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LLPE WARNS LABOR TO WATCH LEGISLATURES

Labor Taking Bigger Part In Chest Drives

American Federation of Labor members are taking a growing part in the work of Community Chests and Councils, Matthew Woll, AFL vice president, declared at the Labor-Management Social Work Institute, at the DeWitt Clinton Hotel, Albany, N. Y.

More than 40,000 AFL men and women are now serving on boards and committees of the chests and councils and Red Feather agencies, Woll said. He quoted a report of the Russel Sage Foundation which showed that "philanthropic giving in the U. S. in the last 20 years rose from \$1.2 billion in 1929 to \$4 billion in 1949, and the low-income groups contributed 60 per cent of the total.

Co-operation Theme

"Families with a net income under \$3,000 a year," he continued to quote, "contributed in 1943 more than 60 per cent of the total individual contributions, while 82 per cent of the total came from families with incomes below \$5,000."

Co-operation between labor and management in the work of the chests and councils was the theme of the institute, with Herman W. Steinkraus, president of the Bridgeport Brass Co., as the other main speaker.

Woll said that the AFL accepted the invitation of joining with the chests and councils in 1942, because "we realized that through their health, welfare, and recreational services, these agencies either directly or indirectly, rendered a daily service to our members and their families, as well as to other citizens in the community."

Subjects of panels and talks indicated the business of the institute. They were, "Labor-Management, Together We Build a Better Community," by Woll and Steinkraus; "Review of Our Year's Progress Together in Health, Welfare and Recreation," "Solving Problems Ourselves in Our Own Community," and "The Road Ahead for Labor, Management and Social Work."

Among AFL men who took part in the sessions were Art Ryan, Welfare Federation of Los Angeles Area; Hoy Taylor, United Foundation of Detroit; Stanley C. Elsis, AFL staff representative,

United Community Defense Services; Reg Kennedy, associate director, AFL Labor Participation Dept., Community Chests and Councils; Harold Hanover, secretary-treasurer of the New York State Federation of Labor; Joseph Cerutti, president, Albany Central Federation of Labor; Cyril C. Murphy, Community Fund of Chicago; Frank Berry, Greater Toledo Community Chest; Ward Feitt, Community Chest of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh; Walter Flanigan; Troy Central Federation of Labor; Peter J. Postma, president Joint Council 72, Teamsters; John B. Ryan, Jr., Local 227, Intl. Chemical Workers Union; Edwin T. Graham, Albany Typographical Union; Charles T. Mirabile, Construction and General Laborers Local 190.

Another institute was scheduled for June 7, at the Falmouth Hotel, Portland, Me., sponsored by the Portland Community Chest, the Council of Social Agencies, and the Central Labor Union.

Among the AFL men who will take part in this institute are Horace E. Howe, president, Central Labor Union; Frank X. Smith, Moving Picture Machine Operators Union, Local 458; Joseph V. Tobin, associate director, AFL Labor Participation Dept., Community Chests; Edward B. Geart, president, Local 7, Intl. Brotherhood of Telephone Workers; Louis Boudreau, IAM District 99; Joseph D. Meehan, Sr., Brotherhood of Railway Clerks; David Hastings, Teamsters.

The Milwaukee Journal paid editorial tribute to the recent institute in that city, saying that it showed an instance in which labor and management realized a joint responsibility.

Among the AFL members who took part in those sessions were Francis A. Henson, UAW-AFL; J. F. Frederick, general secretary of the Federated Trades Council; Mrs. Sophia Holz, president Local 9, Office Employees International Union; Otto Jirkowicz, Federated Trades Council; L. J. Wadsworth, regional director, Chicago.

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On Guard



Clerical Unit Shipbuilders Vote For AFL Representation

San Francisco workers in three plants were among the most important of the reports on certifications of elections by regional directors of the National Labor Relations Board.

A clerical unit of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. in a run-off election voted for the AFL, IBEW, 1,327; for the Utility Workers Union of America, CIO, 436.

Shipbuilders Go AFL
All inside and outside machinists, machinists' helpers and apprentices at the shipyards of the Pacific Coast Shipbuilders and Ship Repairers voted IAM 584; against 25.

All carpenters, shipwrights, joiners, boat-builders, marine millmen, and wood caulkers, their helpers and apprentices, were involved for Anderson & Christofani et al. The San Francisco Bay Area Locals 1149 and 311b et al of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, AFL, got 969 votes; against 59.

An election at the Corning Glass Works, Albion, Mich., resulted Amer. Flint Glass Workers' Union 409; Fed. of Glass, Ceramic & Silica Sandworkers of America, CIO, 188; neither 3.

Other elections were certified to include General Electric Co., Utica, N. Y., production and maintenance employees, IAM 116, IEU CIO, 106. Kwik-Mix Co., Port Washington, Wis., production and maintenance employees, IAM 80; Intl. Assn. Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, 13. U. S. Gypsum Co., Oakmont, Pa., production and maintenance employees, AFL Int. Bro. Paper Makers 110; against 17.

Chemical Co. Vote
Frontier Chemical Co., Denver City, Tex., production and maintenance employees, AFL Intl. Union of Operating Engineers, 32; against 10.

Gardiner Lumber Co., Gardiner, Oreg., production and maintenance employees in the plywood dept., Carpenters 66; Plywood,

Box Shook and Door, CIO, 52. Fitzpatrick & Weller, Inc., Salamanca and Ellicottville, N. Y., production and maintenance employees, Carpenters 49; against 20.

Wood Newspaper Machinery Corp. Plainfield, N. J., machinists, toolmakers, specialists, outside erectors, blacksmiths, etc., IAM 152; against 18. Production and maintenance employees, IAM 30; CIO Steelworkers 27.

