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WAGNERS LOBBYING THEM BACK ON JOB

Bridges Has Fine Plan For Bosses

Offers 5 Strikeless Years in Return for Employers' Promise

SAN FRANCISCO—We are prepared to sign a 5-year peace plan for the San Francisco waterfront, guaranteeing against strikes and stoppages of work during that period, in return for nothing but an equally binding stipulation that none of the bettered conditions won since 1934 will be challenged or repudiated.

Harry Bridges said this to the Junior Firemen Trade Assn., which had invited him to speak against proposals from its parent body. He added that the proposal would be activated when the Ship Clerks Union (CIO) contract was signed and "the last open shop loophole eliminated permanently."

At least some rank and file workers in Harry's corral are wondering what can make him so cocksure that before the end of five years they won't be demanding better than the "bettered conditions" won in 1934. Or has he reached the conviction that the business of the rank and file is to pay its dues and keep its mouth shut?

Find Army Better Than Relief

Difference in Pay Is Spur To Patriotism

TORONTO, Ont.—(WNS)—Met a former shipmate of mine and heard some news that should interest industrial workers. My friend volunteered for His Majesty's service because his not so generous government was giving him only \$7 a month for relief. His wife got no relief when she learned that she and the child would get \$63 a month if he enlisted. Unable to pass the physical examination on many industrial jobs, he was surprised when he passed the army examination. Several others in his outfit joined under the same conditions. They are showing their gratitude by closing BOWTH eyes when aiming at targets.

There are many workers here from the states. They get preference over the boys who are looking for work. The native is asked for a rejection slip from the recruiting office as a condition of employment.

NMU TAKES IN TANKER FINKS AT SI HEAD

CLEVELAND, O.—(WNS)—Seamen on the beach here are getting considerable amusement from the latest antics of the Communist Party. The National Maritime Union (CIO) is whitewashing East Coast tankers at \$1.14 head. An attempt to extend this \$1.14 book to the lake seamen is not getting the expected response but has created the NMU a new name. The Kremlin is now referred to as the "DMS" hall.

Qualified seamen are receiving letters from licensed officers inquiring if they want jobs next spring. Also, slightly under 25 years of age who haven't sailed before is almost sure to get a job if he is smarted up a little. Those that were introduced to the ships last year will find it almost impossible to get jobs on ships. They have served their purpose and from now on they will be the lake carriers labor reserve.—X312-307.

FIND CONTRACT DOESN'T SECURE AGREEMENT

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Although the terms of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union contract with the manufacturers provide for a weekly wage ranging from \$28.50 to \$55, some of the firms here have been paying as low as \$15 a week, investigation discloses.

In this industry as in others, it has long been clear to workers that with or without contracts, the workers on the job must be ever vigilant if they expect to maintain conditions and improve them. More than that, they are learning that in the never ending struggle with employers nothing must be permitted to interfere with job action in individual shops.

In the instance the ILGWU at long last is endorsing stoppages to force employers into line on the wage question.

PHELPS DODGE LOSES IN NLRB DECISION

WASHINGTON—The Phelps Dodge Corp., which controls the rich Arizona copper mining district, was ordered Jan. 17 by the NLRB to reinstate 37 workers who took part in a strike at the company's Bisbee, Arizona, mines from June 10 to Aug. 24, 1935.

The firm also ordered to cease discouraging membership from organizing. Because the strike started almost a month before the Wagner act went into effect, the company had argued that it was not obliged to reinstate the men.

The dismissals in the 1935 walkout were mild treatment compared with Phelps Dodge methods of the past. When 1,200 miners struck in 1917, the company used prohibitively more than two miners from eating lunch together underground, but there is no limit to the dances and picnics staged by the company stooges.

Frisco Hospitals May Be Struck

SAN FRANCISCO—Workers in 11 hospitals here want wage raises. They are organized and they have "strike sanction" from the Labor Council. If they do strike, it is believed they will be joined by the Pharmacists. Both groups are in the AFL.

