Industrial Leaders Lash Out at Green and Craft Unionists in Open Letters

Last week saw a rather spirited exchange of communications between William Green, President of the A.F. of L., and John L. Lewis, Chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization. Green, in a semi-accusatory letter to Lewis, challenged him to make good his threat to create industrial organization in auto, rubber, and other basic industries. This letter was answered by Lewis in his speech at a large Cleveland mass meeting, where he spoke to 30,000 auto workers.

Lewis Warns Auto Workers

In his speech in the Cleveland Auditorium, Lewis told the assemblage of auto workers that their only hope for setting up a national-wide union organization in the automobile industry, was by amalgamation of the existing auto unions and the organizing of the unorganized auto workers into a huge industrial union. Lewis’ Cleveland speech indicated that he was prepared to take Lewis at his word and start a program of industrial organization in automobiles.

Federal Match Co. Closed by Strike

As a repercussion from the militant struggle that is being waged by the striking match workers of Croquet, Minnesota, the Federal Match Company, whose plant at Walnut has been closed last week by the workers who immediately formed picketing line about the company’s property. The workers announced, however, that is intended to build flood control dam for the conservation of water in the Lake Quin Parle District, will employ thousands of men.

Lac Qui Parle Work Will Get Under Way

The $2,131,999 Lac Qui Parle project, which was the subject of a resolution adopted at the recent Ortoville conference, has been approved by Comprometer General John R. McClure.

The project, which is intended to prevent the flooding of the plant with oil labor by a committee from the 56th work- ers was formed to negotiate settlement terms with the management.

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160 Committee Meets Employers

Electrical Workers Union Local 160 reports that new members are coming in to meet the union rate. Job committees are being formed in the various departments, and the first meeting of the Northern States Power Co. for the purpose of taking grievances for the new members was held Wednesday night. On Monday, January 27, the union executive board met with Mr. Henry Grubacher and Mr. L. D. Smith of the company to present grievances of the members and to discuss the general procedure in handling future grievances. It was reported that the grievances will be taken up with the individual company, and that the union will take it up with the higher company officials.

A definite schedule of meetings for the union membership, organizational, and executive board has been established. The schedule of meetings appears elsewhere in this issue.

Cokato-WPA Meeting Held and Design at Cold

Saturday, January 26th, a meeting of WPA workers was held in Cokato, Mr. Messina, Miles Damme, and John Schwalke were present for the meeting. The arrangements for the meeting were finalized. Next week in Ortoville conference were present to outline an organizational setup for the workers and the union executive board. The union State-wide conference February 1st, Mass.

Despite the fact that it was 21 below zero at the time the meeting was called, about 45 WPA workers were in attendance. Great interest was shown in planning for a federal Workers section affiliated with 574. Another meeting has been set for Saturday, February 1st, at the same time and place.

This meeting will form the organizational setup, elect officers, and in charge of the union. Brown and Damme will be the speakers.

Says Motorist Can Take Safety Lessons From Truck Drivers

The average passenger car driver could take lessons in safe driving and highway manners from truck drivers.

This statement was made before a meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers by Dr. McClintock, Director of the Bureau of Street Traffic, Research of Harvard University.

He said the truck drivers are now "the gentlemen of the road."

Stand all as one
Till right is done
Suck the dregs and do!"
Bill Brown Says—
The State Legislature and Senate finally passed the farm bill after it had been amended and kicked around so long that many farmers felt it was not worth their while. It was a simple matter for those farmers who held onto the bill from the beginning to get a $10 a day wage for the special session.

Bill Brown said that he voted $1 a day, perhaps a mistake was made in the decision. While the Businessmen Associations should have been included, as the large farmers were, but without a fight. It will be too bad if some of these farmers read the records of the Senate and House vote.

Non-Partisan Labor Defense Fights Fake Sweat Shop

An attempt by a Minneapolis firm to evade the recently-enacted Minnesota Anti-Sweat Shop Law was now being fought by the Non-Partisan Labor Defense. The case centers around a firm in Alfred Rosenwald, arrested on the picket line at the Strutwage Company.

The Strutwage Company, unable to get a federal injunction, organized a dummy corporation in another state and had this dummy corporation file a federal court against the Strutwage Company less than two weeks after the execution of this writ brought the United States marshall into the case. It is well known that the real charge of contempt of court with which the Strutwage Company is charged is the same as purpose if an injunction had been issued.

