

Farm Bureau Admits Dirt Farmer Boycott

Small Farmer Learns Arizona Farm Bureau Works Against His Interest

The Arizona Farm Bureau came within an inch of dying on the night of June 5th, according to a Arizona Farmer account of a stormy 5 hour session of the Bureau. I. M. Clausen, Bureau executive secretary, concluded a report on the past six months activities by announcing his resignation.

Clausen in his report had acknowledged failure of a membership drive begun six months earlier. Glen Vinson, who also tendered his resignation that night, said that the Bureau membership had reached a new low.

Three reasons were given for the failure of the drive and the new low of Bureau membership — the average dirt farmer's lack of confidence in the Bureau, the rise of the so-called "commodity" associations, and just downright lack of interest.

Clausen then asked the question: "Is there any further

FARM BUREAU DROPS MEMBERSHIP GOAL OF 5000 TO 2000

After all the fanfare and publicity the Bureau leadership got out immediately following its announcement of a drive for 5000 new farmer members, the well-financed and organized drive doesn't seem to be going so good. The dirt farmer still seems to "lack confidence and interest." The Bureau hopes the farmer has forgotten the announced goal of 5000, as he is now quietly told that the goal for 2000 members comes to a "successful" conclusion. We wonder how many real farmers really signed up?

need for a State Farm Bureau in Arizona?" Judging from the boycott of small farmers, the answer is no.

Later that evening Clausen and Vinson agreed to withdraw their resignation and a drive for 5000 members was decided upon to begin July 9th.

Real Reason Not Given

Although Clausen and Vinson frankly admitted the lack of confidence and interest on the part of the dirt farmer in the Farm Bureau, they did not say why these farmers had no confidence or interest. There is a reason but the so-called "farmers" who control the Bureau would not admit that.

Most farmers are small farmers, and they have become very suspicious — with very good reason — that the Big Business

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ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY BEHIND ARIZONA COUNCIL

Pro-Democracy Forces Suspect Reactionary Purpose

When on June 8th Arizona papers carried a news story that Frank C. Brophy and Fred W. Fickett were elected president and vice-president, respectively, of the Inter-American Council of Arizona, Wm. Coxon executive secretary, and James Minotto a member of the board of directors, progressive, democratic Arizonans asked: what for?

When they read that the purpose of the organization was to achieve a better understanding of Latin-American conditions and affairs, then a healthy suspicion displaced the question. None of these men, nor the rest of the board of directors for that matter, had ever been known to take a real interest in the well-being of Latin-Americans, and what is very important, in the well-being of the Spanish-speaking people of Arizona.

Big Business Behind Council

An investigation brought out certain facts which led to a number of questions that the real friends of democracy in Latin-America would like answered. It has been found that over 3 years ago, the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, in Washington, set up Inter-American centers in various localities to promote better inter-American understanding. The bungling of these centers became so notorious that the State Dept. recently took back jurisdiction over this work. When the State Dept. withheld appropriations for these centers, it was thought they would close down.

Soon thereafter, however, a circular was put out by one Rovinsky — connected with Bolivian tin mine and National City Bank exploitation of Latin-America — announcing that thereafter "business leaders" would finance the various centers already in existence and those to be established (such as the Arizona Council). Increasingly these centers have become anti-labor and anti-progressive. The Arizona officers and board of directors, with few exceptions, are big businessmen (the people of Phoenix would like to know what Donald Tope, city superintendent of schools, is doing on the board of directors). What is the real purpose of these centers or councils?

Arizona Officers Have Reactionary Record

A brief history of some of the leading figures in the Arizona Council might supply the answer. Let us take Frank

LEADING FASCIST WORKS FOR MATHEWS

(Reprint from recent issue of Aero Worker, official publication of the Aeronautical Mechanics Lodge No. 1174, at Consolidated Aircraft, Tucson, Arizona.)

Not long ago the following item appeared in Walter Winchell's column:

"John Gaede, also known as Henry Curtiss, formerly a star performer for Joe McWilliams, is now writing editorials for a Tucson paper. Curtiss (or Gaede) was thoroughly unveiled in "Under Cover" on pages 40, 85, 86 and 201."

