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SOUTHERN STATE FEDERATIONS OF LABOR ORGANIZE SOUTHERN LABOR INSTITUTE

This Committee was selected at Memphis, Tennessee on February 10th, when the State Federations of Labor met in session for consideration of ways and means of establishing better educational facilities for the workers of the South.

From left to right, seated in front row: E. H. Williams, President, Louisiana Federation of Labor; Enwarr H. Weyler, Secretary-Treasurer, Kentucky Federation of Labor; John D. Connors, Director, Workers Education Bureau of the AFL; J. L. Rhodes, Southern Director of Organization, AFL; W. L. Hines, President, Mississippi Federation of Labor; Stanton E. Smith, President, Tennessee Federation of Labor; Dean Baugh, Secretary-Treasurer, Oklahoma Federation of Labor.

Second row, left to right: E. J. Bourg, Secretary-Treasurer, Louisiana Federation of Labor; J. B. Pate, President, Georgia Federation of Labor; C. W. Mowery, President, Arkansas Federation of Labor; Charles M. Houk, Secretary-Treasurer, Tennessee Federation of Labor; S. V. Zinn, Secretary-Treasurer, Arkansas Federation of Labor; Albert C. Kaiser, President, Kentucky Federation of Labor; W. E. Allen, Secretary-Treasurer, Florida Federation of Labor.

Third row, standing, left to right: Henry W. Chandler, Secretary-Treasurer, Georgia Federation of Labor; Fred Hatchell, Secretary-Treasurer, South Carolina Federation of Labor; T. G. Beekham, Secretary-Treasurer, Mississippi Federation of Labor; Frank G. Roche, President, Florida Federation of Labor; J. Cline House, President, Oklahoma Federation of Labor.

Those not present who attended the sessions were Earl R. Britton, Please Turn to Page 3

LEST WE FORGET

By a Union Member

The time was late afternoon in the fall of 1934. The place: The U. S. Nitrate Plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, in which two of the furnaces had been converted to the manufacture of phosphates. The occasion: a personal inspection by President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A welcoming delegation had gone to Russellville, where the presidential party was to arrive by train. Instructions had been given not to approach the official cars too closely, and to make no sudden movement which might be misconstrued by the Secret Service men. The tapping of the furnaces had been delayed for more than an hour, so that the vividness of molten slag pouring out could add a needed touch of color.

When word was telephoned that the motorcade was approaching, the tapping crews began work feverishly. In a few moments a bright orange glow blended with the dusk, painting faces and steel beams in bold relief, and creating denser shadows in the background.

I had just gone off duty, and took a position in the cooling shed not far from the middle entrance. I thought at best to get a close look at the president in passing, but miraculously the big open touring car stopped directly in front of me, not over fifteen feet away. Mrs. Roosevelt smiled recognition as she saw the group of workers. You could sense her sincere interest. Franklin Delano Roosevelt flashed one of those big, robust smiles that heartened America. As if by pre-arrangement, the noises subsided. Then the President spoke. In resonant

tones and with the marvelously eloquent diction of which he alone was capable. He said, "There... is... activity... here... now."

Just five words. But we stood transfixed, because those five words summed up the story for the Muscle Shoals section. The story of false hopes aroused from time to time, only to be smashed. Of whole blocks of vacant stores. Of widespread bankruptcy, and hunger. "One-third of a nation ill-fed, ill clothed, ill housed" . . . "All we have to fear is fear itself." And now, the TVA, intent upon its task of developing an impoverished area. New hope, new direction, new purpose for millions. . . .

As the car moved away, the spell broke. My vision was blurred, but of those tears I was unashamed.

Students To See Schubert Festival

A \$3,000 grant, which will enable many high school students to attend this year's Schubert Festival, was announced to Virginia High Schools today by Dr. Lester S. Bucher, State Supervisor of Music.

Funds for this grant will be available on a matching basis to outstanding high school students from Virginia and adjacent states. Together these monies will defray all expenses of the students attending the Festival.

This fund, Dr. Bucher said, has been given anonymously to the Evening Concert Groups, sponsors of the annual Composers Festivals. The Concert Group organization has appointed as Chairman of the Matching Fund. Mrs. Andrew M. Bruce of Charles City, Virginia, who is also president of the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs.

Any community which has a High School is eligible to par-

ticipate in the grant and more than 100 communities can still be accommodated. The Concert Group funds will be distributed on a matching basis to those communities in which some service organization or individual is willing to make either one-half or all the cost of the Festival trip available to their local High School.

The average cost of sending a Virginia student to the Festival with all expenses paid is \$25.00. The cost of the Festival's events and food and lodging for three days is \$18.00. For students whose homes are more than 130 miles distant from Charlottesville, a \$7.00 contribution is made toward transportation expenses. For students who live closer to Charlottesville, full transportation costs will be paid.

No restrictions are attached to the availability of this matching money; and the method of selecting deserving students may be

decided by the local community of its high school.

Like last summer's Mozart Festival, the Schubert Festival will be a week-end of elaborate musical celebrations including internationally known chamber music organizations, orchestra conductors, soloists, and exhibitions of the composer's relics and other Schubertiana which are now being prepared in Vienna for shipment to Virginia.

\$3 MORE A WEEK

New York City.—Twelve thousand workers employed in more than a thousand Manhattan office buildings, members of the AFL Building Service Employees, won a \$3 weekly pay raise, retroactive to January 1. Union officials said they expect some 200 independent building operators to sign a similar contract for an additional 3,500 service workers.