Oil Workers Call on Unions to Rally to the Defense of Their Local

FLASH—As we go to press we learn that the union organizer for Local 802 has been "permanently" deprived. Lewis to attend a meeting he is invited to is the latest petulant attempt to carry through his policy of smashing this union. It is interesting to see where the real purpose of misfortune is.

The Petroleum Workers' Union, Local 802, today announced, through its organizer, George Lund, that the union has taken a definite stand for industrial unionism. Meyer Lewis, WM. Green's letter and the usual union-buster, has endeavored through threats of charter revocation, to split this local. Tobin's fish union, Local 500, with the support of the Teamsters Joint Council, has demanded that the petroleum truck drivers be turned over to them. These drivers were turned over to Local 802 in 1922. The Teamsters are now striving to obtain a more efficient form of organization among the petroleum workers.

The Petroleum Workers Union has formally requested the agreement securing better wages and working conditions for the vast majority of the workers in this field. It was during the negotiation of the November agreement that Meyer Lewis started his new discredited union-busting activities. Making charges of "Red domination" in Local 802, he

Radio Workers Reject Tracy

Sunday, in Washington, D. C., the Radio Workers Union, assembled in convention in that city, dealt the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. a crushing defeat. The Radio Workers Union, 20,000 strong, had been ordered by the highest executive body in the American Federation of Labor to join the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The Radio Workers, however, meeting separately at the Radio Workers convention, unani mously voted to strike against their national officers and elect new officers who would join its organization, as ordered by the A. F. of L. Executive Council. Tracy left the platform after his plan, than the delegates were on their feet shouting down the proposed plan. Only two delegates in the entire convention voted to affiliate to the Electrical Workers International. James Carey, president of the Radio Workers' union, told reporters that the Sunday action of the organization would probably mean expulsion from the A. F. of L. Significant is the fact that the Electrical Workers Brotherhood had offered to take the Radio Workers into its International at reduced membership fees and with no inducement to the radio workers, who are now organized on an industrial basis under a federal charter.

Left over for discussion the meeting voted unanimously to instruct the grievance committee to meet with the department superintendent to present the following demands: 1. All employees to be paid by the month on the basis of the wage scale provided in the current contract with pay after one year of service.

Packhouse House Committee is Moving Ahead

Drive for Industrial Movement Gains Under Way

The local unions which are part of the new movement are the short line railroad unions, the Carpenters, Bricklayers, Plasterers, Painters, and Allied Trade Unions, the A. F. of L. Committee, the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and the Packing House Workers. The Committee's task is to organize the packing industry and bring about a general wage increase.

Recognizing that its first task is one of educating the packing house workers to the need for industrial organization, the committee is setting up machinery to collect the actual facts about the present situation and the conditions which exist and definite recommendation on how they can be corrected. This information will be widely circulated throughout the industry.

The national organizing of the Committee for Industrial Organization in the Packing House Industry is being held at Austin, Minnesota, on February 29 and March 1.

In 1919 there were 49 strikes in the country, 30 in 1920, 19 in 1921, after which the number decreased to 14 or less per year. In 1929 there were 24. On the United States department of labor data.


to the make up and functions of such a federation and pleased with the delegates not to adjourn the Conference until such an organization had been formed. The Convention Committee reported that 104 delegates were present representing 50 organizations. The Convention Committee reported that 104 were Trade Unions. Only delegates from A. F. of L. and WPA organizations and Trade Unions were seated. On a motion from the floor the President of the Convention and Secretary were nominated and the committee was elected earlier in the day, the Convention's elections. The Convention adjourned at 11:30 p.m. When the evening session of the convention meeting of which seven members were elected earlier in the day, seven members were elected. They are as follows: Henry Stanley, E. H. Hennessey, M. H. Dunne, Harold Bean, Sam Travis.
John Brophy Answers Attack Of Green, Says Craft Unions Are Cause of Dual Unions

In order that there may be a clearer understanding of the aims and objectives of the Committee for Industrial Organizations, the following statement was published by John Brophy. It was written in answer to a statement issued by William Green attacking the Committee. The purpose of the Committee for Industrial Organizations is to unite all the forces organized into the American Federation of Labor. It is to bring about a solution within the Federation for the dual union problem, the present industrial unions, and the trade-unions, by giving united advice and help to groups of new unions as they are organized in industrial and production industries.