A Lumberjack Decides on a Way to Win

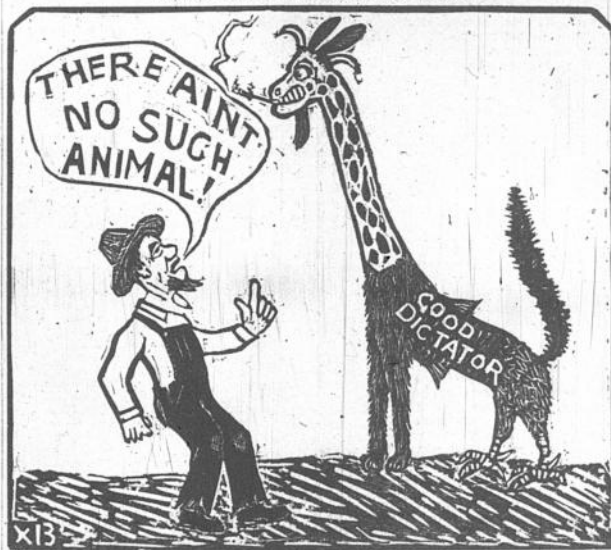
"They cheated me," they double crossed me," "I have paid them my hard earned money," "they are living off the fat of the land, and damn them, they are a rotten bunch"—these more or less connected remarks I was able to sift out of a barrage of logger language that flowed at great speed and much vigor from the man addressing me.

For a moment I thought he was drunk, but since I detected no odor of liquor I was forced to conclude that he was sober and I wondered why he approached me in such a temper. Plainly he wasn't sore at me but at some party or parties as yet undisclosed.

Usually when men act that way, I take a mope for myself, because as a general rule they are under the influence of John Barleycorn and they really are not responsible for their actions or for what spews forth from their mouths; neither are they good company.

But in this case, sensing that the man had something important to say and in a sweat to get it off his chest, I asked him to calm down and to let me in on what was the matter. "Maybe," I said, "I'll be in a position to sympathize with you if you let me know what it's about."

NO USE HUNTING FOR ONE OF THESE



Experiment in Patriotism Leads Kirk to Jail and Back

Arthur Kirk quit his job on a St. Catharines, Ontario, farm and came to Hamilton to join the army. No recruits were required at the time Arthur was soon broke, and the Canadian government does not provide meals and lodging for those waiting for a chance to join its active service force, except in jail.

So to jail went farm worker Kirk, and a patriotic magistrate remanded him for eight days on a vagrancy charge, promising to further remand him until such time as an opportunity came to enlist.

The plight of a youth being kept in jail while waiting for a chance to fight for international capitalism became front page news. A job must be found for such a loyal and faithful boy.

Wires buzzed between Ontario's Queen's Park and Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Cabinet Ministers were interested in his case. Provincial Minister of Labor, N. O. Hipel, reported that a job had been found for him. Nixon, Provincial Secretary, ordered his release. Arthur Kirk boarded a bus for St. Catharines, where his former employer had agreed to give him back his \$3.00 a week farm job.

Rockier to Speak in Chicago

CHICAGO—Rudolph Rocker, author, lecturer and internationally known proponent of the anarchist philosophy, will speak in Chicago Friday evening, February 2, in the ballroom of the Covenant Club, 10 N. Dearborn Street. His subject is, "The Role of Dictatorship Throughout History." The lecture will be in English.

Fifty cents will be charged for admission.

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As They Say It In Australia

Employed on the sewerage job at Wills Street is a man whose duty it is to boil the bills for the men. After he has done this he takes over a job as houseman. The other houseman says that he has developed into a Phar Lap as a matter of fact, he is trying to speed them up. We wonder where this will get him. He will receive little thanks for this from the boss, and is making himself a nack with his mates. Why not cut it out? Don't make yourself a nack with your mates.

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Government Takes Crack At J. Ryan

Moves to Remodel Job Trusts More To Boss' Liking

NEW YORK—Another step in the government's campaign against trusts for alleged anti-trust law violations came with the indictment of 11 AFL union officials and 3 locals. Among them was Pres. Joseph P. Ryan of the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn.

The case followed a series of similar indictments of union officials—mostly in the building trades—in Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Washington, New Orleans and New York.

Unlike the other cases, this one involves alleged monopolistic practices arising from a jurisdictional dispute. On one side are IIA Locals 1185 and 471 and Local 982, Intl. Bro. of Teamsters Chauffeurs Stables and Helpers. On the other side is Local 104, United Retail and Wholesale Employees (CIO).

All three organizations have contracts in the local retail lumber industry.

The AFL unions are charged with boycotting and blacklisting retail lumber firms under CIO contract, preventing delivery of more than \$2,000,000 worth of lumber. CIO workers were prevented from going on the docks to pick up the lumber and AFL teamsters were forbidden from delivering it to the lumber firms under CIO contract, the indictment charges.

Requesting an immediate trial, Ryan said: "My only complaint is that my associates and myself are absolutely innocent of this charge."

