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Idaho Lumberjacks Aim at New High Mark in Genuine Union Organization

The Pendulum of I. W. W. Activity is on the Up-Swing; Both New Workers and Old Timers are Bent on Holding What Was Won in the Strike of 1936 and Getting Much More

The lumberjacks organizing by the I. W. W. resembles a swinging pendulum. It goes up, it goes down. But it always moves. Furthermore it always leaves something to mark where it reached its high point. It was at a high point in Idaho last summer. After the strike and this spring it went down again and now is again taking hold. But even when it was at a low ebb the better conditions that were aimed at last summer remain to remind everyone that the I. W. W. had been there in force. From all signs the pendulum of the I. W. W. is going into an upswing again and when it does a new high level in organization and workers' conditions will have been reached.

Last year when the strike was in the offing hundreds of new and young members were lined up. Their influx into the short logs was the result of the bosses' maneuver to bring in new workers from the east and from wherever they could recruit them and so use them against the I. W. W. members in the event of a strike which the companies expected. However they misread the sign of the time and the prevailing spirit of organization among the workers and the outcome was that the I. W. W. had merely to show these newcomers that the conditions that prevailed here, and which the outsiders thought were good in comparison with those in eastern and southern lumber camps, were the results of the past actions of the organized lumberjacks in the I. W. W.

Government Sets Small Value On Workers' Lives

Labor this week received a fairly definite idea of just what monetary value the Government places on workers' lives, and it is safe to say that labor isn't very happy about what it has learned. The U. S. Maritime Commission has offered a \$50 bonus to seamen and officers aboard Government-operated vessels which enter the Spanish or Chinese war zones.

Though we organized them, still they were raw material that had to be taught and trained in labor unionism and labor tactics. Despite this new element which made up the great majority of the strikers last year it took the combine forces of the boss, the police and the militia to keep the operators from having to make an official announcement of (Continued on page 4.)

Wobblies Put Stop To Long Hours on Fruit Picking Job

WATSONVILLE, Calif.—The secretary of the American Separation of Labor fruit workers' local together with a few other scissorbills tried to set a new record on the apple orchards here. In one orchard, with the local "union" secretary, himself leading the charge, they worked 13-hour days and when the wobblies, also employed on this job, protested and refused to follow suit, the scissors got sore and declared they would work as long as they pleased.

The I. W. W. in Theory and Practice

The new I. W. W. in Theory and Practice by Justice Ebert will be ready in a few weeks. It's a fine book, fully up to the high standard of earlier editions and is up-to-the-minute as industrial unionism itself.

Anti-Labor Town Tolerates Guild

NEW YORK.—Brooklyn witnessed the first protracted mass picketing ever tolerated by the anti-labor police and the borough chamber of commerce, as 400 to 500 American Newspaper Guild strikers marched nightly around the Brooklyn Daily Eagle plant.

Gentry Is the Name

Fourteen months ago he was unknown, a stranger in a strange land. Today, his name is on a million lips, east to west, north to south. Honor and sympathy are his. Gentry is the name, Dalton Gentry. A name that is engraved in labor's story of struggle, engraved so deeply that it will stand embazoned generations to come, when the Weyerhaeusers, the Morgans will be forgotten and the power they wield but a faint and unpleasant memory.

Upper Michigan Camps Improved


MARENSICO, Mich. (FP)—One of the worst holes in the American industrial picture—the upper Michigan timber belt—has had the first installment of the cleaning up for which it is long overdue as a result of the recent 16-week lumberjacks' strike.

Truce Declared In Coast War to "Save the Crops"

SAN FRANCISCO.—A truce was declared in the west coast war, bitterest engagement to date between AFL and CIO unions, as teachers' officials decided to call off the waterfront blockade and again order members to truck cargo to and from the wharves.

Nothing New About This Sitdown!

