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GEO. LAWSON HITS OUT AT FLP PAPER

Says That Meyer Lewis Is
Backed by State
Federation

Launches Vicious Attack on
Labor Policies of
FLP

The Open Letter written by George Lawson, Secretary of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, addressed to the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, containing caustic criticism of the Minnesota Leader, official publication of the Farmer-Labor Party, for attacking Meyer Lewis and his policies, was a classic of stupidity. In the letter, he denounces the editorial policy of the Leader and attempts to point out that the question of the "Red Drive" and Meyer Lewis's activities in Minneapolis was purely a trade union question and therefore was not the concern of the Farmer-Labor Party; he said among other things that the American Federation of Labor had certain rules by which it was governed and that these rules and regulations must be carried out by official representatives of the A. F. of L. at any cost. In this open letter, published in the capitalist press, Lawson also attempts to take the editors of the Leader to task for giving Brown, President of General Drivers' Union, space to reply to the scurrilous attacks that have been made against him and his organization.

The very fact that Lawson again launches a broadside against every progressive force in the Labor Movement in the columns of the capitalist newspapers indicates the unscrupulous nature of his motive. As has been stated repeatedly, Lawson is a hide-bound, rock-ribbed Republican, who is completely out of sympathy and harmony with the aims, program and principles of the Farmer-Labor Party. The statement of Lawson's that the policies and program of the A. F. of L. have no bearing and should not be the concern of the Farmer-Labor Party, is so ridiculous that it is childish. The Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party is based upon, has its strength in and won its last state election directly through the medium of Trade Union Movement; anything that affects the Trade Union Movement adversely, cannot but have serious consequences for the political future of Farmer-Labor candidates.

His further statement that the A. F. of L. has certain rules and regulations by which it is governed, cannot apply to what has been taking place in Minneapolis the past six weeks' period. We ask Lawson the question, by what au-

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Strutwear Vote Is Union Trap

On November 25th, the Strutwear Knitting Company released to the public press a letter outlining their position in regard to the petitions that had been presented to the Labor Board calling for an employee election.

When the matter of employee elections was first broached, the union contended that these elections should be conducted on a departmental basis rather than a plant wide election. The reason for their stand in this matter is that the skilled help of the Strutwear Company consists of knitters and machine tenders. These highly skilled workers who are almost without exception enrolled in the ranks of the Full Fashioner Hosiery Workers Union but are a minority in the plant as a whole.

The company through intimidation and coercion have been able to so frighten hundreds of unskilled workers in the plant that they have not joined the union ranks. They have set up a

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Building Trades Must Now Decide

In the new lineup of the A. F. of L. over the question of industrial vs. craft unionism, it will be interesting to watch the situation that develops in the already split building trades department.

It is an open secret that the building trades unions of the A. F. of L. have been on the down grade for the past 15 years. Their once powerful unions which were the backbone of the American Federation of Labor are now but weak and impotent shells of their once powerful selves. No longer able to maintain themselves on a craft basis, growing steadily weaker as they cling to their old craft divisions, the more progressive of them must necessarily chart a new course.

The impetus given to amalgamation and industrialization by the actions of John Lewis and his associates, must inevitably have its effects in the ranks of the building trades. There can be little doubt that one of the two existing factions of the building trades department will cast their lot with the new industrial setup.

Should Williams or Hutchinson decide to throw in the forces led by Lewis and Howard, the A. F. of L. would be stripped of a good share of its top heavy bureaucracy.

While it can be safely said that Hutchinson or Williams are not sold on the idea of industrialization of the building trades, it must be apparent to both that the safety, strength and prestige of their organizations depends on taking that very step. It is almost a foregone conclusion that the Lewis forces will soon be augmented by a large section of the building trades.

John Brophy Promises Support To Non-Federation Unions

By Federated Press

Washington—(FP)—Many ideas for organizing the unorganized along industrial lines and bringing them into the American Federation of Labor are being voiced to the Committee for Industrial Organization, which has established headquarters at 45 Rust Building, Washington, D. C.

"We are keeping open house for ideas and suggestions on the whole problem," Director John Brophy told Federated Press. "We hope to serve as a clearing house for information and advice. Co-operating organizations are urged to send in reports, so that their experience may be shared with others."

Emphasizing that the committee's functions are educational and advisory, Brophy indicated some of the methods for carrying on the work which are under consideration by the committee.

These include publication of pamphlets, popularizing the minority report on industrial unionism made to the Atlantic City A. F. or L. convention; the addresses made by such leading spokesmen as John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and Chas. P. Howard, president of the International Typographical Union, who are chairman and secretary respectively of the Committee for Industrial Organization; and other educational material on the general purposes of the movement.

Contacts will be established with all labor organizations interested in the subject, and a press service is under consideration to reach labor papers. Speakers may also be furnished to carry the message of industrial organization to central labor bodies and other union meetings.

Along advisory lines, the committee is preparing to aid federal labor unions, and other labor groups seeking industrial union charters from the A. F. of L., in presenting their cases to the executive council and to the annual convention.