WISE UP YOUR PARTNER THROUGH IWW LITERATURE

To all workers who read the Industrial Worker:

If you read the Industrial Worker and agree with its views and aims, then you must want other ways and means to feel the same way and to be informed along class struggle lines. It is your fight and no one else will fight it for you.

Do your part to smart up the man working beside you on the job. It strengthens your position to have him know what the score is. If you can't line him up in the IWW at least see to it that he is reading the Industrial Worker by sending in his name and address and a three months subscription to the paper.

The more you do about this fight today the easier it will be tomorrow. And remember, it's a check you'll have to fight.—Drs. 62-CO.

COAL DRIVERS COMPROMISE
NEW YORK—A 4-day combination lockout and strike of 2,500 coal truck drivers ended when the union compromised in behalf of the men on a 75 cents a day increase. Drivers' wages will now be \$8.75 a day. The important demand for helpers on large trucks was ditched in the settlement.

Solidarity Forces Lorain Boss to Pull in His Horns; Further Demands Coming

Manager Had Fired Shop Committee and Refused to Renew Working Agreement; Promise of IWW Action Changed His Mind

LORAIN, Ohio.—(WNS)—Another victory for the Steel Stamp and Job Branch at Lorain, Ohio, of the Metal and Machinery Workers Industrial Union No. 460 of the IWW was recorded in the minds of Lorain's laboring class after two long drawn out conferences had taken place between the management, IWW shop committee, and the Field Examiner of the National Labor Relations Board, Andrew Meyer.

The employer's threats, embodied in the company's counter-proposal of moving its plant to another city, having failed to take the place of its present made employees, increasing the production of the plant, or instituting a wage cut of 12 1/2% have been defeated by the militant IWW shop committee as they hold fast to the principle of IWW solidarity.

Where are Your Credentials?
At the 100th and 6th demand of IWW two-and-a-half cent expired December 31st, 1939 at the Steel Stamp and Job Branch at Lorain, Ohio, the management tried to break up the union in the shop by refusing to sign a new working agreement with the workers.

The company's first move toward its illegal attempt was to try off the IWW shop committee under the disguise of the "shackening in production" which was detected by the NLRB. Its final attempt was to try off the management refused to recognize the laid-off shop committee on the grounds that they could not represent the men on the job.

When the IWW shop committee denounced the management for a conference they were asked a sarcastic "where is your credential of IWW representation and authority," by "Sunary" Harry Bregman, Secretary and General Manager of the Company.

Here It Is—Wise Guy!
Realizing that the company's program of demoralizing the workers on

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FOR THE FOUR HOUR DAY AND THE FOUR DAY WEEK

Letters to the Editor

LEST WE FORGET

Homex, Alaska
Fellow Worker Editor:
We often hear criticism even in left-wing circles of New Deal policies and, no doubt, much of such criticism may be justified, though it is equally true that many of Roosevelt's social policies are incomparably more humane than those of his critics.

However, it may be interesting to speculate as to whether it might be of the best interest to John Workes, eventually, which of the parties, the liberal or the conservative, try its power. It is actually true that the more the said John Workes is good and started the quicker he will revert to it, rather, true that furnished sufficient food, shelter, clothing and education he might more quickly voice his discontent.

On our side are many faint-hearted liberals who, though discouraged, would hold the white flag and surrender the fort. They may point out with much truth how dumb, seemingly worthless and even, at times, treacherous many of our class appear to be; yet the fact remains, we are not only the fittest for freedom to express and to develop our personal egos, and for the sake of posterity, not by resentment but for the reason that we, having a common cause, are of necessity fighting a common foe in defense of true standards.

It should be encouraging rather than otherwise to have survived so many failures, as our heart-breaking misery, coma and agony of brutal slavery and defeat, that death in comparison seems a happy release. Yes, yet we have survived and have multiplied, and have braved the heat that spurred us on; we cannot if we would quit. "Soldier of discontent." What, we lack, I think, is "businessness." It is not a matter of name, but of attitude. We need to be reminded that however numerous our human frailties, that dignity, self-respect, and persistence—Dick Gray.

REBELS MAKE PROGRESS

Buffalo, N. Y.
Fellow Worker Editor:
This is a subject that came up in my high school class where it couldn't be discussed fully. I am connected with an IWW branch, I felt, further discussion might interest Industrial Worker readers.

