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Is Formed at Conference

The Industrial Union Conference called by Local 665, Miscellaneous Workers, convened Sunday morning at ten o'clock at 520 Hennepin Avenue. The meeting was opened by the chairman, Mr. Lewis of Local 665, and the conference proceeded to state the aims and objectives of the conference, pointing out the inevitable drift towards Industrial Unionism that was taking place and stated that no matter how much we attempted to fight it, the organization it would find its way one way or the other. He then read the proposed agenda which was as follows: Election of Chairman, election of Secretary, election of Credentials Committee, and Resolutions Committee of five, discussion by delegates, report of committees, other business and adjournment.

Rabin Lata of Local 183, Laundry Workers, was elected Chairman and Hilliard Smith of 382, Auto Mechanics, was selected as Secretary.

The Credentials and Resolutions Committee had some discussion by delegates, the Credentials Committee reported that there were 46 delegates present, representing 22 local unions.

The following organizations were present, with delegates: General Drivers No. 574, Electrical Workers No. 160, Electrical Workers No. 292, Automobile Workers No. 34, Petroleum Workers No. 19482, Twin City Metal Workers No. 1313, American Federation of Carpenters, Building Laborers, No. 606, Ethical Cultural Workers No. 1859, Sheet Metal Workers No. 185, Miscellaneous Workers No. 685, Photo Engravers No. 6, Teamsters Local No. 95, Typographers No. 561, Firemen No. 561, Hatters No. 420, Carpenters No. 881, Cup Makers No. 1805, Auto Mechanics, 382, Lathers No. 198, Platers No. 65, Flatter Tenders No. 111.

A telegram from John L. Lewis was read to the delegates. In the telegram he expressed regret for not being able to attend and cited as his reason for non-attendance the fact that the United Mine Workers Convention was now going on in Washington, D.C.

On a motion by W. R. Duncan, the delegates agreed to keep tight to their organization and secure permission to sign the amalgamation rolls now call that will go out shortly for a harmonious conference on the same understanding that in the event it was decided to set up a semi-official committee by those who would carry on the work.

A committee of seven were elected. They will be known as the Continuation Committee for Industrial Organization. This was probably the most important action at the conference as it will set up here in Minneapolis a Afternoon and clearing-house for Industrial Union activity. The first meeting

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(Covered from Page 1) of the committee will be Sunday, February 5.

During the discussion that took place, according to Mr. Brudin, there was a consensus that the National Labor Relations Board is not working under the current union setup. The Resolutions Committee has held discussions with three resolutions, in all of which they recommended concurrence.

No. 1. Introduced by Building Trades Department, asked for support in their strike on the Warner Field project; adopted. No. 2. Introduced by United Electricals, 61, asked for support for the Strurt workers and called upon the Trade Union Movement to call a public meeting in their behalf. No. 3, introduced by Local 382, Auto Mechanics, called for the redetermination of 574 in the international, adoption of.

Attention of the delegates was called to the coming statewide WPA convention in Chicago. Local 447, Chicago Drivers, 257, Plymouth Ave, North, Saturday, February 10, 90th. All unions are requested to send delegates.

The Resolutions Committee, in conjunction with the Constitution and By-Laws committee, was asked to draw up a statement setting forth the aims and objectives of the organization. A report was made to the convention by W. C. H. 20th.

Local Meat Workers Strike Against Delay

British workers recently went on strike in the same manner as their American brethren when faced by the government-imposed delays in the settlement of grievances by "conciliation" and "mediation." The strike of British workers has been called in London, England, where there is a strike in protest against delay in settling their grievances. The Meat Workers' Union of the United Kingdom is supporting the strike.

W. H. Millman, market supervisor, told the strikers last night, "We are not by the meat workers." The question of the pickets will, until their demands are granted.

Flint Auto Workers 'Donate' to Charity

In Flint, Michigan, city of General Motors Corporation one can, in a manner of speaking, say that the workers themselves are "taking care of themselves." The city, for instance, and most other American cities of its size, sprawled a "community fund" for the benefit of city charities. It is a "city fund." The drive has reached to the point where there is a distance from the quota that had been set.