"We are willing also to co-operate with non-A. F. of L. unions for the organization of the workers, having in mind our purpose of bringing them into the A. F. of L.," Brophy said. He emphasized that unity in labor ranks is the aim, not division, calling attention to the declared purpose of the committee, which is "to encourage and promote organization of the workers in the mass production and unorganized industries of the nation and affiliation with the American Federation of Labor."

Organizer Sub Drive Brings Great Results

The Organizer sub drive which got under way last week, is bringing results beyond expectations. All last week the subscriptions poured into the office.

Monday morning the climax was reached when 46 sub cards were received in the morning mail. Many more were taken at the office window.

Monday night at a meeting of the district committee of the Workman's Circle branches, full support was voted to the Organizer sub drive. Their national office was notified to lend its aid both financially and morally.

A resolution was passed condemning Meyer Lewis and pledging support to Local 574 and Laundry Workers Union 18005.

Members of the union are urged by the Executive Board to make use of the splendid facilities that are afforded by their union headquarters. We have halls and club facilities that are suitable for private gatherings.

Rentals are extremely cheap to union members.

By-Laws Adopted at Membership Meeting

At the general membership meeting, Monday, Nov. 25, almost the whole evening was spent in discussing the new constitution and by-laws that was presented to the union in a final report of the by-laws committee.

The report of the committee was adopted with some minor changes that were suggested from the floor.

In accordance with the action of the membership, Local 574 is now operating under its new by-laws.

Laundry Drivers Hold Organization Meeting

Sunday afternoon, at 4:00 o'clock, a group of Independent Laundry drivers met in 574 hall.

They met to discuss with the Executive Board of the Laundry Workers' Union. The possibilities of entering the union and conducting an organizational drive to bring all of the Minneapolis Laundry drivers into the Laundry Workers organization.

Before the meeting adjourned an organizational committee was formed and plans for an active organizational campaign were laid.

LEWIS QUILTS COUNCIL WITH SHORT MESSAGE

Action of Miners' President
Shakes Federation
to Foundation

15 Word Letter to Executive
Council Says Lewis
Is Through

With a crash that shook the foundations of the entire Labor Movement Saturday, November 23rd, John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, threw a bombshell into the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. with a cryptic fifteen-word message.

Lewis' letter addressed to Green read as follows: "Dear Sir and Brother:

"Effective this day and date, I resign as Vice President of the American Federation of Labor. Sincerely yours, John L. Lewis."

This fifteen-word message is in effect a new declaration of independence for the American Labor Movement. It, with the implications that follow, is the most important event that has taken place in the American Federation of Labor for two decades; it is a declaration by powerful forces within the Organized Labor Movement, that they are preparing open warfare upon their enemies as represented by William Green and his

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Federal Workers File Protest With Board

A specially called meeting of the Federal Workers section held Friday, November 22, brought out a good turnout of Federal project workers and relief clients. Many applications for membership were received and a great number of members who had been delinquent reinstated themselves in the organization.

A resolution protesting the removal of Scott and Hudson from the Welfare Board was read and approved. Resolution from Post No. 19, American League of Ex-Service Men, condemning the actions of Meyer Lewis was received.

A motion was made that a committee of five be selected to meet with the Central Labor Union with regard to WPA wages, was carried and a committee appointed.

In the report made by Brother Palmquist was cited the fact that members were being signed up rapidly on WPA jobs. He recommended that the dues be raised to 35c which would entitle Federal workers to receive the Organizer.

A communication was received from the Fifth Ward Farmer-Labor Club which was in the form of a resolution condemning Meyer Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Federal Workers Called to Meet

The Federal Workers section of 574 is in receipt of a letter from the Minnesota Labor Association of Montevideo, Minnesota. The Minnesota Labor Association is a large organization of employed and unemployed workers who reside in the western border counties of Minnesota.

The letter follows:
Federal Workers Section
Local No. 574
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Dobbs:

The Minnesota Labor Association is making arrangements for a mass meeting of organized labor to be held in the Opera House at one p. m. December 1st, 1935, in the city of Montevideo.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the WPA program for Minnesota. We feel, the Executive Council of the Minnesota Labor Association, that since there is so much justified opposition to the program, wage scales, working conditions, and hours to be worked for the monthly wage set, that in order for labor to get together and formulate a program for presenting a solid front in opposition to the many injustices inherent in the WPA set-up.

We have been watching closely the reports of the activities of your local No. 574 during the truck drivers strike and up to the present time. We are watching with interest the activities of the A. F. of L. in their unjust treatment of your local and of labor in general in their, "Red Scare."

We of the Minnesota Labor Association believe that your's is a fighting militant outfit, as is ours, and we cannot urge upon you too strongly our desire to have your organization represented out here at this meeting on December 1st. This call is going out to all other organizations which we have been able to contact. Mr. H. A. Schultz of the State Employees Association referred you to us and assured us that you would give any co-operation possible. This meeting was advertised in the Minnesota Leader in this week's issue, but they had the date wrong. If you can contact any other organizations which might be interested or give this meeting any publicity, it would be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,
Minnesota Labor Association.
By Karl M. Amundson,
Secretary.

