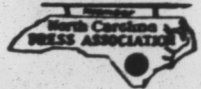


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Labor's Last Mile.....

No sincere Americans can be proud of the fact that American coal miners, men who call themselves citizens of the United States, chose to follow the leadership of John L. Lewis up to the zero hour and at that point made necessary the President's order placing the nation's mines under Government supervision. A tragic chapter in the history of the American Labor movement has been terminated by positive action, a decisive movement that came from the White House, but none too soon, and with rather more of suggestion of compromise than is in keeping with good judgement.

To many it must remain a mystery that the President for so long displayed a tolerant attitude, that he for so many months sought to deal with a Labor leader of such reactionary temperament as Lewis, who was and is willing to sacrifice on the altar of freedom all that Labor has gained in a hard half-century of progress. The President, until last week, was apparently under the illusion that the Coal Strike could be handled as a domestic issue.

That illusion is gone now, despite the fact that he and Lewis are calling the present arrangement a truce. The affair has ended in a slowly prodded display of dictatorial strength from the White House. It is a display that came not a moment too soon, for Lewis' behavior has been as salt in raw wounds to men and women doing our fighting on far-flung foreign battle-fronts.

American Labor, up to this point has been strong, often with the strength of Crusaders, but last week's performance was brutal rather than heroic and the hearts of those who have the interests of Labor at heart have been made sad in the process. In walking with Lewis Labor trod its last mile last week, unless the conferences now being held can be productive of a resurrection, with a new body and a new faith.

Locked Doors Have A Way.....

Person and Roxboro Red Cross chapter, after winning recognition last week for magnificence of response to the War Fund campaign and after showing further strength by setting up of an Executive Secretarial program soon to get underway under direction of Mrs. Sue Featherston — according to Dr. Robert E. Long, president, comes up lacking in another department — the surgical dressing unit.

Head of this unit is Mrs. J. H. Hughes, known as one of the most energetic workers Roxboro is blessed with, but neither Mrs. Hughes nor the faithful few who have been sticking by her can do all of the work. They should not be expected to do it all, even if they could.

Clearly, there must be a concerted and an organized response by more of the women who have previously assisted with the surgical dressing unit project, both in Roxboro and at Longhurst, and there must be response by hundreds of women here who have up to now excused themselves by saying they "do not have time". Major factor in slowing down of the surgical dressing program hereabouts is, we think, lack of realization.

Lack of realization, for instance, that some of the dressings made here may be the means of saving the life of the son of a Person man or woman. Lack of realization, and completely so, that casualty lists are growing . . . and that they will continue to grow until victory is won.

Roxboro and Person County, thus far, have been fortunate in that not many men and boys from here have been reported as killed, missing or wounded. God grant there will not be many in any category in the future, but regardless of continued good fortune, the women here have a job to do in the surgical dressing unit—and nobody else can do it for them.

If they could see the long casualty lists that come to the Times office from the War Department, reduced in shockingness only because of the ruling on departmentalized publication by States, Counties and Cities — if they could only talk seriously to the rather silent young men and women who are now coming back to home spots after months of service on battle fronts, perhaps, this editorial would not be necessary.

The obligation is clearly up to the women of Roxboro,

the mothers, sisters and wives, who if the noise of battle could be heard, would storm the surgical dressing rooms, even as they now flock to theatres, churches and bridge sessions. One night last week the doors to the Roxboro surgical dressing room were locked — because nobody came.

And in the night the cries of the wounded and the dying went unheard. Locked doors have a way of shutting out noise.

And The First Shall Be Last.....

This is the commencement season and in each Person and Roxboro school is being demonstrated a commendable rivalry, with each school striving to outdo the other in speaking attractions and in the drawing power of attractively arranged programs. Such rivalry is a fine thing and to be praised, except when it descends into a display of pouter-pridegeonism having nothing to do with rivalry.

A display of this nature occurred here last week when some of the patrons of a school in the Person system complained because the name of another school, quite by accident, took precedence in a news paragraph containing information about commencement exercises in both schools.

Personally, we are proud that Person's public schools are going ahead and we are prouder still of the clear-eyed young men and women who are graduating this week, but it is our considered opinion that the Person public school system is not yet large enough or strong enough to waste its strength in internal exhibitions of vainglory. One school or another in the system may have a better faculty and more students than its neighbor but no one institution in the system can afford for long to assume a superior attitude.

Such an assumption is against the democratic ideal upon which free education rests and school patrons who foster so narrow a vision do harm to themselves, to their children and to their school. The petty example furnished by the complaint about paragraph precedence is, happily, an isolated instance and will, we hope, be forgotten, but it is not the only demonstration of such character observed here during the year and that is the reason we have chosen to mention it.

The squirming and pushing to obtain Red Cross and War Bond totals and scrap iron piles and PTA attendance percentage figures are sins of the same category and there are few schools hereabouts that have not been guilty. Somewhere, somehow, sometime we ought to arrive at the conclusion that all of the schools in Person County and Roxboro are important and that no one institution, in the long run, is better than another merely because it is larger.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

Add: Words.....

Greensboro Daily News

A task of education, we learn from a speech made somewhere by Dr. Ralph McDonald—what's the difference where? He's all the time making a speech—is: To destroy the axis philosophy "through the quiet but devastating process of revealing the truth."

We hasten to concede that Dr. McDonald—who is a doctor of the same, in education or some allied subject—might define philosophy. He can, we doubt not, tell us what an axis is and give a pretty fair picture of the Berlin ditto; but we have never yet been able to see him as backed up against a "quiet but devastating process" of any sort.

And unfortunately education in these parts isn't built that way either. Sometimes we think if it would be quiet for a while and let nature take its course, it might be able to come up for air and get it. Having in a manner of speaking proven its attendance, there

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R. D. Bumpass

might thereafter come to it an opportunity for devastating something.

But, frankly, what Dr. McDonald just now is uttering runs mostly to words.

Beer Clean-Up Close-up Figures Cited For Quarter

RALEIGH, May 5.—The Beer industry's "clean-up or colse-up" campaign resulted in disciplinary action against 78 retail outlets in 29 counties during the first four months of 1943.

Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, State director of the Brewing Industry Foundation's North Carolina Committee, said the committee warned 51 outlets to correct unsatisfactory conditions, and filed revocation petitions against 27 outlets.

As a result of these proceedings, the retail licenses of 15 outlets were revoked, seven dealers were denied renewal of were placed on probation. Petitions are pending against three other outlets.

Field representatives of the

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