We've checked on this item and found that Gaede definitely is working for the ARIZONA DAILY STAR. Although he is not writing editorials, he is a reporter, the same reporter who asked Mr. Ahrens for the statement later distorted by his paper. The references made in "Under Cover" are very revealing and enlightening, and we advise you to get a copy and read about this outstanding fascist for yourself. John Gaede is a threat to America, yet he is employed by William R. Mathews, and interprets and misinterprets the local news for you.

C. Brophy, banker and cattleman. Never known as having supported anything of interest to the common people, in 1944 he put more than \$8,000 into the election campaign of Wm. Coxon for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Coxon's campaign was the most unprincipled in Arizona's political history. It was characterized by vicious attacks on labor, Nazi-like race baiting against the Negro people, and red-baiting that a Goebbels would envy. Properly Coxon was soundly

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COMMUNISTS HAIL 'FRISCO CHARTER

New York, July 8.—A statement issued by the Secretariat of the Communist Political Association states that "The charter of the United Nations adopted by the representatives of 50 nations at San Francisco, is an achievement of world significance. Its objectives represent the profound aspirations of the American people, and the peoples everywhere, for a durable and stable peace."

Charter Itself no Safeguard

"The American people realize that the Charter in itself does not and cannot safeguard the peace of the world." The statement said, "A stable peace depends first and foremost upon the continued unity of these powers that possess the greatest military might, the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union . . ."

"Furthermore, a stable peace depends upon the initiative and action of all the democratic forces, here and abroad. It depends especially upon the strengthened national democratic coalition of all peace-loving Americans, and especially upon the unity and strength of labor", the statement emphasized.

"The American people, like the peoples of the entire world, have sufficient evidence that there are sinister forces who conspire to break the 'indispensable condition' of unity of the Three Great powers. Our President highlighted that period when he warned that the 'Forces of reaction and tyranny' will try 'to make one ally suspect the other, hate the other, desert the other'" the statement warned.

Monopolies Endanger Peace

"This warning acquires its fullest meaning when we realize that the enemies of durable peace are particularly strong and active in our own country

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TUCSON PRESS ENDANGERS UNITY STUDY IN CONTRASTS

Poverty, Slums, Ignorance Real Enemy

Twice within the past two years mobs of American youth, armed with clubs and other deadly weapons, gathered to attack "pachucos" and "zoot-suiters" in Tucson, Arizona, U. S. A., United Nations.

Each time before the formation of these lynch mobs, the Tucson press had front paged or otherwise prominently printed articles about "pachuco crime waves" and the menace of "zoot-suiters". Accidental? Harmless? Kid pranks? Well, let's see about that.

December 7, 1941. America stabbed in the back! America now fully in the war against fascism — at war not only with the armies of fascism but against its ideological weapon of hate, divide and conquer and its theories of "race-supremacy".

Unity needed! Greater industrial production needed! Record-breaking farm production needed! More soldiers, sailors, more air men needed! More workers needed! More farmers needed! More unity needed! More unity needed! More! MORE! MORE!

How? Where?

Americans of all races and creeds rallied! A stronger America — stronger than ever before, more united than ever before — deals the enemy heavy blows.

Wallace Warns

In May, 1942, Vice President Wallace warned that:

"We must be especially prepared to stifle the Fifth Columnists in the United States who will try to sabotage not merely our war material plants, but our minds. We must be prepared for the Worst kind of Fifth Column work in Latin America."

But still more unity, more fighting men, more farmers, more workers are needed as the needs of America at war with fascism grow.

In August, 1942, in Mexico City hundreds of Mexican agricultural workers volunteered for work in the United States. Unity was growing.

But in the same month of that same year along with its first arrival of Mexican war workers, Los Angeles had its newspaper "crime wave", its "zoot-suit and "pachuco" hysteria. Maybe that was an accident, but the timing was perfect.

And out of that press-built crime wave and hysteria, fifteen American-born Mexican boys and two Mexican-born boys were put on trial and railroaded to San Quentin for a single murder. Seventeen for one! This was the infamous Sleepy Lagoon Case.