Independent Owners Report Great Gains

The Thursday night meeting of the Independent Truck Owners was a large one. With many pieces of equipment being placed through the union on WPA projects, the Independent Truckers section is rapidly becoming one of the more lively spots in 574.

Monday morning a request was received from WPA for 65 five-ton trucks. It is apparent that every owner of five-ton equipment will be able to find employment before WPA projects are much older.

All independent truckers are urged to join Local 574 and register their trucks.

Coal Workers Section Makes Real Strides

The Coal section of the union is rapidly approaching the place that truthful claim can be made that the industry is 100 per cent organized. Stewards have been installed in almost all of the yards and splendid organizational work has been done by many of them.

Although up to now the coal season has been backward, it is reported that almost a full crew is on hand in most of the yards.

Bill Brown Says—

During the coal strike the whole labor movement was devoted to the task of breaking up the Citizens Alliance. The Truck Drivers struck three times and each time they won and in each strike the Citizens Alliance took a terrific beating. Now the slogan of the minority movement seems to be "Substitute the Citizens Alliance for Unions." The Drivers are good sportsmen but will not go for picknicks up the Citizens Alliance after we have done the things that the Labor Movement asks us to do. We will give them another kick.



BILL BROWN
President of 574

Oil Magnates Were Behind Chaco War

Chicago —(FP)— Behind the idealistic phrases of American and foreign imperialist statesmen lie the bloody manipulations of big business, declared National Director A. L. Sacher of the Hillel Foundation to Sinai Temple Forum on Navy Day in Chicago. Dr. Sacher is on the staff of the state University of Illinois.

Six big business firms put Dictator Mussolini in power in Italy, Sacher held. These firms were Montecatini (chemicals), Fiat (autos and railroad cars), Viscosa (rayon), Locatelli (cheese), Martini & Rossi (banking), and the banking firm of Tepletz. The Italian people's standard of living falls while the profits of these six firms are maintained or increased, he said.

Mexican revolutions, he said, are not bandit outbreaks but carefully planned maneuvers between British and American oil interests. Dictators Diaz and Huerta were backed by the British; Pres. Madero, Villa and Carranza by the Americans. Obregon and Calles tried to straddle when they were in power in Mexico. Dwight Morrow, Chas. Lindbergh and Will Rogers were, unwittingly or consciously, American oil ambassadors in their visits to Mexico, he maintained.

England sanctimoniously set up Palestine for the Jews, he continued, but actually managed to get an outlet for its pipe lines from the Mosul oil fields.

The war between Bolivia and Paraguay over the Gran Chaco district was in reality a war between British (Paraguay) and American (Bolivia) oil magnates, he stated.

Henry Ford, he added, has a vast rubber plantation in Brazil where the natives are exploited at 36c a day and must pay their own living expenses. In Liberia, West Africa, Firestone has a similar plantation where virtually slave labor makes possible the cheap auto tires now sold in the United States.

Paying similar attention to the slave-driving and profiteering of the Mellon and du Pont dynasties, Sacher urged nationalization and socialization of raw materials everywhere and their extracting and processing under democratic government control.

HOPKINS CHARGED WITH ANTI-UNIONISM

Administrator Harry L. Hopkins is charged with "clamping down on union activities" by F.E.R.A. employees Lodge 139 of the American Federation of Government employees.

The union is aroused over the unexplained dismissal of a typist and the administrator's failure to issue an order assuring two weeks notice to discharged employees.

Attention! Truck Owners!

If you have equipment that is suitable for hauling jobs on WPA projects, come to the union office and register for work. Your truck must be equipped with hoist, dual tires and steel dump body. If you are not a member of the union, join now and take advantage of this opportunity.

New Union Group Speaks to Press

In an interview with the Federated Press, Washington, D. C., November 9, 1935, John Brophy, Director of the Committee for Industrial Organization, which has established headquarters at 45 Rust Building, said, "We are keeping open house for ideas and suggestions on the whole problem; we hope to serve as a clearing house for information and advice. Co-operating organizations are urged to send in reports so that their experience may be shared with others." Brophy indicated that the committee's functions would have a wide scope in the Labor Movement. He said that their functions would include the publication of pamphlets, popularizing the minority reports on industrial Unionism, made at the Atlantic City, A. F. of L. Convention. The speeches of John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, Charles P. Howard, President of the International Typographical Union, and other leaders of the A. F. of L. who spoke for Industrial Unionism, will be circularized in the American Labor Movement.