The men and women who accept the world as it is cannot be called rebels. A rebel is one who refuses to accept unjust conditions and who revolts against them. These are the people who ought by right be called courageous and heroic citizens, not those who submit to slings from the upper classes in order to avoid trouble. Those who, being oppressed, fear to reveal those who oppress them, are called cowards. Their independence and make it hard for others to know them. Yet it is such as these that are called good, peace-loving citizens, as far as the working class is concerned, they deserve our scorn.

These "good citizens" are the real slaves, for they are king slaves and disregard the truth. They are the people that hinder the advance of the working class toward a better life. Though they suffer along with the rest of the poor yet they choose, not to help the workers, but to help the capitalists against their more militant brother workers. In return the capitalists reward them with promises which are never fulfilled.

In spite of this opposition from members of their own class the rebels continue to strive for advancement and to live according to their true character. Rebels receive little recognition from capitalist institutions. In every school in the country the important part played by rebels throughout history is ignored or made to appear as small and unimportant. They are not even granted the Magna Carta, forgetting or pretending not to know that it was the strong hands of rebels that forced the granting of such rights as the Magna Carta.

Every advantage or privilege enjoyed today by workers came as the result of struggle by rebels, not from the kindness of a president or some powerful person of the upper class.

Though at times it seems the people who have a true rebel spirit are few in number, their achievement in progress is too great to be denied.

As for the others— "They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three." M. E. Varg.

LEWIS BUYS CANADIAN WAR BONDS

WASHINGTON—Official information given out at United Mine Workers headquarters to the effect that the union has purchased for \$200,000 worth of Canadian war bonds comes as no surprise to workers who know the ways of the Lewis officialdom.

In such matters, as in others, John L. Lewis is quick to see the side of the capitalists and to think as a capitalist. Regardless of how those bonds may be tinged with the blood of sacrificed workers, he can easily soothe his conscience with the thought that it is a good, sound investment.

President Lewis of the UMWA has no compassion or sympathy for the workers of other lands. In 1926, during the English coal mine strike, he utterly refused to lend the piece of the English miners not to scab on them—Alex Boris.

Murray Has Haywire

Why Ask Employers' Stogoes to Correct Our Economic Ills?

PITTSBURGH—In a radio talk over a nationwide hookup Chairman Philip Murray of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) called upon Pres. Roosevelt to call a conference of "responsible leaders from the government, industry, labor and agriculture who should be commanded by the government" to work out a solution to "America's No. 1 problem: unemployment."

"Unlike Mark Twain's observation that 'everybody talks about the weather but nobody seems to do anything about it,' he declared, 'we in the CIO believe that in talking about unemployment something will be done about it.'

The point I wish to make is this: even though industry teaches two heights in production, heights before the strike of 1929, the fact remains that these 2,500,000 men (displaced since 1929 by new machinery) were not recalled to their jobs. And it is reasonable to raise the question whether they ever will be recalled."

Murray compared the present unemployed figure of close to 10,000,000 with the 2,500,000 figure of the 1929 boom days and pointed out that in the industrial state of Pennsylvania 90 per cent of the state's 1,000,000 inhabitants were out of work.

Terminology solution to the unemployment problem the most important national defense program, he said. "No better national defense can be built than one which encompasses the reemployment of the 10,000,000 unemployed."

These millions of unemployed men and women are ready subjects to be introduced to a revised bill mandating the use of demagogues who actually desire to undermine and destroy our democratic institutions," Murray warned in conclusion.

Mr. Murray of the CIO has correctly stated the situation that exists in America today. His solution, however, is haywire. The "responsible leaders" whom he wants to draft for the job of ending unemployment would bring on dictatorship and destroy democratic institutions as quickly as would the demagogues whom he justly condemns.

A wide-awake and mature labor union can set society on the road to progress and justice; nothing else. For a moment to appeal to government especially to propose "commandeering by the government," is a clear confession of desire by a would-be shepherd to cooperate with the wolves who rob labor.

NEW JERSEY STILL OUT TO GET ALIENS

In a move to get around the Federal court ruling voiding an alien registration law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey legislators are preparing to introduce a revised bill mandating the use of demagogues who actually desire to undermine and destroy our democratic institutions as quickly as would the demagogues whom he justly condemns.

The revised measure was approved by Governor Moore's Advisory Council, a wartime emergency committee. As now drawn, the bill applies to all aliens in the state, who will be required to register with their local police departments or with the nearest State Police station.