Helped Axis Propaganda

If you listened to the Axis radio beamed to Latin America on January 13, 1943, you heard in Spanish:

"In Los Angeles, California, the so-called "City of the Angels", twelve Mexican boys

were found guilty today of a single murder and five others were convicted of assault growing out of the same case. The 260,000 Mexicans of Los Angeles are reported up in arms over this Yankee persecution. The concentration camps of Los Angeles are said to be overflowing with members of this persecuted minority. This is justice for you, as practiced by the "Good Neighbor", Uncle Sam, a justice that demands seventeen victims for one crime."

That was the harvest sown by the fascist-minded Hearst press, District Attorney Shoemaker and Ed. Duran Ayres of the Foreign Relations Bureau of the Sheriff's office. That was the harvest reaped by the Axis and its agents.

But aroused Americans, with a unity like that sealed in blood of the heroes of many races and creeds at Bataan and Corregidor, at Stalingrad and Normandy, fought that frameup. Those seventeen Mexican-American boys were released and their records cleared. But the enemy had its day. Just like it had its days when there were evil-inspired riots in Detroit, Harlem and Beaumont, Texas. **Tucson Press Whips up Mob Spirit**

Tucson, again, just missed giving aid and comfort to the enemy — for the time being. Two mobs in two years bent on doing violence on Mexican-American and Negro youth! Accidental? Kid pranks? Newspaper stories of "Mexican Gangs", "Pachuco Charge made Against Gang", "Pachuco Gangs Beat Up Boys" and "Pachuco Is Held After Assault" are EXACTLY like those stories printed in the Los Angeles papers. We know what they inspired there.

What about those "pachuco" stories? Here is what Captain Robinson of Tucson Police Dept. said when he lectured ringleaders of the second mob that gathered to attack Mexican-Americans and was dispersed by alert police action.

"The so-called 'pachuco problem' exists only in the minds of Tucsonans." He stated that the street fights would not happen if the Mexican-American boys were not called pachucos by other boys. Capt. Robinson declared that the Mexican-American boys were not different from other boys except that they needed haircuts." He told the ringleaders that these "pachucos" were citizens of the United States and that they must learn to live peacefully with them.

Citizen Silent on Truth

Did the Tucson Daily Citizen print a word about the mob, its dispersal by the police and the fine lecture by Capt. Robinson? This writer could not find a single word in the Citizen! Yet that Hearstian paper, phoney champion of the little man,

Well, the United States and Great Britain have recognized the Polish government of national unity, and the issue which was so deliberately mishandled by the State Department is now settled. Two months ago, the former secretary, Stettinius, broke off negotiations over the Polish organization because of the 16 arrested saboteurs.

Now where are we? These same Poles are in jail. The Warsaw government has been reorganized, after all, and on the basis of Yalta. Mr. Stettinius is out of the State Department. What indeed shall the average citizen make of this entire performance by the self-righteous policy-makers in Washington?

Now consider Argentina. It is nearly three months ago that her dictatorial government was blessed by acceptance at San Francisco. The Farrell-Peron regime was praised for having abided by every democratic commitment. It was a great day for young Nelson Rockefeller and his State Department friends.

But today the dictatorship is in the deepest crisis ever; even the State Department has been compelled to denounce what is going on. Even the Mexican Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla is forced to eat his own words and criticize the non-fulfillment of all previous pledges.

In other words, the United States has finally broken with the London Poles—but in Argentina, the United States insisted upon recognizing and doing business with the counterparts of the London Poles. Where did it get us? Absolutely nowhere. The time has come to break with Argentina's fascists and help the rising democratic movement restore a government in which the United Nations can have confidence. Nothing less than that will do.

PENALTIES NOT THE SOLUTION

The War Labor Board has now set a new precedent of penalizing strikers by withdrawing or threatening withdrawal of earlier gains won by the workers, as in the case of the Good-year Rubber Co. and the New York News Delivers Union.

Labor must continue to uphold the wartime no-strike pledge. Akron's experience, where the international leaders of the United Rubber Workers did counsel against a strike, is glaring proof. After a loss of three weeks of pay the Navy seized the plants, the draft boards are instructed to induct strikers, wild charges of labor's responsibility in the death of soldiers received much publicity and the atmosphere is anything but favorable to labor.

But the WLB's penalties policy is not the solution. The Board is only shifting on the workers the effects of its own failure to deal fundamentally with the conditions that bred the situation.

As long as we fail to solve the problems of reconversion, cling to an outdated wage freeze formula and Congress is not moving to enact adequate jobless insurance, as long as the workers remain doubtful of their future, restlessness among the workers will continue.