Will Co-operate with Independent Unions

Perhaps the most significant statement made by Brophy, was the following: "We are willing to co-operate with non-A. F. of L. Unions having in mind our purpose of bringing them into the A. F. of L." The foregoing clearly indicates that the committee for Industrial Organization, headed by Lewis, Brophy, Dubinsky, and others, are ready and willing to deal with Labor Organizations that are now outside of the fold of the American Federation of Labor. This is a step that is unprecedented in the history of the American Labor Movement. It clearly indicates that such organizations as are now independent and non-A. F. of L. will again be allowed to take their place in the main stream of the American Labor Movement.

"I Cover the Water Front," Says Worker

Despite the fact that the Federal Government is glibly announcing that the depression is over and employment on the upswing, the following story is making the rounds in Labor circles. It seems that a worker walking along the banks of a river pondering upon his misfortune of being unemployed, saw a fellow-worker out in the middle of the river, apparently drowning, who was shouting for help; instead of rendering the desired assistance to his drowning brother, the unemployed worker, queried of the drowning one as to where he was working. Upon being told it was in a foundry close by the banks of the river, the unemployed worker hurried to the factory and said to the foreman, "I want to apply for the job of one of your workmen who I understand just drowned in the nearby river." The foreman replied, "I am sorry but you are about five minutes late, we just gave it to the man who pushed him in."

V. R. Dunne to Give Series of Lectures

A special series of four lectures by V. R. Dunne will be given at the Workers Party Headquarters, 631 3rd Avenue South. Tickets for the complete course of four lectures is 50 cents. Admission to individual lectures is 15 cents. Following is the schedule of lectures and subjects that will be discussed.

Tuesday night, Dec. 3, 8 p. m., "What Is a Labor Party?"

Tuesday night, Dec. 10, 8 p. m., "Can a Labor Party Promote Trade Union Organization?"

Tuesday night, Dec. 17, 8 p. m., "Can Labor Parties Prevent Imperialist War?"

Italian Workers Hit Fascist Slaughter

Raising a Fascist army in Italy with which to conduct a war of aggression against Ethiopia is not proceeding so smoothly as Capitalist press reports would indicate. Despite the savage repression of the Fascist dictatorship, demonstrations are continually being held in various parts of Italy against Italy's participation in war.

Although a rigid censorship has been clamped on all news agencies and numerous non Italian newspapermen have been deported, reports seep out showing the depth of the Italian workers feelings against the war.

At Parma where numerous reports of disorders have originated before and at Spezia and other railway stations women have thrown themselves on the tracks in front of troop trains to prevent their departure for the front.

Workman's Circle Gives Union Funds

The District committee of the Workmen's Circle branches at their meeting in the Labor Lyceum, Friday, November 22nd, took up the question of Meyer Lewis' activity in Minneapolis, particularly condemned him for the reckless and vicious manner in which he is proceeding.

The question of the Northwest Organizer was raised there. Several members took the floor and urged that the membership of the Workmen's Circle branches support the Northwest Organizer and subscribe to it.

A collection of \$5.35 was taken at the meeting which has been turned over to the Organizer subscription drive fund. Ruben Latz of the Laundry Workers' Union was the principal speaker.

Laundry Workers in Fight on Majestic

The Majestic Cleaners and Dyers, located at 17th St. and Chicago, have failed to live up to their agreement with the Laundry and Dry Cleaners Union.

Saturday has been set as the deadline for compliance. Union men and women in the movement are watching this development with keen interest.

A report of the situation was given at Local 574 general membership meeting Monday night. Truck drivers and helpers were urged to co-operate fully with the laundry workers to the end that a decisive settlement, favorable to the union, may be reached.

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Company Union under the fake name of "Back to Work Club" which company union claims to represent 900 of the firm's 1,100 workers. While this claim of representation is palpably false, it is obvious that the real union would be under a handicap in any election on a plant wide basis.

In the Company's statement of November 25th they say nothing of returning the 8 workers to employment who were discriminated against and discharged prior to August 16th, 1935. Their statement couched in legal language reads in part:

"We want to do everything possible to aid employees in securing their moral and legal rights to the end and without in any manner waiving any, and specifically reserving all, legal and constitutional rights that we may have for the protection of our business . . . We state we have no objection to a plant wide election to be participated in by employees on our payrolls as of August 15, 1935."

We point out to the Strutwear workers that this is a trap laid by the Strutwear Company and their advisors to defeat the real bona fide union and install instead as representatives of all the workers, another vicious and useless company union. Their letter says nothing of arbitration nor of ironing out the difficulties that caused the workers to walk out of the plant.

Unless provisions are made for arbitrating the differences arising over wages and working conditions, any and all elections will prove only a useless gesture that will result in defeat for the Hosiery Union.

Tom Mooney Pleads For Labor Support

Tom Mooney, one of labor's martyrs for over seventeen years, and who is now conducting a struggle in the California courts to gain his freedom, has sent out an appeal for financial assistance to assist him in his campaign.

He writes that funds are desperately needed to retain legal counsel, to bring witnesses from distant parts of the United States and California who can testify in his behalf. Everyone is urged to respond to this appeal and assist one of America's bravest labor fighters.

Address all funds and communications to Rena Mooney, c/o The Free Tom Mooney Committee, San Francisco, California.

