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Texans Make Good For Two Who Abscond

Harlingen, Texas—AFL unions in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas voted to publish a newspaper to make good upwards of \$6,000 taken by two men who had been retained to edit and publish a labor paper.

W. J. Cullens, secretary-treasurer Central Labor Union of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, advised AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany that all AFL unions should be on the lookout for the two men who gave names of Ted White and J. W. Hammond, the latter also known as Bill Baker.

Mr. Cullens said that the two men had been hired to edit a labor paper backed by the Central Labor Union after investigation resulted in favorable references from Virginia, Arkansas and North Carolina. He said the men disappeared with over \$6,000 worth of advertising and subscription money and left bills around \$500 for telephone service; \$400 for rent and photography.

"We are planning on making good all the advertising and subscriptions to those people who bought them by putting out a labor paper sponsored by all the local unions here," Mr. Cullens said. "Through a medium of contributions from all the local unions, we hope to be able to build a much needed labor paper and to clear the name of the American Federation of Labor in the eyes of the valley public."

In the meantime, Mr. Cullens urges that all AFL unions watch for the two men who embarrassed the AFL. He believes they may be operating along the Texas coast.

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Florence, Italy.—Listening to debate at United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization are, l. to r., Motion Picture Producer Samuel Goldwyn, Screen Actress Myrna Loy and President Richard Walsh of the AFL International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. The conference approved expansion of the program for democratization and self-education measures in Western Germany.

NLRB Cutbacks Hits Southern Campaigns

Atlanta, Ga.—Because of congressional reduction in the federal budget for the National Labor Relations Board, a reduction will be made in the force of the National Labor Relations Board.

J. L. Rhodes, southern director of the American Federation of Labor, said this cut may further curtail the services of the NLRB to the American Federation of Labor in the South.

It is feared that any further reduction of the services from the National Labor Relations Board will render that federal agency entirely useless to the labor movement.

During the organizing campaigns of the various AFL international unions in the South, it is incumbent upon them to use the labor board in many instances.

It is now evident that from 2 to 6 months are required to process a simple election petition. In the handling of unfair labor practices cases from one to three years or even more are required to handle those cases.

In view of these facts, many labor representatives have expressed the opinion to the Atlanta office of the American Federation of Labor that the reduction in forces of the National Labor Relations Board, by termination of approximately 160 employees, will have the net effect of wrecking the service the board has been able to render to AFL unions.

10,000,000 More Under Security

Washington. — Here are the groups that would be included in the social security program for the first time under the Senate bill:

1. 5,000,000 non-farm self-employed persons, mostly small businessmen and storekeepers.
2. 1,400,000 state and local government employees not now covered by their own retirement systems. These would be on a voluntary basis.
3. 1,000,000 farm workers who work five days a week for a single employer.
4. 1,000,000 domestic workers who work two days a week for a single employer.
5. 400,000 employees of non-profit organizations.
6. 200,000 employees of organizations owned or operated by religious groups.
7. 200,000 processors of farm products.
8. 400,000 workers in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
9. 200,000 federal civilian employees not covered by civil service retirement plans.
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