PROOF OF MOONEY'S INNOCENCE



AGRICULTURAL WORKERS UNION REVIEWS ACTIVITIES AND LAYS PLANS TO EXTEND ORGANIZATION

Pledge Cooperation With Industrial Union No. 520 and Urge Diligent Organization Work be Carried on Among California Farm Workers, Send Greetings to Class War Prisoners, Nominate Officials

CASHMERE, Wash.—The Twenty-Sixth Annual convention of Agricultural workers Industrial Union No. 110 which was held here recently was occupied chiefly with the many details pertinent to the work of carrying the message of industrial unionism to the sadly neglected migratory workers who annually harvest the nation's crops.

Reports on organization work now in progress were received favorably and the plans now in operation were endorsed without material change. A motion was passed, however, calling on all I. U. 110 members free to do so, to go into California to help carry on I. W. W. work there later in the year.

Speeches were ordered sent to all the class war prisoners.

Arizona Federation Drops CIO Unions

MIAMI, Ariz. (FP)—Farewell and best wishes to locals of the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO affiliate, was voted by the Arizona State Federation of Labor convention here, which in line with A. F. of L. national policy, passed a resolution supporting the A. F. of L. and condemning the C. I. O.

Omaha Bee-News, Hearst Sheet Dies

OMAHA, Neb.—The Omaha Bee-News, Hearst's Omaha newspaper, has died. The Hearst chain has consistently denied that the Bee-News was to be sold. However, recent papers carried the announcement that the circulation listed and the plant of the Bee had been sold to The Omaha World-Herald, and this publication was suspended. Both the circulation and advertising of the Bee had gone down in recent months, although there was no organized Hearst boycott.

LAY OFF OF POTLATCH LOGGERS SEEN AS PART OF COMPANY PLAN TO CUT WAGES IN WINTER CAMPS

Martyr's Widow Heads Haymarket Memorial Move

CHICAGO.—Mrs. Lucy Parsons, widow of Albert Parsons, one of the five innocent men executed in the famous Haymarket case in 1887 in the Chicago 8-hour day, will head a committee of unionists sponsoring a gigantic memorial to the Haymarket martyrs Nov. 11, 60th anniversary of their execution.

Hope Men Will Beg For Jobs at Any Wage

LEWISTOWN, Idaho.—Potlatch Forests, Inc. has issued a stop order in further log production affecting two rail camps and two river camps in the Clearwater woods. In an announcement sent to employees in the camps the company states that the logs now on hand at the Lewistown mill pond will suffice to fill orders during the winter. The mill is to be run on a cash-basis from now on until business picks up according to the announcement.

Hat Makers Seek Reinstatement of Prodigal Unions

NEW YORK (FP)—The United Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Intl. Union will take the same stand at the Denver as at the Tampa convention, Max Lewis, general executive secretary, said as he prepared to leave for the A. F. of L. assembly.

Nine Dollars a Month Supports A Child Refugee

NEW YORK.—Several branches of the American League Against War and Fascism have undertaken to support one or more children's homes in Spain.

Hoosier Governor To be Mediator in AFL-CIO Dispute

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (FP)—A unity resolution amounting to a mandate to the executive officers was adopted unanimously by the Indiana State Federation of Labor as the 52d annual convention neared its close.

Arizona Federation Unions Unite Against Anti-Picketing Law

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Labor council and the building trades council have organized a joint committee to fight proposed re-enactment of an anti-picketing law. The new law would be much more drastic than the one repealed last November.

FLINT AUTO WORKERS GET NEW CROP OF PIECARDERS AND FRESH 'NO STRIKE' ORDERS FROM LEWIS

Rank and File Members Want Democracy in Their Organizations and Are Willing to Fight for C. I. O. Fails to Make Progress in Ford's River Forge Plant

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 3.—The Flint local of the United Automobile Workers of the C. I. O. incurred the wrath of Lewis and his committee which in turn ordered the executive committee of the U. A. W. to DIVIDE and RULE the auto workers of Flint.

Why the divide? Because the Flint unit is composed of members who are opposed to and fight the rulings of the executive committee and of the puppets who echo the murmurs of "Dues" Lewis who are handed down via President H. Martin of the U. A. W.