Austin Union Paper Well Written Sheet

We have been receiving copies of the Unionist published in Austin, Minn., by the Independent Union of All Workers. This splendid little four-page mimeograph sheet contains a wealth of fine working class reading material.

Since the suspension of their regular union paper, the Austin American, they have been getting out the Unionist. If they continue as well as they have started this paper will be a real contribution to the Northwest labor movement.

GRAND ANNUAL

Frolic, Dance and Entertainment Marigold Ballroom

Grant at Nicollet
Given by the

Waitresses, Waiters and Cooks' Union

Tuesday, December 3, 1935

Dancing from 9 to 2 Music—Mert Floe's Canadians
Tickets (in advance 25c) At door after 9 P. M., 35c

Industrial News Peeved at Truce

The Citizens Alliance Bulletin released November 20th contains an interesting angle on the Meyer Lewis controversy that is raging in the Minneapolis labor movement. The Bulletin says:

"Little has been heard during the past week about the drive recently started by Meyer Lewis, personal representative of William Green, President of the A. F. of L., to purge the local labor movement of the communist leadership." A few lines further on in the same paragraph they complain:

"In addresses made before various groups, Mr. Lewis has said to have raised the question as to why the Citizens Alliance did not come forward and offer to co-operate in his efforts to rid the local labor movement of communist leadership and influence."

They complain rather bitterly that Mr. Lewis has not taken full advantage of the offer they made to co-operate.

They say: "Early last week, the Citizens Alliance publicly over the radio offered its fullest co-operation."

They complain that the campaign seems to be waning. They sorrowfully state: "The daily public statements in the press by Mr. Lewis have ceased since that time. It seems at this writing that harmony once more prevails by those factions who were supposed to be in conflict."

From the foregoing, verbatim quotations, from Citizens Alliance special weekly Bulletin No. 868, Lewis has in some manner not given them his fullest co-operation.

It is to be pitied that he has overlooked such a splendid bulwark of strength as the Citizens Alliance offers.

Hugh Johnson Called Wall Street Stooge

Hugh Johnson who was the fair haired boy of the N.I.R.A. during its honeymoon period is charged in the Electrical Workers Brotherhood Journal with being an errand boy for Wall Street bankers. They say:

"There are two things to remember about Hugh Johnson. He is the eternal showman and his principle role in real life is errand boy to the rich. He lives to dramatize his own emotions and he has been fairly successful in posing as a rugged and sincere old soldier who loves his country and his party.

As a matter of fact, he loves most his very solid position with investment bankers by whom he has been employed in the last 20 years. He served them when he was administrator of the National Recovery Act."

Market Workers Are Soundly Organized

The Market Workers section of the union continues to be one of the most active and aggressive parts of Local 574 despite the fact that it has been a dull and slow season in the market industry. The workers are organized now better than ever before.

Only in a few of the smaller houses on the market is it possible to find either non-union drivers, helpers, or inside workers.

New Agreement Sought

A new agreement is being negotiated between the Murphy Transfer Company and Local 574. This is made necessary by the fact that the Murphy Company has moved its garage and headquarters into the Midway district.

It is expected that negotiations will be concluded within a short time.

Prize Union Story Hits Scab Driver

The prize union story of the week concerns a driver of the Boyd Transfer Company and a non-union Dayton driver. It seems that the Dayton driver was at the end of a blind alley making a delivery when a Boyd truck loaded with seven tons of freight, pulled into the same alley to unload; in backing up to the platform where the delivery was to be made, the Boyd truck completely blocked the alley; the Dayton driver seeing that the alley being blocked, walked up to the Boyd driver and said, "How about pulling up and giving me room to get out." The Boyd driver replied, "Sure, I am always glad to help a Union brother." The Dayton driver said, "Hell, I don't belong to the Union." The Boyd driver thereupon climbed back in his truck and started to unload saying, "All right, you so and so, you got exactly three hours to repent the evil of your ways."

Urge Shorter Hours For Truck Drivers

In line with the unions' drive for shorter hours in the trucking industry, there appeared an article in the Minneapolis Morning Tribune of November 25th, which reads as follows:

New York, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The New York Council of Economics through Edward Rybicki, state chairman of the organization's safety committee, appealed Sunday night to President Roosevelt to aid proposed federal legislation for the reduction of hours of employment of motor truck drivers in interstate traffic. Rybicki estimated that 70,000 accidents yearly are attributable to long hours of continuous employment by drivers and drowsiness of the driver due to lack of sleep.

Labor Looks at the Press

Head of the nazi department of church affairs speaking: "Nobody is forced to follow us—but either the church marches with us or it will be left behind, alone and deserted."

Bruce Barton says: "At its best, the capitalist system has produced the most generous and modest men and women the world has ever known."

But 99% are in the working class and not in the capitalist class.

General council for the Republican national committee: "You know and I know that history will decide it was the supreme court decision on the NRA that is responsible for the upturn in business."

What upturn? For who?