Some of the craft union leaders, who are so far from a notable record of growth, have been on the fence for the purpose of this Committee. They are using the old trick of smearing "splitting the movement" instead of squarely facing the issue.

How can unionism be brought into the American Federation of Labor?

Mr. John Green of the AFL has permitted himself to be drawn into this issue, and it is by the very heads of the international unions who make up the AFL that the issue has been completely ignored. The main problem of increasing unionism, almost the all the more remarkable because many of the new unions and production industries learned their lesson in the industrial union of the United Mine Workers. It is in passing to unionize the production industries, to achieve the effect in the United Mine Workers, is to pass Green, who when he shakes his head at the very words they use no heartache or trouble.

The Real Issue

It is in the number of members of unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor see what has been written over the formation of the Committee for Industrial Organizations, I have been following the proceedings of the last day or two, that has made me feel the importance of the Committee for Industrial Organizations. I am never so glad to see that the workers of industries, in opposition to the objections of the craft unions.

The same story is repeated daily in the hundreds of letters that pour in to the Committee for Industrial Organization. We have received official reports from the membership of the United Mine Workers, an AFL affiliate, from and many locals in rubber, gas and coke, tin, hard wood, furniture, electrical manufacturing, radio, and other industries in all parts of the country.

Want Unions?

Many of these locals have likewise endorsed the Society. The workers in the mass production industries are demanding an end and I do not want to be divided up into unions, or the various groups of the AFL, I instruct our own, the executive council to proceed with or organized the workers in any other industries. The past experience shows that the AFL cannot be successful on a craft union basis. Let us remember it is not that can be done on the basis of unions, the kind of organizing that can be successful, but the fact that the Committee for Industrial Organizations in such an endeavor.

Bill Green Says

The most effective of union buster Meyers to make a large drive on the Local 574. Take it should be the union in the same way, Meyer Lewis, with the help of the Teamsters Union. Help now to Meyer, from a source you never imagined. The Committee for Industrial Organization has been given instructions to their full members, and membership further away from them.

Power Workers Union Takes Up Grievances

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service, and two weeks vacation with pay after 10 years. Full pay for time off because of sickness. 3. Time to be taken off for personal reasons. 4. The committee has been fully instructed to handle all questions on the basis of the six-week periods. 5. A wage differential for "Wage-Dogs" 6. An end to house work and previous wage standards. 6. Special grievaries to be presented in every case and certain other grievances of a miscellaneous character will also be taken care of by the committee. All these demands are in conformance with the eight-hour day and eight-hour work practices of the company.

A special second meeting of the Grievance Committee was called to hear the report of the Grievance Committee and upon the action on the basis of the report. If necessary the grievances will be brought to a vote by the Total Joint committee by joint action of the department and the executive council board. The meeting voted unanimously to leave the matter in the hands of the committee and to carry through to a successful conclusion. The action approved by the company supervisors will require further action on the part of the company.

The grievance committee in the meter and the ice box department held meetings with the supervisors and report good results. The total committee in the arc department is now gathering facts and will report at the next meeting on the question of hours. Committee men are now being formed in the other departments. A standard grievance report form has been arranged. Printed blanks are now available for the union members.

A patient, No. 1,915,721, has failed to report to the senior day construction superintendent of the Peachy and Cuban. In his office at 16 Beaver Street, in the heart of the district, the report was made by his other shifts. The policeman called the patient and explained the things, "he can grab the bicyclist by the wrist and let him go back to work for a food of good." But if the bicyclist continues to obstruct traffic by getting a hold of the policeman's neck."