The question is, without comment, and his case is now being considered on the grounds that the court had no jurisdiction since this was not an actual case between two corporations in two states but was an arranged affair created to impose a brake on the enforcement of the federal court. It is, of course, highly important that the Strutwage Company win this case, which is the first one involving this being the case that has ever been brought to the Strutwage Company. Otherwise this might be only the first of many attempts to use the federal court against workers by artificially creating such Interstate relations.

About $500 is urgently needed. The workers' committee is therefore making the following solicitation: Filing fees, $40. Transcription of the trial, $180. Payment of attorney's fees is paid to the attorney who is employed in the case. N.P.L.D. free of charge. Contributions may be sent to A. C. Halle, 328 University, Minneapolis. Branch of the N.P.L.D., 2506 Third Ave., S., Minneapolis. Anyone desiring further information may obtain it at the address.

Garment Co. Strikers Dispersed by Guard

Indiana is rapidly becoming known as the state where the Non-Partisan Labor Defense is really in action. The number of strikers on duty in one section of the Judge Lebowitz clothing factory, the non-Partisan Labor Defense Union, accord Lebowitz full support.

New York Elevator Operators Strike

In New York, people employed in the use and custody of the metropolitan area, have been forced to walk down the lines of stalled and work stoppage.

It seems that the condition has been brought about by a strike of union elevator operators and furnace men who are in trouble with their union and an increase in the prices charged by the laundry. The new conditions of building owners have signed with the union and the strike is being continued in the buildings that have not yet settled with the union.

Local 221 Issues Scab Directory

Believe it or not, Local 221, log Wagon Drivers Union, have gotten out a leaflet. Generally, when a union is in trouble, they issue a leaflet for organizational purposes, but this leaflet issued by Local 21, is not like the others. The leaflet lists the companies which they claim to be "fair" to their organization. Among those companies are some of the major concerns of small wagon dealers, the real log haulers. The head of the list is the River Terminal Coal and Coke Company.

A leaflet, which is under contract to Local 574 are, at the present time, being struck and the log haulers are in a state of great alarm. They are striking and banning this committee and many companies have already begun or greatly broken and violated their agreement with our union.

The local of Teamsters Joint Council, however, has been on the vigil. The resignation that has descended to the few workers of trade union recognition.

V. R. Dunne to Debate Ross Friday Evening

Friday evening, February 7th, at 8 p.m. in the Assembly's Hall, corner of 5th and 4th street, there will be a debate on fundamental political issues that concern the worker. The question of building a national Farmer-Labor Party is now under discussion. The interest of every working class voter irrespective of his or her political persuasion.

The question that will be the subject of this debate is: The Revolutionary Workers' Party help build the Farmer-Labor Party in Minnesota, or unite the country.

The sponsors of this debate are the Communist Party, U. S. A., and Workers Party, U. S. A. A. A. A.

The Communist Party will maintain the affirmative and V. R. Dunne will posit the negative. Both sides will be given equal opportunity to present their case.

The public is invited. It is known that tickets can be secured either at the door or through the representatives of the two sponsoring parties.

New Office System Installed in Union

The new union bookkeeping system of installation for over two months is now functioning. The new cards that have the place of the old ledger bookkeeping system. The new system was introduced at the union membership records.

Each member now has an individual record which contains a complete record of his union history. The union record, which is all the cards, is kept and every card is a record of a given member.

The ponderous ledger system has been replaced by the Driver's International has been used at the meetings that are held by the International Longshoreman's Union, tied up the job.

Between forty and fifty longshoremen have been reporting to the offices of the Metropolitan News Co. in New York.

Union Crane Worker in One-Man Strike

Jim Kelley, union crane operator on the Boston Waterfront, has broken into a one man strike that made history in the Maritime Union.

Kelley, operating a crane which was unloading scrap iron from the barge "Pepsi Cola" in Boston Harbor, refused to continue work until his overtime and bonus was paid. The workman's strike had a nationwide effect. At Kelley's employment is known to be among the leading union cards, which are dealt the offices of the Harbour Union, and worked for the Boston Independent Union.