Labor Spy Sues And Loses

Impossible to Hurt Reputation of Fink Herding Agency

NEW YORK—H. S. Boulton, operator of a Harlem private detective agency, thought he was libeled when Edward Levinson, in his book I Break Strides, said that the Boulton agency supplies Negroes to spy on workers, as well as finks and nobles.

Boulton sued in the New York court supreme court for \$100,000—\$50,000 from Levinson and \$50,000 from McBride, the publishers. The case came before Justice O'Brien. Boulton offered to settle his \$100,000 suit for \$400, but Levinson refused.

At the trial A. Philip Randolph and Frank Crosswhite, Negro union officials, testified that Boulton acted as a spy on union pullman porters. They said his reputation could not have been damaged, because his reputation was already bad before the book came out.

A letter from Boulton's office quoting rates on strikebreakers was introduced in evidence. It disclosed the case against Boulton.

CIO LOSES TO AFL IN BRIDGEPORT

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—The Building Trades Council has won the first test in the AFL-CIO dispute centering on participation in Bridgeport's \$6,500,000 slum clearance and rebuilding project. The AFL organization got the contract for labor over the protest of Local 79, United Construction Workers Organizing Committee (CIO), which had demanded a 50 per cent share.

Although the contractor has assured the CIO union that he will make "a sincere effort to see that no out-of-town labor is imported into the city until the stock of local building mechanics has been exhausted," the AFL union insists on a closed AFL shop and declares that it will not work on the job with CIO members.

Bridgeport has long claimed to be some sort of "socialist" town. It was recently reported that the town fathers were much inclined to favor non-union labor because it was to be had at a cheaper rate.

Burglar Alarm Picket Enjoined

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—An anti-labor injunction against secondary picketing was issued by Supreme Court Justice Charles J. Dodd. The picket line of the Electrical Workers (AFL), from picketing Sol Katzman & Co., jewelers, for using a nonunion burglar alarm system.

A Few Facts About Finland

Background of Mannerheim Who Now Leads Supposed Fight for Democracy

(From Industrialist)
A phase of the Finnish question to which our press has given very little honest attention of late is the historical angle. After investigating some of the details connected with the present regime it is difficult to see how any labor organization can support the Mannerheim government.

Finland was a Grand Duchy of Sweden prior to the nineteenth century. Russia declared that she would never by treaty safe from foreign powers with the border only thirty-three miles from St. Petersburg, fought with Sweden and was ceded Finland in 1809.

From then, until 1917, Finland had a domestic autonomy, including control of her own armed forces, with Russia taking over only foreign affairs. At the end of the century, however, Russia attacked these liberties and by 1903 Finland had been reduced to the status of a province.

The revolutionary upheavals in Russia in 1905, found an echo in Finland, and as a result of a General Strike the old status of semi-independence was regained. But even further, the governing body was now a Diet by proportional representation with the franchise being extended to all adults over 24 years of age, prince or pauper, male or female.

By 1910 these rights had been whittled away and in working class circles especially, the cry for Finnish independence was raised. Independence in 1917.

The only connection that Finland had with Russia, was in her status of "Grand Duchy." (The Czar of Russia was the Duke of Finland). Therefore, with the abdication of the Czar of Russia on March 15, 1917, Finland automatically became an independent state.

Within Finland matters were in a state of unrest throughout the early months of 1917. The creation of the White Guard on the part of the ruling class was met with the creation of the Red Guard on the part of the workers. Such incidents as the Red Guard prohibition on the export of grain so that there would be enough bread for home consumption occurred. Mannerheim was attaining popularity for a prominence that he already enjoyed. He was in the forefront of those seeking to organize a stronger, White Guard.

James Fiske.



Anti-War Congress Denies Connection with Comms

Says West Coast Anti-War Committee Is Stalin-Aid Organization on Par With Nazi Gangs That Favor Hitler

The labor movement and its environs is blessed with a number of organizations whose sole professed purpose is to "keep us out of war." Since there is not a wide choice of names possible and since their announced objective does not permit of a great diversity of argument, it is hard to distinguish one from another. It is no wonder that they get into each other's hair.

A declaration just issued by the Labor Anti-War Council and the Labor America Out of War Congress makes it clear that these two madly embarking don't want to be confused with the Keep America Out of War Committee of District 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

Stooge Organization
The west coast committee which has published a pamphlet "The Yanks Are NOT Coming" was termed, "... the direct result of the efforts of the Communist party."

