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Union Industries Show Is Biggest 'n' Best Yet

A bigger and better AFL Union Industries Show bowed into Boston's Mechanics Hall last week. AFL President William Green, flanked by federal, state, and city officials and members of the AFL Executive Council participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the show.

Thousands of persons from all sections of New England crowded into the show during the first few days to see the \$20 million exhibit of consumer goods featuring everything from tacks to trailers, a brick-laying contest, selection of a beauty queen and a sheep shearing contest.

Gifts worth thousands of dollars will be distributed during the 8-day run of the show. Entertainment programs featured movie and TV stars.

Labor men in New England distributed 1 1/2 million free tickets to the show, which was the only means of admission.

Highlights of the exhibit included the Carousel of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union where cakes were decorated and distributed as gifts to the visitors; the demonstration of pottery making by the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters, and the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Finishers' Union exhibition of decorative plaster casting.

Teamsters display featured a city in miniature showing trucks marked with every industry served by the Teamsters Union.

The United Association of Journeymen Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the U. S. and Canada displayed the latest in home and industry fittings.

Hotel and Club Service, Local No. 277 of the Bartenders Union had themselves a problem, what with all—the thirsty New Englanders parading before their exhibit. The boys were right in there mixing drink after drink but the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission says no drinks can be given away—so-o-o-o the drinks went down the drain.

Meat Given Away
The Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers International Union of America's exhibit included the latest in brick walling, fireplaces, and tile shower stalls.

Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America demonstration of meat-cutting drew large crowds of spectators to watch their technique with the knife in preparing choice steaks, cuts of beef and other meats for the consumer table. The meat was given away to lucky ticket holders.

Another major attraction

of the show was the Armed Forces' exhibit which included the army's sniperscope which enables riflemen to see targets in the dark. The combined Army, Navy, and Air Force display was one of the largest military exhibits ever assembled in Boston.

Other major attractions of the show included exhibits of the Allied Printing Trades Council, Association of American Railroads, Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Union, International Broth-

erhood of Boiler Makers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers of America, Boot and Shoe Workers Union, Building Service Employees' International Union, United Brotherhood of Carpenters Joiners of America and the Casket Makers Local Union.

Miniature Trains
The International Chemical Workers Union had a sterling display as did the Cigar Makers International Union of America and the National Federation of Post Office Clerks had an eye-catcher in their electric train exhibit.

Retail Clerks International Association had a fine exhibit as did the Electrical Workers and the International Union of Operating Engineers and the American Federation of Technical Engineers.

The Associated Firefight-

ers of Massachusetts and the International Brotherhood of Massachusetts and the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers had interesting displays as did the Garment Workers of America and the Glass Bottle Blowers Association along with the Window Glass Cutters' League of America and Glaziers' Local No. 1044.

United Hatters, Cap, and Millinery Workers International Union displayed all types of head-gear from caps upward. The International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Ironworkers displayed pieces of their handiwork.

The International Jewelry Workers Union display traced jewelry from the crude to finished product. The Eastern Massachusetts Labor's District Council had a picture display showing the laborers' role in building and industry.

Camels Heaved
The International Union of Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers and the Laundry Workers International Union, Local No. 66, had working exhibits. The International Molders and Foundry Workers Union of North America and the Boston Musician's Association and the Office Employees International Union had prominent exhibits.

Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America displayed their skills along with members of the IATSE. The Stove Mounters had a large display of their handiwork and the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees explained the workings of their trade.

American Federation of Teachers and the Tobacco Workers International Union were represented with the former giving out pamphlets on education while the tobacco workers gave cigarettes. A trash basket was provided for non-union Camel cigarettes.

Upholsterers' International Union and the Union Tie Co. had elaborate displays.

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