Pledge taken by delegates at Action Conference to free Angelo Herndon, Negro working class hero: "We solemnly promise that we will never cease working, day and night, North and South, to inform all toilers of this nation of your faithfulness and your courage, and to rally them in one great triumphant movement to set you free."

And that is something worth working for.

The government's Home Owners Loan Corporation: "We will devote ourselves from now on to foreclosing on small homes and selling them at auction."

The National Industrial Research Board, a boss research group, announces the following figures: "Since April,

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners

Union No. 1859
City, Minneapolis—State, Minn.
Date—Nov. 25, 1935

Local 574
Minneapolis
Dear Sir and Brothers:

We, Local 1859, are very glad to inform you that we are all back of you in your present fight called the "Red Purge of 1935," and that this body went on record without a dissenting vote, that:

"Local 574, Truck Drivers of Minneapolis, be reinstated into the American Federation of Labor.

"That the so-called "Red Purge" now in progress in Minneapolis be stopped at once, and Mr. Meyer Lewis be recalled from Minneapolis."

Wishing you unbounded success in our present fight!

Fraternally yours,

LOCAL 1859, FURNITURE WORKERS

John Janosco, Pres.

Max Bentley, Fin. Sec.

Melvin B. Viken, Treas.

Union Men Asked About Seniority Lack

All union members who are employed at places where no seniority list exists, are urged to report this fact to the union office.

It is the desire of the executive board of the union to install seniority lists in every place where there is a union man employed.

Seniority is the backbone of our union agreements. Take advantage of it to protect your rights and your job.

College Profs Organize

An interesting angle on the wave of union organization that is sweeping the country is the fact that a labor union has been formed by 40 members of the faculty of Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

They have formed the Cambridge Union of University Teachers and are affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers.

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thority and according to what rules and regulations does Meyer Lewis come into Minneapolis and proceed in the reckless fashion that has constituted his sole activity since has been here. No convention of the American Federation of Labor and no order of the A. F. of L. Executive Council has ever delegated such authority to any International Representative. When Lawson prates of A. F. of L. rules, regulations and laws, we say to him, live up to the laws of the American Federation of Labor, but it is also your duty to see that those laws are not overstepped and to see to it also that Representatives of the American Federation of Labor shall not be allowed to completely wreck the forward, progressive and growing Labor Movement, of which Minnesota can boast.

George Chain Gangs Are Condemned by Penologists

By Federated Press

Atlanta, Ga.—Georgia's chain gangs stand condemned by the American Prison association, meeting at Atlanta, as "utterly inconsistent with dictates of humanity." Appointment of a committee to visit chain gangs and jails throughout the country was authorized.

Gov. Eugene Talmadge of Georgia, replying to critics, praised chain gangs as permitting prisoners to work out of doors instead of within the "drab walls" of a penitentiary. Sweat boxes and other tortures associated with the Georgia chain gang system have become known to a widening public during recent years. It is to the Georgia chain gang that Angelo Herndon, youthful Negro leader of a delegation seeking relief, will go for 18 to 20 years, if steps now being taken to free him do not succeed.

finer than the reactionary nationalist patriotism imposed upon them by the ruling class, civilization would have perished long ago.

That pace leaves the farmers about 2,000 miles behind the parasitic wealthy class. Those who produce everything, get nothing. Those who produce nothing, get everything.

New Orleans: "United States deputy marshals today directed strikebreaking efforts in this port. The federal agents hired the tugs, hired the scab crews and superintended the unloading of scab freight."

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craft union following. As was predicted in the columns of this publication at the start of the Minneapolis "Red Drive" this is not a fight of local scope and character but rather it flows from the internal conflict within the American Federation. Lewis's declaration and his move setting up the Industrial Union Council indicates that he is ready and willing to fight to the bitter end for the Industrial Union Program which he and his group put forward in the Atlantic City Convention. The resignation of Lewis from the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. indicates also that he is prepared to go much farther than the simple announcement of his resignation would indicate; there can be little doubt but that John Lewis is prepared to press the American Federation of Labor forward on the question of Industrial versus craft form of organization. There can be little doubt that this new move of Lewis's will have the most serious and lasting repercussions in the entire Labor Movement. The Industrial Unionists will no doubt, flock to the standard of the Industrial Union Council, formed by the Representatives of the United Mine Workers, Typographical Union, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Garment Workers, etc.; there is equally little doubt that the exponents of craft unionism, as represented by the Building Trades Unions, Drivers International and other reactionary forces, will line up behind William Green.

LaFollette Paper Rebukes Wm. Green

As has been pointed out time and again in the columns of the Organizer the much publicized RED DRIVE of William Green is not that at all. In Madison, Wisconsin, there is published a paper the "Progressive." It is the official organ of the LaFollette Movement in Wisconsin. Reading in press despatches that a so-called Red Drive had been opened in Minneapolis and that a Representative of the American Federation of Labor was there to conduct a purge, the editors of this progressive sheet filed a telegram to William Green protesting against such action. In reply they received a telegram from Green saying in effect, there is no Red Drive in Minneapolis or elsewhere in the country; you have evidently been misinformed.

