

TEXT OF LEWIS STATEMENT TO COURT

(Continued From Page 1) citizens the miners and I stand upon the rights guaranteed in the Constitution. This is labor's traditional position. For the purpose of acquainting the court with the historical position taken by the American Federation of Labor, permit me to read a paragraph from a report unanimously adopted by the American Federation of Labor at its 1919 convention:

"The fate of the sovereignty of American people again hangs in the balance. It is inconceivable that such an autocratic and tyrannical power can long remain in a democracy. One or the other must ultimately give way, and your committee believes that this convention should declare that, as wage-earners, citizens of a free and democratic republic, we shall stand firmly and conscientiously on our rights as free men and treat all injunctive decrees that invade our personal liberties as unwarranted in fact, unjustified in law and illegal as being in violation of our constitutional safeguards, and accept whatever consequences may follow."

This is still the declared and effective policy of the American Federation of Labor.

We are now confronted with the restraining order issued by this court November 18, 1946, which this court holds that the United Mine Workers and I have violated. Most respectfully, I must state to the court that the considerations that prompted our original course of action with respect to this coercive and all-embracing restraining order, issued without any opportunity given the defendants to present their side of the case, have not changed. On the contrary, recent events have greatly and acutely enhanced our initial conviction.

Speaking and acting in my official capacity as president of the United Mine Workers, an organization composed of some six hundred thousand coal miners, and as vice president of the American Federation of Labor with a membership of almost eight millions of American wage earners, and profoundly mindful of their highest traditions and basic rights I cannot, by action or by inaction acquiesce in what must be described as the ugly recrudescence

Uncle Sam Says



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U. S. Treasury Department of "government by injunction." I cannot disavow labor's principles or policies, nor am I disposed to adopt a course which will inevitably amount to a betrayal of their constitutional rights.

The mine workers are God-fearing, law abiding American citizens. They have not ceased work in defiance of their Government. On the contrary they have asserted their rights as free men to protect the unjust and arbitrary acts to which they have been subjected by individuals employed by the Government.

Without intending any personal disrespect to this court, I must respectfully but firmly stand upon those vital rights and freedoms that are rooted in our Constitution and that have given full expression by the Congressional mandates of 1914 and 1932.

AFL SOUTHERN POLICY BOARD HOLDS MEETING

(Continued From Page 1) ness and professional men of the South, setting forth the facts that wage-earners are customers and patients of business and the professional men, and point out to them the losses they suffer when

wage-earners are receiving sub-standard wages.

The AFL will present to each convening state legislature a legislative program far more comprehensive than ever before urged by labor, the policy board declared. Several years ago, it was pointed out, the AFL began a campaign for state labor legislation of uniform nature for all Southeastern states. That campaign, as reported to the policy board meeting, was halted by the outbreak of the war. All efforts to obtain labor legislation were suspended during the war, the report stated, and now will be resumed and vigorously pushed in all states.

Reports and recommendations made by members of the policy committee at Monday's session will be acted upon and the full program for the new year was adopted at Tuesday's session of the policy board meeting.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg.

Phyllis McGee, by her next friend, Warren C. Stack, Plaintiff, vs. William O. McGee, Defendant.

The above-named defendant, William O. McGee, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff through her next friend, Warren C. Stack, to obtain an absolute divorce upon the grounds of two years' separation, and the defendant will further take notice

that he is required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County at the Court House in Charlotte, North Carolina, within twenty days after the 2nd day of January, 1947, which date is at least seven days after the last publication of this notice, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said action.

This the 5th day of December, 1946. J. LESTER WOLFE, Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County. (Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26.)

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Vernie Mae Harrison, Plaintiff, vs. Fred Harrison, Defendant. The above-named defendant, Fred Harrison, will take notice

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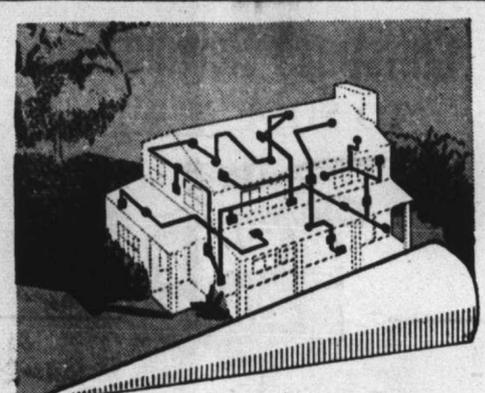
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