It was charged that the pamphlet was written by Mike Quin, columnist for the People's World, west coast Communist paper. The charge that the committee was the result of particular inspiration of the Communist party was substantiated by the failure of the maritime committee to reply to a letter from Labor Anti-War Council, which said in part: "Soviet Russia has shocked the world and labor opinion by the ruthless invasion of Finland and the bombing of open cities. Do you support this ruthless act of aggression on the part of Stalin?"

A part of the text of the letter follows: "It is our belief that this pamphlet (The Yanks Are NOT Coming) and the committee is the direct result of the efforts of the Communist party."

"We have learned that the pamphlet though unsigned was written by Mike Quin, columnist for the People's World, west coast Communist paper. Likewise we believe that the Committee is the result of Communist strategy is substantiated by the failure of the maritime committee to reply to a letter from Labor Anti-War Council dated Dec. 22, 1939."

The letter said in part: "... Soviet Russia has shocked the world and labor opinion by the ruthless invasion of Finland and the bombing of open cities. Do you support this ruthless act of aggression on the part of Stalin?"

"Because we are concerned about giving help to any bona-fide anti-war sentiment that opposes American participation in the present war, we feel clear your attitude on the question that separate genuine anti-war labor sentiment from that bogus anti-war sentiment."

SO RADICAL FOR STALIN
Leon Feuchtwanger, who has been in Russia for some time gathering information for Quin and anti-Nazi work, has fallen into Mannerheim's hands. His latest work about Stalin was refused to appear in Moscow this fall, but we know it that it will not be published. Since Russia signed the non-aggression with Germany, Feuchtwanger's name has not appeared in Russian publications.

"Professor Mannerheim," anti-Nazi film and greatest Russian producer, has disappeared from the Russian theatres. —Solidarity, Glasgow.

Of Men and the World

A Lasting Experience BY ART HOPKINS

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—One of the most interesting, encouraging, and cheering events that has happened to me for a long time, occurred last Thursday afternoon when I went in with the shop committee of the Steel Stamping company and Fellow Worker Coerver to a conference with the boss. Present at this meeting was also a field examiner of the NLRB.

Here were four men, rank and file members of the union coming to the boss, and in clear and unvarnished terms telling him what they wanted and if they didn't get it, economic direct action would be used.

Lorain, Ohio is a labor-hating town and Steel Stamping follows in that tradition. The job committee was lashed off due to a slack period and when the company began to rehire their men, the shop committee was not called back, despite the fact they had seniority rights. When the job committee asked for a conference with the management, the boss said he could not recognize the committee because they were not working. The committee brought this to the attention of the National Labor Relations Board.

A conference was arranged for last Tuesday which lasted from 3:20 p. m. to 1 a. m. Wednesday. At this conference the company was forced to recognize its committee as representing the workers in its shop. Committee Tells Boss
At this conference not only did the committee demand the right for workers who have seniority rights to get rehired first, but also asked for a wage increase.

First, I listened to the boss, admit to the committee his mistake in not wanting to deal with them and then I listened to him plead, in smooth flowing words with the committee, that it was impossible to give in to their demands.

Quips from Cleveland

By BILL FEZCKO

The Metal Trades Council of the Cleveland Federation of Labor of the AFL will have its old headquarters on Prospect Avenue, two floors above the offices of Metal and Machinery Workers Union No. 440 of the IWW, its chief competitor.

How do you like the proletarian air, Sam? How was business last year?
wfw
Pay your IWW dues, or must we fight for them?
Why not dance Friday, February 2 of the mid-winter dance sponsored by the American Slave IWW job branch? The dance is to be held at the "Twilight" ballroom at Griggs hall, 6921 St. Clair Ave. You will find IWW union music, good grub, check, and some food, too. Let's all enjoy a bit of mid-winter solidarity. Boy, if I could only dance! With all those IWW union girls from the stove works there, and how!

Buy a Mike Lindway stamp. Help this victim of the Associated-Industries. Mike played his part during the National Screw strike. Now play your part. Help get him out.
wfw
Somebody got a wage cut. Where?
At the Lorain division of the American Slave company. That's "industrial union" movement for you. If they can't get a raise for you, then they'll get you a cut. No wonder the boys and girls in the Lorain division want the IWW to come out there again to put the finishing touches on that CIO union they've got.