The War Labor Board and other government agencies better turn to the problem from this angle and stop adding grist to the mill of the open-shoppers and disrupters within labor ranks, through a policy of penalties.

has been among the chief offenders in race-baiting. It helps start a race problem. It yells, "Danger!" Then it censors the news that the pachuco problem it has been screaming about does not exist.

People Must Take Offensive

Has the danger passed? To the contrary, citizens must be more alert than ever to race incitement.

As we take the final offensive against the last member of the fascist Axis, Japan, it is time that WE, THE PEOPLE take the offensive against fascism's agents and its dupes in Arizona.

Let us move swiftly and surely:

Against the press and its headline-made "pachuco and zootsuit crime waves";

Against bigotry and race-hatred;

Against the Sinarchists and the Falangists and every organized group, Mexican or American, that tries to disrupt our precious unity;

Against such miserable conditions described by Dr. Page, professor of sociology at Oklahoma A. & M. College on leave at the University of Arizona, who recently reported; three-fourths of Tucson's Mexican-American families earned less than \$1,000 a year in 1942 and 28%, less than \$700 a year; large families are forced to live in small, overcrowded slum houses; a lack of recreational facilities; unsympathetic police, as a whole; discrimination by

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repudiated by Arizonans — the worst beating any candidate for Governor ever received in Arizona's history. Brophy seemed undaunted by this repudiation and later associated himself with the Arizona Democrats Against the New Deal. This group made every effort to defeat the re-election of Roosevelt.

Minotto no Friend of Democracy

"Count" Minotto has a most unsavory, reactionary record. Minotto, we believe, gives the key to the real purposes of the Council. Having been involved in the infamous Premier Cail- laux plot, during the last World War, as a German imperial agent, Minotto became an American citizen after the war. After coming to Arizona, one would have expected him to sever all such unsavory connections, but no, he re-established connections with the worse enemies of the people. In 1939 he turns up as an active member of the storm-trooper-fascist Associated Farmers. In that year the A. F., led by Kemper Marley, organized an unlawful mob of 400 armed vigilantes to do violence against 8 AFL union pickets.

The United States Senate Civil Liberties Committee, after months of hearings, exposed the A. F. as organized by Big Business to use small dirt farmers as their catspaw to smash the labor movement. (Phil Tovrea was one of the original organizers of the Arizona A. F.) It was shown nothing was too un-American for this gang. They organized most brutal violence against agricultural workers who attempted to raise living standards above that of a peon (A high percentage of these agricultural workers were Mexican-American. Now Minotto and his associates tell the Mexicans they are their dearest friends.)

Connected with Mexican Fascist

It is public knowledge that Minotto, over a period of years, was closely associated with Roman Yucopicio, former governor of Sonora. Mexican labor fought Yucopicio as anti-labor and a fascist. It is said by competent students of Mexican affairs that Yucopicio was connected with General Cedillo, who a few years ago attempted to overthrow the democratic Cardenas government by military force. We are further informed that a German, named Carl Molling, related to Yucopicio by marriage, supposedly promoted aviation in Sonora under the Yucopicio regime. A few years ago the FBI arrested Molling in Tucson as a Nazi agent.

Fred W. Fickett is well remembered by Arizonans when he ran in 1944 on the Republican ticket for U. S. Senator from Arizona. Fickett indulged in unprincipled attacks on the late President Roosevelt, spreading lies about Roosevelt's "communism". Can Mr. Fickett be



VICKY SAYS:

Von Ribbentrop, Goering and Hess

Have made such a terrible mess

That is justice were done

They would hang, everyone.

They're murderous monsters, no less!

interested in the well-being of Latin-Americans when he worked to discredit the architect of the Good Neighbor policy — Roosevelt?

Not Interested in Better Understanding

Can these men be interested in promoting democracy? Can they be interested in Latin-America's well-being? Can they want to improve the lot of the discriminated Spanish-speaking Arizonans? Can their hatred of labor advance vital Good Neighbor relations? Can connection with individuals in Latin-America whom labor and the democratic people have fought for years, improve conditions of Latin - American peons, Can large corporations and financial institutions which have plans of further exploitation of Latin-America be friends of either the American or Latin-American people? Did these men ever fight against the Mexican wage discrimination in Arizona mines, terrible slums or low living standards?

