committed by an unknown person. One reads that Jewish people are driven out of their homes, one reads that property seized by the Germans has not been returned to them. These are tragic and dramatic occurrences which indicate

that there must be many other individual and almost intolerable suffering taking place not only among the displaced persons but among people who have no security in their homes and in their occupations.

The sympathy which all Americans feel for these people is very real but the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Bevin, recently put his finger on a defect in American sympathy when he pointed out that although official and unofficial American groups are urging immediate opening up of Palestine for the immigration of European Jews there is no corresponding invitation to European Jews who find life intolerable to come to the United States either freely or in supervised negotiated settlements. This is a point of conscience with Americans. We shall have to think about it.

The Census Bureau says that 58,000,000 people are working for wages today, with 2,000,000 more in the army. And in most parts of the country there is a shortage of labor. This is a period of full employment, temporary perhaps, but real. Is this perhaps the time to consider ways by which more harassed Jewish people can be given refuge in this country?

ences were called by Admiral Morell.

There seemed little doubt that Mr. Lewis' minimum terms are those contained in the Government contract.

These called for an hourly pay increase of 18 1/2 cents for the 400,000 soft coal miners; the 5-cent royalty on each ton of coal for the miners' welfare and retirement fund, and adoption of a Federal mine safety code.

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