For their part, the employees of the General Motors Corporation were "donating" their pay checks last week to the Community Fund drive and put it "over the top." For example, over $50,000 was contributed, by the General Motors drivers, 50 cents was contributed, by the others, and the wives of the workers who make the contributions voluntarily turned in their pay checks to the Community Fund.

Downstate Button Workers Get Hearing

The Pioneer Pearl Button Co., of Wabash, Indiana, whose employees have been on strike for four weeks, has called the National Labor Relations Board.

The striking workers of this company, whose story was told in a previous issue of the Brotherhood Advocate a few weeks ago, have at last, on the recommendation of the National Labor Relations Board, taken up their cause.

The Button Workers, who are organized by the United Textile Workers Union No. 62096, on May 29 protested against a 15 per cent reduction in wages. On June 13th, members of the company's executive body, including the president, offered to meet the workers to discuss the matter.

Mr. Happy Labor, reported by the New York Times, June 17th, p. 10, n. d., no union, no strike has been called, due to the fact that the company is trying to make a better living for its employees.

N. D. Supreme Court Refuses Rehearing

The North Dakota Supreme Court has denied a petition that was made on the 2nd of this month in the 24th District Circuit Court of North Dakota.

The status of the case is accordingly the same as it was in the original decision, namely, affirmed and three men, including the District Attorney, have filed a rehearing.

The decision of the court was based on the fact that the defendant was found guilty of the charge of murder, but that the evidence was insufficient to support the finding.

Building Workers

Bill Brown Says..."The War Review carried a list of companies fair to local 221, 32 and 34 and some not, but none have been approved by the other company. The list is a mere waste of time and money. A company would have put in the same position as the River Terminal Co. how they would have to work, if they could have been found guilty of a violation of an agreement we had with the River Terminal Co. Rail for two years." BILL BROWN President of 221

Ex-Service Men's Organization at Northern States, Union Fee

The new development in the employed personnel of the Northern States Ex-Service Men's Organization is being serious consideration of all the workers there. Last week a meeting was held to discuss the operating of the company, and to operate the management, to set up an executive organization among the Northern States Power employers.

It is worthy of note that this executive organization's membership is being formed, under the leadership of the Union leaders, more precisely when the unionization movement in the new executive organization among the Northern States Power employers.

Mr. Clark, representative of the Northern States Ex-Service Men's Organization, will hold a hearing between the strikers and the company in the Workshop, County House, February 13th at 10 a.m.


The Railroad Brotherhoods

The following is a concrete example of the railroad brotherhoods' supremacy among railroad workers.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Local 160, a locomotive fireman and member of the Brotherhood, had written the following article to Labor, the Brotherhood weekly, on the "Million Dollar column, to wit:

To the Editor of Labor:

"I think that organized labor had it in the making, the opposition to it, would like to know from the leadership what the cause of our success in developing the country and promoting the welfare and employment and poverty. It is about time that a scientific-minded person, whatever that is, thought about the question. It is surely a stupid arrangement which compels a large number of people to suffer want in the very midst of plenty. We have plenty of raw materials, plenty of factories and plants for production, and if need be, we can build more quickly; we have plenty of skilled and willing hands to operate the plants. Now why should we not develop and want when our productive machinery is not used? What is the cause of this contradiction? What is wrong here? Why is it that during the last five years at least it decreased? Does the country leadership get on the job and find out definitely what the cause of the thing is. What are the facts about it so that they can be moblie to revolutionize millions of others who want to know why we starve in the very midst of plenty?"

"Why Must Millions Suffer in Mideast of Plenty?"

To the Editor of Labor:

"Can some one tell me the cause of the millions suffering in the midst of plenty? It is surely a stupid arrangement which compels people of millions of people to live in misery and want, when our productive machinery is not fully developed?"

I join with millions of others who wonder how the men starve in the midst of plenty.

