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THE FUSION of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Unions, after 20 years of division and strife, has at last been brought to completion. The year 1935 will see a red-letter day in the labor history of the United States and of the world. It is a day on which the labor movement will be able to look forward with hope to a better and freer future than it has ever known before. The federation of the labor movement, though it has been a long and difficult process, is a necessary step in the development of the working class and in the struggle for socialism.

The AFL-CIO merger is the culmination of a long and hard struggle by the working class to build a stronger and more united labor movement. The new federation will be able to pool its resources, pool its strength, and pool its influence in the fight for the rights of the workers and the poor of this country.

The merger marks a new departure in the history of the working class. It is a step forward in the struggle for unity. It is a step forward in the struggle for the unionization of all workers in every country in the world, whether they be in socialist, or in feudal, or in capitalist, or in tribal regimes.

The merger of the AFL and the CIO is a victory for the working class. As such, it will be a great stride forward in the struggle of the working class of all countries in every country in the world, whether it be in socialist, or in feudal, or in capitalist, or in tribal regimes.

The merger of the AFL and the CIO is the beginning of a new era in the history of the labor movement. It is the beginning of a new era in the history of the world. It is the beginning of a new era in the history of the labor movement of all countries.

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THE AFL-CIO MERGER
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the progressive cause in gen-
eral.
STILL NOTHIN~G
shortcoming in the consul-
tion of the two labor feder-
ations. While there were some
glaring weaknesses in the ques-
tion and upon or two or
other subjects, in the main it
must be said that the broad
Left gained no effective voice
what-
ever nor did it present a com-
prehensive program, either at the separate AFL
and CIO convention, or at the joint
AFL-CIO convention.
This was not because there
was no progressive sentiment
in the organizations. On the con-
tra
ry, there was, and is, much
concern and discontent especially
in the CIO, at the failure of
Beauller to negotiate better rep-
resenta-
tion in the leading com-
nittees of the new federation, to
secure more adequate protection
for the industrial unions against
the expressed predatory design of
some craft union leaders, to
counsel against anti-Ne
gro discrimination in the new
merger of a fighting program.
The very fact that the call for action
in the wide spirit of progressive among
the leaders was indicated.
But the trouble was that this
call for action was not only
testified to nor leadership.
Mike Quill, a lone opportu-
nist, made some justified criti-
cisms, but his fight to prevent the
acceptance of the Smith Act
or any similar act, was basically
wrong and now condemned as
indicated above, definitely in
order, but it had to be subordi-
nated to a full support of the
merger and the AFL-CIO program.
This situation was not one that
could unite the forces of the
Left
The failure of the left
forces to raise their voices at
the very convention was largely
the result of the expla-
pronouncement of a few of
the more progressive leaders,
and a decisive of
the rabid campaign of re-hi-
biting that has been such a peril-
ous force for the past several
years in both AFL and CIO. This
campaign, while directed
formulated for a united
front, but also served to demoral-
ize the forces of the
progressive forces in general.

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Tidings From Cortina

A LONG WITH ADVICE to bring very warm clothes, we had planned for Cortina to be a winter ski festival, but entered in the Winter Olympic Games at Cortina D'Ampezzo next month. We note that "Stal Unit," which is us, is entered in 21 of the 24 events in this winter festival, for women, and the 5 by 5 kilometer ski relay for women. (The other women's events are the downhill ski, the giant slalom, the slalom skiing, in individual and
double events, and
The Soviet Union, we note, is represented in everything ex-
cept the two held events. There are ten teams in the ice hockey
tournament, the U.S.S.R., Austria, Germany, Canada, Chechoslovakia, Poland, Italy, Switzerland and Sweden.

A quick glance shows that the German team (both East and
West) between in one team is the only one of the 15 national teams
to enter in every single event. Czechoslovakia missed only on the
two old events. Italy is handicapped by possessing exceptionally
many on hockey, and seven others come close. The Hungarian, those
two countries sports people not generally thought of as a winter
sport nation, are in 20 of the events.

We are also advised that the teams will be getting into Cortina alto,
the 100th of January. I can guarantee you lots of cold sheets and
scores from that one if the pace of the drive makes it possible to
get there by them. Nothing else stands the way.

Banks Also Fielding Leader


gg can't fielding leaders record released this morning contain few spectacular new names and fields. The Falls were the leaders in fielding percentages committing the errors. The "team" error was such of Hobbs, 25.0 (5 errors) at Hodges, Lockman, Maysal or Fondy, on top. Red Schoendienfeld takes the second bassman and he's been there before. Of the regular third baseman, he's fourth. Robinson, on the other hand, is 3rd with 95 fields with 990 average. At 990 as a third batter is the still-handed Jack Roosevelt, who played 84 games at that position and com-
nitted only 9 errors.

As for the shortstops, the position where fielding percentage is
particularly important, the least I was sur-
prised—is Ernie Banks of the Cubs, who played all 154 games and
committed 22 errors. Second was Kiner (2 errors), 3rd, Norridge. Of the several fields of the Reds who erred 25 times is 150 games. It is 3rd with 9 errors. Third with 9 errors is 2nd, ninth with 9 errors.

Dude Snider leads the regular outfielders with a .888 figure on four errors. Leader in outfield assists, Willie Mays, erred only 13 times
and got 11 assists. Fourth with 23 (the
next one after him at least won a Gold Glove Award). Willie also
launched the double figure plays from the field and has 9 errors.

You know, of course, who led the regular catchers in fielding percentage. The MVP also handled the total chances (outs and assists) than the next catcher, Croninal of the Braves, and had only 4 passed balls. To give you your other figures well mean Chi of the Cubs and Kist of the Giants had 17 each catching in fewer games, but the big catcher of the National League's
dominant master, had only seven. Wes Westrum, a defensive
baseball, had 4 but caught only 88 games.
Most interesting figures in yesterday's N. L. pitching statistics to
me were the following: 1-Young Pinch of Bob Fingers winning 2.84 earned run average.
2-Don Newcombe's second best n.s. of 3.19. It isn't often
you get the man with the top winning percentage-Nesk's 20 and
5-up one-two in the earned run average.
3-Jack McVey of Detroit gets underhit relief pitching for the
Phillies, one of the "innings" reason for their second ball club

-4-The easy mixed up record of the Cub's Sam Jones, who
batted the only no hitter of the season, registered the most strike-
casts, but also gave the most walks, hit the most singles, and
the most.

-5-The continuing evidence of overwork of Bob Roberts,
True. Roberts won the most games, 23. But he made the most
casts, 39; most complete games, 28. Most innings pitched, 305, which is 49
more innings than the next pitcher, or over five more games.

But this is no wonder, therefore, the most in error, the most
fails, the most home runs, setting a major league record in the latter category. There needs a trade soon.

Five Years Late, But Welcome

ROHRAH FOR THE verdict of the Court of Claims giving $400,000 to the widow and child of Private E. W. McNair, who
was shot in 1951 after a Garden semi-final fight with Roger Donabue. It won't bring back the husband and father, only 21 at the time of his death, but it makes people think, for the finding of Judge Fred A. Young specifically calls into question the entire system of aerial examinations by the boxing commission.

More on this in the weekday papers.