Believe it or not, Meyer Lewis has been attempting to flirt with the Yellow Drivers. Be careful, Meyer, you are not on an Iowa Hog Ranch.

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"When I ply my needle, trowel or pick,
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,
But when I strike, I'm a Bolshevik
I'm labor."

Industrial Unionism

The sudden, dramatic resignation of John L. Lewis from the executive council of the American Federation of Labor last Saturday undoubtedly represents an offensive move of the industrial union bloc. It shows that the struggle between craft and industrial unionism, which dominated the Atlantic City convention, is increasing in intensity and may come to a head in the near future.

The industrial union group is taking one aggressive step after another, forcing the issue all along the line. The action of the Lewis forces right after the convention in openly setting up a committee and establishing headquarters to continue the struggle was itself a declaration of war on the craft union stand-patters. The interview given to the Federated Press by John Brophy, secretary of the committee, in which it was stated that the committee would co-operate with independent unions with a view to bringing them into the A. F. of L., was another startling departure from the traditional federation practices. Now, the resignation of John L. Lewis stirs the whole labor movement with discussion and speculation. Things are moving fast—too fast for the horse-and-buggy unionists.

A Fundamental Issue

The issue involved is of such a fundamental nature that it is idle to expect a moderation of the struggle or a compromise that can be more than a maneuver for position. Craft union forms and methods are out of date. Millions of workers are convinced of this as a result of bitter experience, especially during the past three years. The impulse for industrial unionism comes from below, gaining power and scope all the time. Fundamentally, the committee for industrial organization represents this progressive impulse from the ranks and gives it, at the present time, official expression.

This is not altered by the fact that many of the leading figures in the committee have in the past played a reactionary role in the labor movement. The issue of industrial unionism which they are advancing today—whatever may be the motives which inspire them as individuals—is a progressive issue and the struggle they are leading consequently serves progressive aims. The fact that the cause of industrial unionism has gained the support of such a powerful group of highly-placed officials testifies to the great vitality of this cause and gives assurance of its coming victory. Militant and progressive unionists have every reason to take encouragement from the new developments in the leading circles of the A. F. of L. and to support the industrial union bloc in every forward step it takes to force through a reorganization of the labor movement on industrial lines.

Strong Combination

The Lewis committee is such a strong combination, from the viewpoint of the numerical forces represented as well as from their exceptionally favorable strategic position, as to rule out the possibility of the craft unionists defeating them by the old methods of suppression and expulsion. The industrial union forces represent solidly-organized unions which stand on their own feet. The unions of miners, clothing workers, printers—to name only a part of the new set-up—cannot be waved aside or pushed into a corner. The revocation-of-charter racket, employed so often against isolated progressive groups, couldn't work for a minute against this new combination. They are too strong and self-sufficient.

As a matter of fact, although outnumbered in the convention voting, the industrial union bloc is really stronger, more compact, better organized and directed than the craft unions. What is more, the industrial unionists know their strength and do not hesitate to assert it. To judge by the aggressive tactics they used in the convention and since, daring moves can be expected in the near future. The craft unionist majority is on the defensive already. There is little reason to think that they will regain the offensive in the near future, or that the "red drive," started in Minneapolis with such noisy display, can be anything more than a flash in the pan this time.

Help for Minneapolis

This is to the advantage of a place like Minneapolis which is a real outpost of labor progressivism and militancy. The progressive forces throughout the country realize that Minneapolis stands out as a symbol of the new type of unionism. Local 574 has gained a great sympathy of the progressives. That is why the red drive to wreck Local 574 and other advanced unions here did not receive wide support. On the contrary it encountered violent opposition, nationally as well as locally. The more the sentiment for industrial unionism grows, the more friends we will have in the national labor movement. The national trend is in our side. For that reason we are all the more confident of victory in the local fight with the red baiters and union wreckers.

Keeping Step With 574

By Mickey Dunne

The Federal Workers section have decided to see whether or not it is possible to force the Welfare Board to provide adequate and decent burial for relief clients.

The Belt Line job is now a 100 per cent union job. More than 70 members of the Independent Truck Owners section are now working on this job with their equipment.

Contrary to popular belief, there are thousands of independent unions functioning in various parts of the country that have won improved wages and working conditions for their members.

The "Dear Sir and Brother" story that appeared in these columns two weeks ago has an aftermath that should be enjoyed by every true union man. It now appears that the member to whom the letter was addressed actually did have a brother who was delinquent in his dues. We are overjoyed now to report that his brother reinstated himself in the union two days ago. Hurray!

Alice Schumacher, Director of the School for Industrial Workers at Wisconsin University, was in town last week. The work she is sponsoring is so important that it should receive the consideration of every worker.

We announced last week that John Geary of the Drivers International was not an Organizer subscriber. We are happy now to record the fact that he is now on our mailing list.

The Colonial Boys are kosher now.