The answer is an emphatic NO.

Congressional Investigation Needed

Then what are these men after Could it be that National City Bank has plans to maintain and set up such fascist governments as Argentina's to act as willing tools of American imperialism? Can there be any connections with such fascist movements as the Mexican Sinarquista (organized by Nazi agents in Mexico and supported by the Franco Falange and some reactionary clerics)? Can an interest in teaching Arizona children Spanish have the purpose of winning over the Spanish-speaking people to be unwillingly used for reactionary purposes?

The people of Arizona look for answers from the Inter-American Council. There should be a demand for a Congressional investigation of those behind the national and local council.

Its real purposes should be determined. The American

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which emerges from the anti-Hitler war as the most powerful imperialist state in the world. Inside America the enemies of peace comprise dangerously powerful groups — the reactionary trusts and monopolies — who strive to establish the domination of American imperialism over the entire world" the statement sharply pointed out.

"The American people must therefore be on the alert against the new tactics of the reactionary forces at home who now appear to vote for and support the Charter, but who plan to continue the struggle to obstruct the unanimity and cooperation of the Big Three" . . . the statement alerted.

Labor Backbone of Fight for Peace

"All peace-loving Americans must unify their anti-fascist strength, must work in full cooperation in the broadest coalition to achieve the stated goals of the Charter. In the first place, this is the responsibility of the working people and labor, which bears the brunt of war. This means that all labor in America must unite . . . Labor, on an international scale, through the World Trade Union Congress, must be accorded an effective role in the work for realizing this peace program. . . ." the statement pointed out.

"Labor and all democratic forces of the people, including the Communists, can and should register support of the San Francisco Charter and their will for its effective implementation by organizing broad, non-partisan mass rallies, meetings and conferences, involving the communities, the trade unions . . . the Negro people, farm groups, church, fraternal and cultural organizations, civic and businessmen's associations" the statement called for . . .

Communists Pledge

"The Communist Political Association pledges to cooperate with all anti-fascist and democratic forces to ensure the earliest ratification of the San Francisco Charter. It pledges to rally all its strength for the destruction of Japanese imperialism and the complete elimination of fascism in Europe or wherever it appears. It pledges to work with all progressive and peace-loving people for the creation of a powerful, democratic, anti-fascist coalition in America that will strive for continued unity of the Big Three powers, that will isolate and defeat the enemies of peace and democracy in this country" pledged the statement . . .

people, especially labor, must expose and fight all reactionary groups, and imperialist cartels and monopolies which are working to bring fascism throughout America and Latin-America in order to affect their imperialist plans.

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business firms, and a backward probation system which tends to confirm a delinquent rather than reform him.

Unity for Job Ahead

For an offensive against these conditions we need the united strength of:

The great trade union movement;

Americans of all strains, origins and stations in life;

The churchmen of all faiths and their congregations;

And above all we need the Mexicans, native or foreign born, to enrich our lives with all the treasures they bring us from their Ancient culture, their long, proud rich history.

"Hidalgo and Juarez were men of the same stamp as Washington and Jefferson," said President Roosevelt.

We need all that strength to whip Japanese imperialism and to win a peace with 60,000,000 jobs and security for all Americans.

We need that strength to build a more united, stronger U. S. A., United Nations.

Reveal Plot of I. G. Farben For New War

Kilgore Committee Exposes International Web of Nazi Chemical Trust

Washington.—Fresh news of what a staff of Treasury experts are finding out about German industry, how it concealed spies in other countries and now conceals assets here and elsewhere, was revealed here by the Kilgore Committee. "This company is particularly well suited for the intended camouflaging maneuvers," wrote Herr Georg von Schnitzler of the I. G. Farbenindustrie, to Dr. E. von der Heyde, on April 3, 1940, since the failure of one of its emissaries will never lead to catastrophe; if worse comes to worse this company might have to cease operating in some particular country and would have to confine its activities to the other neutral countries."

This was among the correspondence showing I. B. Farben's services to the Wehrmacht Counter-Espionage Section, read before the Kilgore War Mobilization Sub-Committee of the Senate by Orvis Schmidt, director of Foreign Funds Control for the Treasury.