B. Minneapolis, Minn.

Note carefully how all references to the responsibility of labor toward the welfare of the country should be brought to the questions raised in the original article, as well as in the published article. The suggested mobi lization of the workers behind the responsible leadership of the Brotherhood is not strick on. This shows in a concrete fashion how the unions are working towards the development of the Brotherhood. Of course, this is mainly of life and death necessity to the Brotherhood in the years ahead. Our rail road unions now have. They can be most influential in the life of millions of people, if they are not working, do nothing, it is the duty of the progressive leadership of the Brotherhood to organize and release this power."

The dreamy look in Tony's eyes is becoming more pronounced. He is now so involved with his studies, we believe that spring is near.
Fight Is Sure as Workers in Mass Industries Rebel

The American Federation of Labor Executive Council has already concluded the labor's of its executive committee that John Lewis has so spoily said, they have reached the point where they can no longer continue to delay. Their decisions regarding granting industrial charters, it seems they are to have no effect on the workers of the Executive Council. So far their decisions have indicated that they have no intention of retreating in the face of the pressure of the Executive Council by John Lewis' committee for industrial organization.

Refuse Mass Charters

In two decisions so far reported the executive council of the Automobile Workers National Union to abandon its industrial charter and turn a deaf ear to the pleas of the National Radio and Allied Technical Workers' Committee for a charter. To further complicate and hamper the attempts of the automobile workers to organize on a round basis, the International Machinists Union has indicated that it will not grant charters to workers in automobile industries. These two decisions have made, these workers are ordered to disaffiliate themselves from the United Automobile Workers Union.

Radio Workers Shun Crafts

Workers in the radio industry who have been asking for two years for the establishment of a labor union were turned down by the executive council of the Radio Workers Union which has refused to join the brotherhood of Electricians, a craft union in the Building and Construction Trades. The Radio Workers had previously rejected an offer of membership in the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Daniel Tracy and James Carrey, president of the Electrical Workers and Radio and Allied Technical Workers Committee, in several conferences which resulted in an offer from the Brotherhood of Electricians to the Radio Workers as Class II members. This was accepted by the Radio Workers.

Fight Predicted

It is reported from New York that the eminently wise decisions of the A. F. of L. executive committee have just been made which will set a new era in the relation of the crafts to the mass industries. Petitioners, the workers of the automobile industry, have been ordered to disaffiliate themselves, and this night will be the hour of the radio workers. The craft unions are gone as far as they can go, and the workers are forced to organize themselves on a mass basis.

Union Meeting Season at Hand

Although the spring season has not yet arrived, there is little doubt that the union movement will pick up in the near future. The Socialist Party and the labor movement have already begun their organizing drives, and the union movement will certainly follow.

Lathers Get New Union Contracts

The Lathers, Stainers and Painters Union has recently received a new contract with the makers of the Atlanta News, the union having been given the new contract for the past two years. The contract is for one year and includes all one, two, and three year members of the union.

They have accomplished the six month delay that they eventually need in order to get their funds up to date and to take care of the contractors in the Twin Cities.

Their actions and the results that they attained should serve as inspiration to other local building trade unions.

Principles Are Set Forth

By Industrial Committee

Conference for progressive trade union policies, called by L. E. Smith, was held in Minneapolis at the beginning of February. The conference was called to determine the principles and formulate the following resolution embodying the sense of the program.

Whereas, the issue of industrial unionism has been continuously raised in the course of the electrical industry;

Whereas, the trend of economic developments indicates that industrial unionism and the amalgamation of present craft unions on the railroads will represent the basis requirements of the future, the organization of the 30,000,000 unorganized workers in factories and mines and the ability of the American labor movement;

Therefore, that this conference of twenty-three (23) A. F. of L. unions recommend to the committee for industrial unionism, of the American Federation of Labor, the unionization of the United Mine Workers of America.

This conference has unanimously endorsed the resolution of the Minneapolis Trade Union Congress which has called all the day laborers to work the programs on the question of the unionization of the workers.

Women of Local 382

To Entertain Saturday

A reception was held in the Ladies' Auxiliary of Local 382 on Saturday, February 8th at 5:30 in the home of the members of the Machinists and Auto Mechanics Union. Other features of the entertainment will include a puppet show and lunch.