Oh Buddy, how we've longed for the spring... when the leaves come out and it'll be open season. Let's all get rat traps, scab traps, steel traps, and fish traps for there's a big year ahead.
wfw
If a fellow worker, friend, sweetheart, or even gets sick, married, or has a birthday—

REBELS OUT ANTI-PICKET LAW
VENTURA, Calif.—An anti-picketing ordinance which sought to prevent peaceful picketing in this city has been ruled unconstitutional by a judge of Ventura county superior court.

Former NMU Rank and File Militants Gravitate to Lowest Level of Fakerdom

One Spills His Filth to Dies; Others Help Sucker Association; SUP Leaders Try to Cash in on Pay-triotic Humbug

It is with disgust we read in the late edition of the NMU "Pilot" that another so-called rank and file Gulf official has joined the ranks of the paid informers for the Dies Committee.

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UMW JOINS WITH OPERATORS TO REGULATE COAL

HARRISBURGH, Pa. (WNS)—Announcement of completed plans for the regulation of anthracite coal production in this state was recently made by the governor.

The plan provides that the industry's output be controlled jointly by United Mine Workers officials and the coal operators.

Last year the same plan was given a tentative trout but it failed to materialize then because many independent operators refused to comply with its regulations.

As now modified, it will be impossible for the recalcitrants to refuse compliance since the union officials will sit on the enforcement committee.

These officials are in position to refuse permission to the miners to work a mine unless it meets the requirements of the committee.

It is hoped that the plan will stabilize the coal industry. While the operators may feel jubilant over the prospects of better profits, no one is able to visualize any resulting improvement for the coal diggers.

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Prefer Co. Union To AFL

Both CIO and AFL Lush in Fight For Edison Plant

NEW YORK.—The complicated labor situation among Consolidated Edison's 38,000 employees took a new turn when seven locals of the Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers (AFL) at the company's plants withdrew from the AFL and formed a company union.

Both the IBEW and the Amalgamated Utility Workers (CIO) have been conducting organizational drives at the utility's plants.

The reason given by officials of the Edison locals for withdrawal from the AFL and formation of the Consolidated Edison Employees, was a dispute with Local 3, IBEW. It was charged that Local 3 had placed its members on certain consolidated Edison construction jobs, taking away the work which rightfully belonged to the plant locals.

Pres. Bert Kirkman of Local 3 attributed the withdrawal to the organizational activities of "the CIO and Communists."

Answering Kirkman, Pres. Edward T. Sheddock of the AUEW predicted that the company union would meet with no greater success than the IBEW. Other CIO officials laid the blame for the company's attempt to arouse company spirit and defeat both AFL and CIO in a coming NLRB election.

The 3-year snarl dates from 1937, when the firm, forced to dissolve its company union, signed a closed shop contract with the IBEW. The AUEW applied and in 1938 the U. S. supreme court, although it did not void the IBEW contract, ruled that it could cover only IBEW members. In October, 1939, the AUEW petitioned for an NLRB election, which is expected to be held in February.

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CIO-AFL UNITE IN ATTACK ON U. S. INDICTMENT

NEW YORK.—A government attempt to advance the anti-trust campaign against unions' required in a new kind of labor unity here denuded both AFL and CIO unions when they denounced the indictment of Pres. Joseph P. Ryan of the Intl. Brotherhood of Arms (AFL) and other AFL officials.

Both sides continued to denounce each other in their jurisdictional dispute in the retail lumber industry—a dispute which precipitated the indictment. But they agreed in condemning application of the anti-trust laws to labor.

Although the case allegedly benefits the CIO union, since it charges the AFL with boycotting retail lumber firms under CIO contract, the indictment was denounced by Sec. Treas. Hugh Thompson of Local 104, United Retail & Wholesale Employees, the CIO union affiliate.

Deploping the invoking of the Sherman trust law against labor unions, Thompson said: "Neither Local 104 nor the CIO welcomes the interference of public authorities in labor disputes."

The local AFL office issued a statement saying: "Proof of the ability of organized labor, without interference from outside sources, to handle effectively and well the question of jurisdictional disputes has been supplied by the machinery set up last year by the Building & Construction Trades Department of the AFL."

Ryan and the 10 other officials indicted stood gruffly when they were arraigned in U. S. district court Jan. 26.

PROGRESSIVE HERETICS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Pres. Dave Reed and Board Member John Batteville of the Illinois district of the Progressive Mine Workers (AFL) were suspended for 12 months on Jan. 18. The two officers were found guilty of collaborating with the CIO miners' union in a dispute with employers.