Last Friday night was the banner night for meetings at the Drivers' Hall. No less than seven separate meetings were going on at one time.

The specially called meeting of the Federal Workers Section brought the best turnout that has been held by that group for months.

A letter was received from the Chippewa Labor Association, Big Stone County, seeking information in regard to the Federal Workers' Section setup for relief clients and Federal Workers and proposing that our two organizations harmonize their program with a possibility of taking united action on a state-wide basis at some future time.

The Armstrong Drivers held a special meeting at the Union Halls Tuesday night.

Orchids to Al Mertens of the Albert Johnson Coal Company, who is driving an eighteen year old Bessmer truck and making daily deliveries on schedule.

Last week the Hartzel Drivers held a one hundred per cent meeting in the Union hall, settled their seniority differences and elected a steward.

G Men in the Labor Movement

Two members of Local 664, City and Sanitary Drivers wandered into the Club Room of the General Drivers Union the other day, announcing that they were G Men; upon being questioned closely it was discovered that they were a couple of Garbage Drivers. Get it?

The widely heralded meeting which was held for Laundry Drivers at the Central Labor Union halls Friday night, brought out a record crowd. Two Drivers.

The Fun, Frolic and Dance, which will be held in the Drivers'

PRESIDENT OF TYPO UNION HITS CRAFTS

Editor's Note: Reprint from Howard statement in November Typographical Journal.

"During the existence of the A. F. of L. and since the date many of the charters were granted to national and international unions upon craft lines the changes in industrial methods have been such that the duties of millions of industrial workers are of a nature that did not exist at the time many national and international charters were issued. This makes it apparent that jurisdiction over these new classes of work could not have been anticipated and included in the jurisdictional outlines of charters issued to national and international unions at a time when the work that is now performed by these millions of industrial workers did not exist.

"We refuse to accept as evidence that the organization policies of the A. F. of L. have been successful. The fact that after fifty-five years of activity and effort we have enrolled under the banner of the A. F. of L. approximately three and one-half millions of members of the thirty-nine millions of organizable workers is a condition that speaks for itself.

"We declare the time has arrived when common sense demands the organization policies of the A. F. of L. must be molded to meet present-day needs. In the great mass production industries and those in which the workers are composite mechanics, specialized and engaged upon classes of work which do not fully qualify them for craft union membership, industrial organization is the only solution. Continuous employment, economic security and the ability to protect the individual worker depend upon organization upon industrial lines.

Auditorium the night of December 14th, is going over with a bang. The entertainment features, which will include dancing to the music of Jack Malerich's orchestra, floor show, and many other entertaining features.

Zander of the Independent Truck Owners is considering having his phone taken out; he said he is receiving an average of fifty calls per day. Girls? No, just Truck Owners seeking employment on WPA projects.

O. W. Norton, of Murphy Transfer Company, who recently returned from a couple months' railroading, evidently thought that he was still riding on the fast mail when he was arrested for speeding on Washington Avenue, November 21st.

The special meeting of Transfer Drivers held in the Union hall last week attracted a record crowd of Union transfer men. The new

Typo Journal Hits Bergoff

According to information received from the East, New York recently revoked the license of the notorious Bergoff to conduct a detective agency. That action was because of Bergoff's failure to pay off the "strikebreakers" used to break a strike in Georgia. In rendering his decision the commissioner who heard the complaint said:

"It would seem to me to be against public policy to permit continued operation of an organization whose head admits his function is to organize armies of mercenaries to be hired out to employers in industrial disputes."

If the state of New York can thus ban the reprehensible and wholly un-American system of permitting professional strikebreaking by thugs and gunmen, why should we not seek to have such activities outlawed nationally? It is well known that one H. W. Flagg has long conducted professional strike-breaking crews, composed of the very dregs of humanity. These motley "gangs" of professional "rats" have for years been transported from state to state. From time to time the seeking of federal legislation estopping such activities has been discussed. Perhaps the time is opportune to request all organized labor to join in asking that congress pass laws curbing the activities of such professional mercenaries.

GREECE VOTES AT THE BAYONET'S POINT

Elections under a dictator are delightful affairs. Consider the "plebiscite" just held in Greece.

Not a single disorder was reported to the "Associated Press." "It was the dullest of dull days and the calm was relieved only by occasional platoons of soldiers marching to vote, and singing as they went."

What a picture of happy patriotism! A few days before those soldiers, at the command of their officers, had destroyed the republic; now at the command of the same officers, they were marching, singing, to the polls to recall a worthless king!

Of course, the balloting was practically unanimous. The early returns indicated a 9-to-1 majority for the royal scamp. The amazing thing is that any Greek had nerve enough to vote "No." It's awfully hard to express your real sentiments when a bayonet is tickling you in the back.

At the last Steward's meeting the question of the new transfer agreement was again the subject of discussion. Although last week's membership meeting of the transfer drivers endorsed paragraph 6 in the new contract, there still remains some misunderstandings that the stewards wish to clear up.

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