Miners Deaf To Green Plea

Intercepting with a plea of guilty by William Green from labor's leaders in the mines of organized labor, United Mine Workers' Convention Monday eliminated this with an enthusiastic endorsement of the fight by their representatives in the convention.

The action of the convention was that of one of their own members, Green, president of the United Mine Workers, who rose to this post as a member of the United Mine Workers.

All meetings at 257 Plymouth.

Miners may present grievances at any of the above meetings.

Union Moving Season at Hand

Although the spring season has not yet arrived, it seems to be the season for unions to move their headquarters. Local No. 196, Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers, have recently moved from their Please Union and have their New Convention.

The executive council has made no new, and the county and commodity product at 316 E. 7th Street, opposite the Pan-American Building.

Auto Mechanics No. 382 and Petroleum Workers No. 1969, 1962 and 1964 will hold their next meeting at 5:00 p.m. and will be held at the Marquette Avenue Hall and will be held at the Avenue and 7th Street.

The Bartenders have also announced that they will leave 3rd and Hennepin address short of and will install the new doorknobs at the 7th Street and Water Street.

Food Costs Climb

As Wages Decline

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the retail cost of food has increased by 5 per cent in the last six months. The average cost of food for the month of November is given as $3.25 per capita for the month of December.

A recent study of the rising commodity prices indicates that the advance was largely caused by a rise in the price of meat and a 2.5 per cent advance in the price of fruits and vegetables.

It will be noted that the articles of food which are not luxury commodities but rather are a part of the daily diet of the average family support the work of its continuou
A Call for Action

Once again we are forced to ask the Central Labor Union, and the Teamsters Joint Council, what are you going to do about it? The attempted raids upon Local 574 by the Teamsters Joint Council are looking more and more daring. It is now time to seriously raise the question as to whether this committee can, or will, exercise the authority that has been vested in it by the workers of the past two weeks, officials of the Teamsters Joint Council, with this new trend of events it leviant violations of the agreement that was entered into by the policy committee and the Executive Board of Local 574.

At the River Terminal Coal and Dock Company, a firm that is under contract with 574, members of Local 221, with the approval of Teamsters Joint Council officials, are working as strikebreakers.

At the Swanson Fuel and Transfer Company, also under contract to the union, the union members are one hundred per cent unionized. Teamsters officials last Friday called a meeting of the workers there and attempted to negotiate a new contract.

This is not a cry for help. We are amply able to protect our own interests but we consider it our duty to lay these matters before the policy committee for their information and, possibly, their action.

Fargo Forgets Afraid

From Fargo comes the encouraging news that after a full in working class activities, the labor movement is again taking on new life. By this we do not mean that the old order can be lighted up but that preparation for being present the official labor movement there is doing any- thing new. Nothing proves this more clearly than the fact that is being accepted voluntarily and without question.

The Fargo experience teaches us that the American working class must come from those individuals and organizations that have taken recognition of the object of the strike as an instrument of conflict between U. S. and are arming themselves, ideologically, to cope with it. Organizing of W. P. workers in Fargo is proceeding, if not at a rapid pace, solidly at least.

Two projects have been struck by the workers. A victory in the F. C. C. here, and the workers' organization have been formed. This is a necessary adjunct to working class organization.

Fargo, who, despite persecution, jail, and semi-fascism re- presents the welfare of the bourgeoisie.

Much credit must go to those determined workers in Fargo who, despite persecution, jail, and semi-fascism represent the welfare of the bourgeoisie.

The Socialist Workers' Party is now the only party that is going to take a stand against the labor movement being made to reopen the plant. The employers and the Citizens Alliance are now working to the end that the plant is not reopened. This will give them comfort and encourage- ment to proceed with their plans of smashing the Hosier Shop again.

The Hosier Workers can meet the strategy of the employers in only one way, that is by uniting at all times with the masses of workers and acting like a socialist party. In the final analysis, this is their only weapon.