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Anti-Labor Racket Lavishly Financed, LaFollette Finds

Employers' Dollar Moved by Devious Route to Reach Strikebreaking Firm; Some Incriminating Records Destroyed

LOS ANGELES.—(FP)—Neatly doctored and lavishly financed operations by employer groups to maintain the open shop in Southern California were bared by the LaFollette civil liberties committee as it moved toward the close of its investigation here.

Highlights of the open shops campaign were:

1. A \$99,682 subsidy for The Neutral Thousands (T.N.T.), women's open shop organization, by Southern Californians Inc. and by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

2. Formation of a mysterious employers' organization known as Group A, which pledged all its members to secrecy and used an unlisted telephone.

3. Accumulation of an anti-labor chest of more than \$500,000 by Southern Californians Inc. in the last two years. About 60 per cent of the money went to T. N. T., the Associated Farmers and the Merchants & Manufacturers Assn.

4. Heavy contribution by Southern Californians Inc. to the Chamber of Commerce (\$56,461) and from Standard Oil of California alone.

5. Distribution by the Associated Farmers of a booklet, "81 anti-labor sympathizers in the citrus packing industry."

6. Hiring of Beverly Hills police officers during off-hours for strike duty in uniform.

7. Formation of company unions by T. N. T. to break strikes or wreck legitimate unions. (Purpose of T. N. T., now defunct, was to help diminish "industrial strife.")

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LUMBERJACK FINDS RIGHT WAY

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"They are telling us now that we must have the check-off system of paying dues. They tell us not to use job action that we must act like gentlemen and not like loggers."

"They told us to vote for Roosevelt. They had an endow him for a third term. But now they've made a mistake and it doesn't eat. Help Everybody but Lumberjack."

"They ask us to donate for the fund that politician. I am damn good and I love to help. I will help the small businessman and the poor farmer. I have come to the conclusion that I am now going to help myself and the only way I can help myself is by joining the IWW."

"At this point the lumberjack paused momentarily and looked at me as if daring me to contradict him. But when I asked him what

he knew about the IWW he smiled and reached into his pocket and shoved into my hand a red covered book which had inscribed on it "Membership Card of the IWW."

"I said, 'Surely, this is not yours.' "No," he answered, "It belonged to my old man; he left it to me. I have kept it in my shape."

"Well," he continued, "taking the card back, 'If my old man was capable of winning with this card, and the odds, I am told, were a thousand to one—I am capable of winning at an even bet. He was good luck and asked him where he was going. "To the IWW hall," he answered, "to get a lobby card for myself."

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Artists Learn About Unionism

NEW YORK.—Close to the half-way mark in a drive to organize 16,000 variety actors in the U. S. members of the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) are learning something about craft unionism that doesn't show in the propaganda.

"The trouble is," one member explained, "we started out with an appointed executive board that represents the big names at the top some of them people who would like to own a night club, or maybe already do. Their idea of organizing a union is to organize from the top down."

"They have attained economic security for themselves. So, in a very nice patriotic way, they'd like to do something to give the little fellow a chance to improve their conditions. But that doesn't mean they understand labor union methods."

Another one said, "You may not believe it, but one of our board members had the nerve to tell us that he didn't believe in unions."

The AGVA, which is the child of the Associated Actors & Artists, held its first business meeting January 14, though it has been organized since last July. This meeting requested the parent body to appoint a few "little fellows" to its executive board. The request was complied with.

It is expected that the time may come when this "union" will request the right to elect its own executive officials.

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SOLIDARITY WINS IN LORAIN

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the job without a duly elected shop committee to function in behalf of the IWW was in order, the following message of official authorization per rail and file was transmitted by special courier, by the branch secretary of the IWW Regional Headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio to the company, and the IWW shop committee. A copy for file, was also sent to the NLRB.

"The Steel Stamping Company, Broadway, Lorain, Ohio. This is to certify that Calvin Yering, Frank Elkowitz, John Parks, Alex Gregory, Gerald Williams, and John A. Nampeks are the authorized representatives of the Steel Stamping Company's employees for the purposes of collective bargaining and were duly elected and thus designated by a Union Business Meeting of the Steel Stamping Job Branch No. 17 of the Metal and Machinery Workers' Union, Intl. No. 410 of the Industrial Workers of the World, all of which is already known to the Company."

"The disgraceful fact that almost all of these young men are at present not working for the company because the latter has seen fit willfully to discriminate against them in open defiance of the law of the land because of their union activities is immaterial to their status as collective bargaining representatives."

Here is a summons for America to attend to its own vineyards before the lightning is loosed.

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