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Were it not for the labor press the labor movement would not be what it is today, and any man who tries to injure a labor paper is a traitor to the cause.
—AFL President Gompers.



LABOR PRESS NEEDS BE SUPPORTED

The recent meeting of the Southern Labor Publishers in Miami, The Journal hopes, is the beginning of a brand new era in Labor Press-Union relationship in the South. In the past too few have realized that the press and the membership are inseparable and that the two should be bound together, or let us say, welded together, for the advancement of both.

The Journal has noticed that there has been a tendency on the part of some unionists to pass over entirely too lightly the value of their labor publications. They have been too prone to toss them aside without taking note of their contents; and they have been negligent in paying the relatively small sum asked for a year's subscription to their paper; or else they have neglected doing their share in helping to see to it that the Labor paper is given the news about what is happening in his or her local union.

Fellows, all of this adds up to an answer which indicates something should be done to correct a badly neglected condition. Every member of Organized Labor needs a medium whereby he can keep himself familiarized with what is going on in the Labor World. Your medium reflects just what you do in helping to make it representative. This is just a simple case of mathematics. If you have a horse, or a dog, or a flower, or garden, and do not provide it with the proper nourishment and attention, what happens? You know the answer. This same example applies to your Labor press.

While The Labor Journal has been blessed to a great degree by having the co-operation of many, many unionists, there is yet considerable room for improvement. After attending the Southern Labor Press Association meeting in Miami the editor has returned with a new outlook, a renewed vim and vigor. The Journal intends to do its part to chronicle the Labor happenings in Charlotte, North Carolina, the South and Nation-wide. In this undertaking this paper needs have your support. It needs to know about what is going on in your local union in order that it can better serve you and all the other organizations in a more comprehensive manner.

The Journal's telephone numbers are 5-1776, 5-1777 and 5-1778.

MINNEAPOLIS CLU SALUTES PRINTERS

Sister locals of Chicago Typographical Union No. 16 are not the only ones who realize the value of the long battle Chicago Printers have waged against the Chicago publishers who are hiding behind provisions of the Taft-Hartley act in breaking past contract provisions with the Chicago printers.

The first central body in America to pledge its backing to the striking printers of Chicago was the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, and for fourteen months that support has been expressed by boycott action, financial assistance, and publicity in the CLU's official paper, the Labor Review. This editorial appeared in a recent issue of the Review:

"While the voter denunciation of the Taft-Hartley slave act is being credited to various persons, things and sources, we have not noticed the International Typographical Union and its affiliates getting the applause they deserve for the defeat of the Taft-Hartleyites.

"It was this international union and its branches, however, that made the outstanding battle against Taft-Hartley slavery on the industrial field and in the courts.

"In busy Chicago, pickets of the Typographical Union of that city served as a continuous reminder, to the millions who passed through Chicago, of the battle that union labor was waging against being enslaved.

"The refusal of the powerful Chicago local of the typos to bow to Taft-Hartley slavery helped to keep unions throughout the nation alive to the dangers of this vicious law.

"It took hundreds of thousand of dollars of the funds of

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the Chicago local and the International Typographical Union and other organizations to keep up this courageous fight, and emissaries of the unions brought the story of this gallant stand against Taft-Hartley slavery to all sections of the nation.

"Delegates to the 1948 convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor will long remember the eloquent presentation that Representative Wicks of the Typographical Union made of the Chicago situation and of how Chicago's Tribune and the other Chicago daily papers were attempting the destruction of the union.

"It was the plan of the Taft-Hartleyites to soft-pedal the Taft-Hartley law until after election; to make of it a veritable time bomb that would not explode in all its destructiveness of human freedom until after the election. It was the hope that organized labor would sleep through the election.

There was nothing that did more to make this impossible than the continuous struggle that the typos made against the Taft-Hartley law on the economic field. This struggle of the typos kept the outlines of TH slavery plain and unforgettable in the mind of every trade unionist.

"There is glory enough for all who aided in beating back this craftily conceived TH slavery, but to the International Typographical Union and its affiliates goes the credit for all time of continuous action that brought home the vicious provisions of the TH law."

It would be well if other unions throughout the country would emulate the action of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union and give the Chicago Printers the moral backing they deserve for waging one of the greatest battles in American Labor Union history in resisting the first big scale attempt to break down all American Unions. Chicago is not the only city in which the printers have been having trouble.

WORKING FOR REPEAL AT THE GRASS ROOTS

In mid-January striking members of No. 16 began visiting cities north, south and east of Chicago to stimulate activity for Taft-Hartley repeal. They have addressed a number of unions outside the printing trade, but for the most part they have concentrated on ITU locals and chapels, urging prompt action and advising those ITU bodies as to the best way of getting action from other local organizations.

All the speakers report excellent results. In some localities the Typographical and other unions had already acted, officially and through their individual members, and our emissaries have had occasion to thank them for it and to suggest to them how to widen the scope of their work.

While on the road the speakers have corrected many false impressions of the Chicago strike created by enemy propagandists. The Picket has received numerous letters from chapel chairmen, thanking No. 16 for sending out these speakers to nail lies peddled by ANPA agents and repeated by ANPA dupes.

It is planned to send speakers to many cities, especially in the West, continuing and expanding the campaign to repeal Taft-Hartley and giving full information on the Chicago printers' strike.

—Chicago Picket

HAMMOND STRIKE ENDS

The regular meeting of Typographical Union No. 16 on Sunday, January 30, voted to accept the counterproposal of the Hammond Times for settlement of the strike against that paper.

The publisher's proposal had been examined by the ITU contract department and approved as being in full conformity with ITU law.

The vote for acceptance, on secret ballot, was 849 to 254. An estimated 300 members declined to vote although present at the meeting.

This brings to an end a strike that began November 26, 1947, two days after the union's members walked out of the Chicago Herald-American, Tribune, Daily News, Sun-Times and Journal of Commerce. The strike against the Chicago dailies continues, as does the Chicago Defender lockout which began December 6, 1947.

Sixty-eight members struck against the Hammond paper 14 months ago. Of these, 12 had permanently withdrawn their cards from the chapel during the strike, 19 have been working elsewhere under emergency regulations, and 2 have been sick, leaving 35 available for immediate re-employment. Eight returned to their jobs on Tuesday, February 1, and more will be placed at work as the machines are put in running order.

The Hammond Times was established in 1906 and had always operated as a union shop. It has not previously had a contract, always operating under the wage scale negotiated between No. 16 and the Chicago publishers.

—Chicago Picket

AFL MOVIE OPERATORS WIN NEW PAY INCREASE

Columbus, Ohio. — Robert W. Greer, president of Local 386 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators, AFL, announced that the union and theater owners signed a 23-month contract calling for a minimum of \$54 a week.

The new contract, is to end 31 days before the 1950-51 New Year's eve rush business. It class for a top salary of \$70 for a 44-hour week, according to Mr. Greer. Salaries under the old contract, he said, ranged from \$47 to \$59.50 a week.

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