Schmidt in his testimony said, "These industrialists, when they are interviewed by our staff, take the general attitude that now the war is over, we ought to be assisting them to help get I. G. Farben back on its feet. They tell us that our investigations will be of short duration, because shortly their friends in England and America (our emphasis, M.G.) will come over here (Germany) and put a stop to such investigations and help them get reestablished."

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FARM BUREAU ADMITS DIRT FARMER BOYCOTT

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Farmer element which now completely dominates the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation is trying to USE the small farmer for purposes that have nothing to do with his economic prosperity.

Hypocrisy is the very foundation of the Arizona Farm Bureau's membership drive. It is a drive to line up a "dirt farmer front" for a legislative and political program that is contrary to his best interests.

F. B. Discredits Useful Agencies

The June 16, 1945 issue of the Arizona Farmer, on its editorial page, calls attention to the many valuable services performed for all farmers by the Agriculture Adjustment Administration, the Soil Conservation Service, the Farm Security Administration, Grazing Service, Forest Service and other Government Agencies. It suggests that established farmers, as well as prospective ones, will find much help in a mimeographed booklet from Washington outlining some of the aids that these agencies can give even the old-timer in Arizona farming.

Yet most of these Government Agencies — whose services have been of primary benefit to the small Working farmer have had to fight for their lives against the opposition of Farm Bureau leaders who so love to pin the label "Bureaucracy" on every Government Agency that has helped the small farmer to survive.

Small Farmer Used

The small working farmer, dairyman or rancher has no more in common with the huge monopolistic cattle interests and "factory-farm" owners than the copper miner has with Phelps-Dodge, or the rural electric cooperative has with Wall Streets' Electric Bond and Share.

Small farmers are not the only section of the population that the Arizona Farm Bureau tries to USE for the protection of its monopolistic control over the cattle and farming industries. During the last session of the Legislature they tried to whip the veterans into a fury against organized labor — for the sole purpose of dividing veterans against war workers, and depressing the wage scales of both. Their campaign failed utterly — because Arizona veterans, themselves strongly organized into three democratic organizations championing the real interest of veterans — saw through the hypocrisy and refused to be "sucked in". The members of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans, some officially, some unofficially, testified against the so-called "right-to-work bills" and helped to defeat them.

Yet, throughout the hearings on these measures last February, small farmers — produced by Big Cattle and Business Men, who themselves stayed in the background — stood up and

spoke in the name of the service man for these anti-labor measures which the veterans organizations themselves had either repudiated or refused to support. It was not until after the hearing was over that Senator Fain admitted the origin of his "right-to-work" bill was the Farm Bureau Federation (also proven is, that the bill originally came from the Texas outfit, Christian Americans, having ties with such fascists as Gerald L. K. Smith).

Enemies of Labor — Enemies of Dirt Farmer

The dirt farmer is mighty suspicious of organizations that include such people as Kemper Marley. Marley was a member of the Arizona Bureau's state board of directors until recently, when he was apparently shoved hastily behind the thrown out of sight. The small farmer remembers Marley as the leader of the fascist-vigilante Arizona Associated Farmers a few years ago. This is the outfit the U. S. Senate Civil Liberties Committee proved organized and financed by Big Business for the purpose of USING the dirt farmer to smash organized labor and in the long run the small farmer himself (Phil Tovera, of the Tovera Packing Co., was one of the organizers of the Arizona Assoc. Farmers). Back in 1939 Marley led an unlawful mob of 400 men armed with guns and clubs to attack 8 union pickets.

Those very labor organizations who seem to be considered by the Arizona Farm Bureau as the farmers No. 1 enemy have fought for the interests of small farmers again and again when the Farm Bureau failed:

Labor backed the Farm Security Administration.

Labor supported all farm loan programs and fought for lower interest rates.

Labor backed the Rural Electric Cooperatives — and still does.

Labor opposed the removal of the 160 acre limitation on holdings of Federal lands — a limitation that big land interests are still trying to remove.

Labor, by its organizing of agricultural workers, has sought to raise farm labor standards on the big "factory-farms" — with the result that the small working farmer, who, with his family, works his own farm, will not have to compete in marketing his produce with low wage standards on the big farms.