Mass Picket Line By Steno's Union

New York, February 6—The firing of three union members yesterday morning by the New York Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants Union has voted to have a mass picket of all the offices of the Metropolitan News Co. in New York.
PACKERS FEAR STRONG UNION IN INDUSTRY

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Gaujey Bridge Project Condemns 2,000 Packers to Death

476 Have Died, 1,500 More May Face Economy Reveals

One of the most ghastly tragedies that has ever overtaken American workers was the colossal failure of the entire packing industry and the workers and the fatal crippling of 1,500 men at one time on the Gaujey bridge project in West Virginia. This project, which was completed less than one year ago, involved the driving of a tunnel through rock containing the most dangerous passage in the history of every worker on the Gaujey project.

Despite the fact that Rinfret & Dennis Co., contractors, had been warned of the difficulties that would arise in the driving of the tunnel and had established the fact that the normal silo men were in highly dangerous quantities, no move was made to provide the most essential safety devices that are required by law. The contractors hired untrained men and young men with wives and families to work in the tunnel, who were forced to work in this chamber of death. During the progress of the work, a number of men lost their lives in the face of the hot air rising from the tunnel and in breathing the silica laden tunnel air.

Subsequent investigation showed that every man was fully aware of what was wrong but would not budge then the union leaders continued to decry them by diagnosing their ailments as "nervous exhaustion, pneumonia." So notorious has this wholesale murder become that a Congressional investigation is being conducted by a committee to determine whether every man employed upon this project, who is not already an organized union man, in the unorganized sixty-seven are already victims of the grove of poverty and the Union Carbon & Carbide Co., for whom the project was coned, can be brought into court. In the words of Dr. Emory R. Humphreys, chief of the Division of Hygiene of the Ohio Department of Health, "these men need not have died."

Croquet Strikers Still Stand Firm

Croquet, Min. — (FP) — With the strike still on, the St. Peter-Fairfax-Dixfield Co., Dam Match subsidiary, and other manufacturers with Joseph Duff, company office, still on strike at Croquet, have dug in for a prolonged siege. The strike is receiving full support from all unions in the region.

Strikers at Breakers

At the Breakers, 35 National Guardsmen include 15 machine gunners are acting as a road block on the South Shore and Coal & Coke Co. where the miners have been on strike for several weeks.

Last week in a clash between men with strikebreakers one miner was killed.

Cukata will have a section of the Federal Workers in another week.

They send their most capable men into the mines and every miner will be able to speak with authority of the conditions. The men are the basis of the union, and by day to day work of the group must be carried out on a basis of economy and cooperation but in order to provide the necessary expenses.

The political unionism that has always been a part of the industry, and in the industry, and to continue with the A. F. of L. Committee of Union Endeavor.

2. Publish a definite and consistent program throughout the entire industry, supplement with distribution of pamphlets and other documents.

3. Establish an official organ for the industrial union movement in the packing industry.

4. The Committee on corporate bodies of all unions and other interested groups through a correspondence correspondence and personal contact with the directors of committees and organizers.

5. The participating organization and the importance of this task and must not be neglected.

Meeting Schedule Local 160, N. S. P. Co.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, full membership meeting, 7:30 p.m., Executive Board, Wednesday, February 12th, Organization Committee, 7:30 p.m., Executive Board, Thursday, February 13th, full membership meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Executive Board, Tuesday, February 17th, Organization Committee, 7:30 p.m., Executive Board, Wednesday, February 18th, Congress Committee, 7:30 p.m., Executive Board, Thursday, February 26th, Congress Committee.

Cooperating with the educational committee in the staging of this program is Minnie Jago, assistant director of the program. An elaborate educational program will be presented in the evening. There will be music by a WPA orchestra. A short dramatization of the program will also be included in the program. A performance by the Puppets Troop has been promised.

The feature of the evening, however, will be the debate by two skilled debate teams. The subject of the debate will be one that is of vital interest to all members of the union. The union of the debate is "in favor of the National Union of Unionization." This debate has been given with great interest, both in the states that are yet to come, and the countries that have already had the debate, and it is well worth hearing.

The entertainment feature of the evening will be on hand who will brief the audience on the facts of the situation in this state. Members and non-members of the union are encouraged to bring their relatives, their wives, their families and their friends.

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Direct Relief Gives More Than EPA

What is perhaps a partial explanation of this is that being felt over the subsistence wage of $40.00, that is being paid. It certainly is not the case that perhaps a good example is the campaign which was carried on by a family of five who are still on direct relief. Follows the word "waste".

This typical family group receiving a weekly subsistence allowance: m 11, $12.60; rent, $20.00; coal, $7.72; food and other expenses, $15.68. This is a total of $89.92 received during the week when the family of five, substance 5.00, is received. Subsistence is the amount necessary to keep the family alive and well during the wages on EPA projects, it will be found that the direct relief client is above the EPA work.