Pond Lily Co., New Haven, Conn., United Textile Workers, AFL, 59; CIO Textile Workers 46.

Kennecott Copper Corp., Bingham Canyon, Utah, office, clerical, plant clerical, warehouse and technical employees, Office Employees Intl. 65; against 17.

Orders to bargain collectively upon request and to cease and desist were issued in the case of Safeway Stores, Inc., Boise, Idaho, in connection with the Retail Clerks; J. D. Jewell, Inc., and 20 employees, Gainesville, Ga., in connection with the Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen; the Louisville Container Corp., Louisville, Ky., in connection with the U.E. Whiting Corp., Spencer & Morris Div., Los Angeles, in connection with the Boilermakers; King's Trucking Co., and E. I. King Corp., Pawtucket, R. I., regarding the Bakery and Food Drivers; the Intl. Broadcasting Corp., Shreveport, La., regarding the IBEW as bargaining agent for its announcers.

RALPH BELLAMY HEADS ACTORS EQUITY ASSN.

New York City.—Ralph Bellamy was elected president of Actors Equity Association, and AFL affiliate, at the annual meeting.

Also elected were Maurice Evans, 1st vice president; Raymond Massey, 2nd vice president; Fredrick O'Neal, 3d vice president; Margalo Gillmore, 4th vice president; Paul Dullzell, treasurer, and John Efrat, recording secretary.

UNION LABEL DISPLAY HELPS LUMBER COMPANY

Memphis, Tenn.—One large lumber company learned through experience that the prominent display of the union label helps tell users of the quality of their product.

E. L. Bruce Co., manufacturers of flooring lumber, originally attached paper labels to bundles. Then they included the union label in the marking wheel which cuts the firm name into every two feet on the back of the strips.

Local AFL officials and company technicians, after months of experimentation, developed last spring a process of applying ink to the marking wheel so that the union label is more prominently displayed. The company also features the union label in its advertising copy.

"We have found that the displaying of the union label on our products," said F. H. O'Connor, vice president, "is a valuable instrument in conveying to the building industry and to the general public the fact that our products meet the highest quality specification, and that the users may expect to find the quality consistent, day after day, and year after year."

FILM COUNCIL FIGHTS PAY BAN

Hollywood, Calif.—The Hollywood AFL Film Council, composed of AFL unions and guilds representing more than 25,000 workers in the motion picture industry, called on all organized labor in California to help fight a threatened move to bar film workers from unemployment insurance when jobless.

The council pointed out that a special commission appointed by Gov. Earl Warren is expected to recommend to the legislature changes in the wording of the California Unemployment Insurance Act.

The film workers would not be barred by name, but by a change in the eligibility wording.

Postmasters Plan Opposed By AFL

The AFL went on record before the Senate Committee on Government Organization in opposition to Reorganization Plan No. 2 which puts authority for the selection of postmasters completely in the hands of the Postmaster General.

George D. Riley, member of the AFL National Legislative Committee, told the group that opposition was in conformity with action of all postal unions affiliated with the AFL for the following reason:

1. The plan is vague and offers no improvement over the present system.
2. The Ramspeck-O'Mahoney Act of 1938 purportedly put Postmasters under Civil Service. If it did there is no need for further legislation effecting the same purpose.
3. The presence of the Post Office Department is to put former postal inspectors practically exclusively in high executive and administrative jobs.
4. There is no assurance that career operating postal employees will have recognition under this plan.
5. Plan No. 2 is submitted at a time when it is almost impossible for the House to muster a constitutional majority on this proposal. The proponents apparently are taking their chances that the Senate likewise will be handicapped.
6. The Bureau of the Budget, the Hoover Commission and the Postmaster General have said that a Reorganization Plan is an impracticable method for accomplishing what the department through the White House now is attempting.
7. The Postmaster General has pointedly informed all postal employees that they must be on his "team." When postmasterships are shifted to unilateral action, it will be no problem understanding that with such personal political machine, as contrasted with semi-political, all postmasters personally must be beholden to the PMG. Is this the kind of "reform" the Hoover Commission, the national administration, and the Congress are ready to embrace? With such a personal machine of nearly 22,000 any man so-minded could win any and all elections, Hatch Act or no Hatch Act.

Albany, N. Y.—The New York State Labor's League for Political Education stressed the importance of trade unionists taking an active interest in the election of state legislators as well as that of members of Congress.

"The State Legislature," it said in its letter to LLPE members, "determines many laws and policies affecting not only the unions as such but also the very welfare of individual workers and their families."

Determine Taxes

"These state Senators and Assemblymen determine the question of taxation, both income and other taxes such as the real estate tax on our homes, the tax on gasoline, fuel oil, liquor, and cigarettes. And in many cases, they allow a sales tax which is paid by workers in greatest proportion."

The letter points out that the state legislators have made laws affecting the activities and functions of unions.

"They can improve or lower standards of our unemployment compensation law, our workmen's compensation law, and a multitude of other laws affecting labor if they are so minded," it continued.

"Affect All of Us"

"All of the things they do or fail to do affect all of us as citizens of New York State, and it is, therefore, of the utmost importance that our unions collectively, and our members individually, take an active interest in who represents them in the legislature or the Congress."

PRELATE BLASTS RENT "DECEIT"

Boston.—Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston charged that the end of rent controls "would effect a third of the population" and weaken America's internal resistance to Communism.

He said an amendment to lift rent ceilings which the Senate is considering is an attempt to fool the people and the Congress of the U. S.

On the surface, Archbishop Cushing said, the amendment to de-control all communities unless they are "critical" would seem "very sensible." But, he continued, the meaning of the word "critical" is "very limited."

A city must show not only a housing shortage but a "substantial immigration of defense workers" before it can qualify as "critical."

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