Small Farmer Must Look After Own Interests

This last contribution of labor to the welfare of the small farmers is labor's "mortal sin" in the eyes of the big cattlemen and the absentee owners of large farms. Because of this, and the general reactionary plot of Big Business to destroy labor, and destroy the democratic rights of the American people, they decided to "keep" the Arizona Bureau and conduct a drive for 5000 members. Those behind the Arizona Farm Bureau need the small farmer to use as a cat's paw in their struggle to retain their stranglehold on the political

ARIZONA'S POSTWAR FUTURE DEPENDS ON ACTION NOW

Everyone is talking about the great postwar future before Arizona. Statisticians, publicists, lecturers and business men appear before various knife and fork clubs painting rosy pictures. We are told the whole secret is advertising and more advertising and Arizona will reap a tourist windfall.

None of us have any objections to tourists. We welcome them. But still Arizona's economy cannot give dependable employment for its stable population if it is going to be based on tourist business. Tens of thousands of vets will come to Arizona and thousands of skilled and unskilled workers want to remain here in Arizona after the war. They cannot maintain themselves and their families on the 4 or 5 months of tourist business.

People's Problem

The government has built great industrial establishments to turn out war production. These have cost tens of millions of dollars. Thousands of workers are employed in these plants and mines. Most of them want to stay here. Veterans will want decent jobs. The question is; what is being done to assure the continued operation of these war plants — converting to peace-time production? Are they to be sold for a song? If private industry refuses to fully operate them then the government must.

Layoff and Decreased Production Alarming

Consolidated Aircraft, Tucson, is planning to shut down completely in a month or two. Good-year Aircraft, Phoenix, says it has no plans to continue operation after the war — hundreds have already been laid off, with more to come. Shall the question whether the plants will operate or not operate, be left to the corporations alone?

Wartime jobs and production has begun to take a downward trend. Conversion, reconversion and new production have not been scheduled to take up the slack, as so many people fondly hoped would just "happen". This trend should be a danger signal to Arizonans. However, to a great extent, the fact is, that until the trends are expressed in breadlines and acute dislocations, many public officials and

and economic life of Arizona.

With such "farmers" as Carl Holmes and Mac Best pushing the drive — with the objective of making the Farm Bureau a strong centralized agency, the dirt farmer, labor and just the plain man-on-the-street, rightfully asks, who is going to run it, and for what purposes? With the past as a guide, it is no wonder the "average dirt farmer lacks confidence" in the present set up of the Arizona Farm Bureau. Small farmers will need to look elsewhere — perhaps to an organization of their own — to advance their real interests.

labor leaders appear determined to ignore them. By that time it may be too late to slam the brakes on.

Governor Osborn Can Help

Governor Osborn's recent public statement urging the Federal government to take steps to see that the Fontana, Calif. mammoth steel plant and other western plants operate after the war, is an excellent move. But unless more vigorous and coordinated steps are taken now to keep Arizona plants and mines operating in the postwar, Arizona is headed for a disastrous nose-dive. Governor Osborn needs to move faster and more effectively if he is to help avert this disaster. Among other things, a special session of the Arizona Legislature should be called NOW to tackle postwar problems in earnest.

Arizona's Future Tied to Nation's

Realizing Arizona's future is tied with that of the nation, some sections of Arizona labor have taken the initiative in backing enactment by Congress of the Murray-Thomas full employment bill, the Wagner-Dingell bill for expanded social security and for guarantees of a minimum of \$25 per week for six months unemployment insurance. To maintain purchasing power (with workers take-home being reduced), the Little Steel formula needs revision upward at least 20%. Local No. 763, Machinists, AFL, at Good-year Aircraft, is to be especially commended for its initiative in fighting layoffs, but it needs the full backing of the whole community if Goodyear is to continue to operate.

Quick, Intelligent Action Needed

The recent California C. I. O. State Council meeting, points the way for Arizona too. It came out for a government-sponsored conference on peace-time production with industry-labor-government representation from the 11 western states. "We must dramatize the necessity of state and nation-wide planned reconversion, must devise technique for solving union problems through community political action," the CIOers stated. "Unemployment, decreases in hours, downgrading, as well as the present big business conspiracy to break price control, all add up to economic chaos, unless labor and the people act." the C. I. O. warned.

That goes for Arizona too.

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