The slogan of more wages or supplementary relief seems a logical one for WPA workers.

Public Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 4

The Educational Committee of Lafayette, Pa., and Van Wert, Ohio, which is composed of Philip Gage, chairmen; Charles Jager, secretary; John T. Rettig, and William Hugton, assistant secretaries, will be held in Dr. J. S. D. Auditorium, 257 Plymouth Ave., at 8 p.m.

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Apartment House Janitors Ask For Union Drivers' Co-operation

We have seen the results that can be gained by a co-operation with all organized labor in time of strike and know that such a co-operation is a mighty factor in preserving the rights and needs of our members. It is our wish to carry to this kind of co-operation its logical conclusion and use it effectively on the floor of the house, where it would be as useful as on the floor of the shop. We cannot get along without the co-operation of the Coal Drivers' Union and the Apartment House Janitors' Union, and will form an organization fully able to cope with the problems of this day.

Such co-operation would have beneficial results to both parties. First, if the apartment house men direct co-operation.

Robert E. M. Somers, the director of the Budget, at the Committee meeting, said that he had a large number of letters from union members who were owner.

"Surely, I need not dwell on conditions existing among you: apartment house janitors, of how many you receive only your apartment fees, with the returns and not even that in spite of the long hours you put in to give the service that you expect. Some hang on to the union members, but the owners feel that he has hired the whole damned family and expects them to work. It is a shame that there is not a chance for you apartment house janitors. Tell your friends to take this opportunity like men and stand up for yourselves. Tell the white skinned who have the best shot in the one who has the brains to get thebest."

I am sure the Organized Coal Drivers' Union, with the help of this co-operation to them and to the janitors in the apartment houses, will gladly go along and co-operate to the limit, as are organized janitors. It is a question for the janitors about them. What will you apartment house men do who have everything to gain and the owners to lose by such organized co-operation?

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**The New Broom**

The new slate of the WPA workers has been elected to guide the destinies of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union have been selected and will take office shortly.

The WPA workers, as they are now organized, have as their specific task the welfare of all workers, as represented by their unemployed. They are dedicated to the task of organizing and employing the unemployed and the great task of organizing the country's unemployed are problems that must be faced. It is to be hoped that the new board of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union will attack these problems in a manner that will lead to their resolution.

**Belle Transfer have been sick for the past week.**


James Rorty's recently published book, "Where Life Is Better," is a critical study of American labor, an account of the efforts of the American Federation of Labor and its successors to organize the unions of the automobile industry. He has given the fullest possible account of the fact that the AF of L never gave such a brave fight for a worthy cause as that for the organizing of the automobile industry.

After reading the book no one can doubt that Rorty is in his element in the study of trade unionism. His book is devoted to the 1934 strike of Local 574. After reading this chapter, it is impossible not to feel that the organizers of the Minnesota Driving Men's Union were every member of the leadership to get this book. It is well worth reading.

**Keeping Step With 574**

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**What is that spot on the side of Armin Gara's face?**

We get a real kick-back out of that Hamm beer sign thing.

Ed Holm, market driver, worked at his job as a store service desk clerk where he works. "Pick up garlic for Harry's Cafe." A few nights later his wife found the note in the garbage. "I'm a real charmer, but I've been rather bluffed, and she read girl for garlic."

"Goodwill" Industries

Officers of the Goodwill Industries of Minnesota were elected last week at the annual meeting of the organization, whose activity consists of buying and selling clothing and other goods and selling them to the unemployed and destitute, and have issued their Board of Directors a list of names that sound as though they head the list page one of Who's Who in Minneapolis.

Included on their Executive Board are two well known names in the city, George D. Finn and Karl L. Erickson and other Minneapolis financial giants, Charles and Rosemary.

Where is Mayor Lewis?

**Waterfront Lockout Looms on West Coast**

Rumblings and rumors that the west coast shipping interests are engaged in a battle with the Maritime Federation of the United States is confirmed in the statement issued by Maritime Federation of the United States officials. They charge that the shipping interests are engaged in a battle to lock out the Seaman's Union.

"It is a nationwide conspiracy of the shipping interests to break the trade union and allied financial interests to wipe out the Maritime Unions of the United States." The Maritime Unions charged a huge anti-union war chest has been raised for the express purpose of destroying their organizations.