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UNION INDUSTRIES SHOW SETS HOST OF NEW MARKS

The 1951 American Federation of Labor Union Industries Show held in Chicago, was the greatest Labor show ever held. Despite two days rain, the nine-day event attracted 924,857 visitors.

Dan Smythe, Chicago Correspondent of the AFL News Service, says the show was the biggest in history, not only in attendance but in number of exhibits, there being 413 with a valuation on the displays of \$16 million. The size of the floor space used furnished space for more than a mile of exhibits.

Many "give-aways" were passed out daily to visitors. The Stove Mounters Union gave away five stoves every night, each valued at \$300. The Bottle Blowers gave away a car; the Bakers gave away a cake every 20 minutes; the Meat Cutters gave away each day the equivalent in cuts of meat one whole steer, one pig and two large sheep. On the closing night the Butchers gave away a fine Aberdeen-Angus steer and offered to deliver it alive or in steaks and roasts. The woman who won it elected to have it slaughtered and dressed before delivery. She was a South-side Chicago housewife.

Mr. Smythe reports that numerous representatives of foreign governments and foreign labor movements attended the show to study the immense and diversified productivity of American Union craftsmen. Nine attended from Great Britain, 16 from Germany, the labor minister of New South Wales and many others.

Few displays attracted as much attention as a B-29 with wings removed and one side replaced with plastic. An estimated 750,000 visitors walked up the ramp into the plane and through it during the show.

Raymond F. Leheney, show director and secretary of the American Federation of Labor Union Label Trades department, expressed great satisfaction for the tremendous success of the 1951 Show and also thanked the Chicago and Illinois Labor Federations of Labor and affiliated unions for the part they played in making the event the huge success it turned out to be.

A LABOR SCHOOL FOR THE SOUTH

For six years Eastern State College at Richmond, Ky., has conducted a Labor School under sponsorship of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor. This year the school will be held for two weeks, beginning July 15, and running through July 27. The two weeks course will cost \$70, which includes registration cost, room and board.

The announcement says training will be offered in labor legislation, collective bargaining, stewards' training and other subjects of interest to members of organized labor. Registrations or requests for further information should be addressed to Sam Ezelle, director department of research and education, Kentucky Federation of Labor, 312 Armyory Place, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

The Kentucky Federation of Labor is to be highly commended for its activities in promoting and establishing this summer school. Other States of the South have taken an interest in the work of this labor school and this year the Tennessee Federation of Labor adopted a resolution calling upon the American Federation of Labor to investigate the possibility and practicality of establishing a labor school for the whole South. The Virginia Federation of Labor also passed a resolution supporting the Tennessee Federation of Labor action and no doubt North Carolina Federation of Labor delegates will go to the Asheville convention in August and press for a similar action by the Tar Heel Federation of Labor.

Certainly these actions by Southern Federations of Labor indicate the South is awakening from its long sleep and is endeavor to take its rightful position in the forward strides being made by the American Labor movement throughout other sections of the country.

OH SAY, CAN YOU SEE?



FRENCH OFFICIALS AND PHYSICIANS STUDY U. S. REHABILITATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A dozen representatives of the French government, medical profession, and artificial limb manufacturers left last week for a 4-week tour of rehabilitation offices and centers in the United States and Canada.

The tour, sponsored jointly by the U. S. Labor Department, the Federal Security Agency's, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Veterans Administration, follows a week's introduction to U. S. rehabilitation methods in Washington.

During the Washington visit, the group heard a discussion of the United Mine Workers' rehabilitation program. A visit to the Health Center of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, in New York City, is planned.

Two of the physicians will spend all their time in New York and Boston, concentrating on plastic surgery and radiology in physical rehabilitation. The rest of the group will visit physical and vocational rehabilitation centers in Cleveland; Buffalo; New York; Raleigh, N. C.; Richmond, and Fishersville, Va.; and Toronto, Canada.

At the end of the tour, the group will return to Washington for further discussion on outstanding features of rehabilitation work in the light of their field experiences.

ALASKA NO GOLD MINE FOR WORKERS

Juneau, Alaska. — The Alaska Territorial Federation of Labor advised the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department in Washington that Alaska is no Shangri-La gold mine for workers.

Cledamae Cammock, executive secretary Alaska AFL, told national headquarters that extravagant claims of laborers earning over \$900 a month, carpenters \$1,300 a month, published in some newspapers, are misleading and causing many men great hardships.

On the contrary a carpenter's net check for 48 hours work in one week, living in a contractor's camp amounted to \$92.96. Milk, if obtainable is 40 cents a quart, bread 35 cents a loaf.

"The situation is a very undesirable one for all building trades," Mr. Cammock said. He asked the widest publicity to counteract the "Shangri-La" advertisements in Midwest and West Coast papers.

LEATHER WORKERS JOIN MEAT CUTTERS

Chicago. — The AFL United Leather Workers International Union amalgamated with the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America in a step approved by the AFL Executive Council.

Merger of the Leather Workers, headed by Bernard G. Quinn, Philadelphia gave the Meat Cutters upwards of 5,000 additional members and inclusion in its jurisdiction of wage earners in the harness and caddery industry and in the tannery industry, but not in the manufacture of pocket-books, leather novelties, luggage and leather belts.

Negotiations for the merger had been underway for some time.

JEEP JET 'COPTER

The Army has on order a little jet-powered helicopter, that folds up in a jeep, which two men, using ordinary tools, can stow away in a jeep. To tiny jet engines, one attached to each rotor of the plane, will power it. It will carry only its pilot and a radio and will be used mainly as a scout observation plane. The helicopter will



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