Furthering a policy within the American Federation of Labor, there can be no complete program in this business, it will take the independent unions and independent organizations. No one who wants to see there is a possibility of something better, must still believe that the AFL has any reason to be the American Federation of Labor. The Committee for Industrial Organization, the official organ of the organizing committee, is well known to everyone. It is not, and the member of these organizations will read its statement on the subject of the AFL. We want the Committee for Industrial Organization to cooperate with their striking workers.

The American Liberty Union, which was organized by the manufacturers and the bank, and for the purpose of employing the new legislation, has been successful. The attorney has offered to defend—free of charge—any person accused of violating any legal rights are being denied. Why don't you fight, Colonel Herman and Angelo Herndon? Or aren't you gentlemen interested in that kind of constitutional rights?"

The Railroad Brotherhoods

An industry that could be better benefited by amalgamation and consolidation of labor than the railroad, you will be hard pressed to name another. Numerous letters have been received by the, so far without telling us that we give space to the expression of views in opposition to other railroad unions on this subject of demands reforming in the railroad union organization.

The workers on the railroad are organized into 21 separate and independent locals. The leaders of these unions was at Des- moines, Iowa, the last time that any major conference has started, one after the other. Both attempts by the progressive minority in the several road brotherhoods to bring about amalgamation and merger among the railroad unions have so far been defeated by the arroval of official workers that infuse this type of organization. Many of these unions have little local unions of collecting buses for their officials. The Switchers, the Motor Car, the Motor Car Drivers, Strike Managers and Others, the Telegraphers, are negligible. Happily, railroad unions cannot be maintained in an organized form by the function of collecting dues for the personal benefit of craft officials. It would never have been possible for its members if it is going to keep on the way that it is gradually becoming conscious of the fact that it is to the gross benefit of the railroad workers and the labor unions. That is why about one-half of the industrial unions have turned to the workers. A man may want to have his hard earned dollar saved and yet live from day to day. Many workers refuse to join the organization which by the railway industry is only about 5 per cent organized. It seems to be that the fact that it is 33 years since trade unionism first started on the railroad.

The Present Outlook

As was stated above, so far the railroad workers have been able to sitive every effort on the question of amalgamation of any of these crafts. But in spite of this and in spite of the railroad union which has been clamped down on the workers, it seems that just stand still. Things move just the same, even in the railroad brotherhoods. Whether there will be a few of the unions are showing some signs of life, especially of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. And the workers in train, yard and engine service are beginning to concentrate into these two organizations, which show some good and healthy activity in behalf of their members. But it is up to the members at the expense of those who are being taken to the lead in progressive activity. Both of these unions occupy strategic positions in the railroad industry and in the trade union field. Both of these unions are taking advantage of the position they hold to see if either organization is under the railroad unions.
Independent Truckers Elect New Committee

Tuesday, February 6th, was a specially called meeting of the Independent Truck Owners Section, Local 574. Notice had been sent through the mail to all members, informing them of the meeting so that they would be on hand for this meeting where their committee would be elected. It was a well-attended meeting in which all the results of the activities of the committee in attempting to get a well-organized and functioning independent section were reviewed. There were numerous requests for the minutes of the meeting to be made available.

For chairman, the following were nominated: Tom McCready, Tom Newsom, and Wm. McNeil; for vice-chairman, Axel Soderberg and George T. Chase; for secretary, Milton D. Hubick; and for treasurer, Richard Harrir.

The committee then adjourned.

MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

Union meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, 6:00 p.m.

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Meyer Lewis Attacks Petroleum Workers

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the strike of the Building Laborers' Union on the Summer Field project is now going into its fifth week, and an end to the strike is nowhere in sight. Meyer Lewis' intimations were borne out by the NEW YORK TIMES in its editorial of today. Yet Meyer Lewis was merely a mosaic screen to cover his work of spin
d with a series of widely divergent
tions. This was flatly refused by the 
union, which has always been of the opinion that the arbitration of any difficulty concerning the union's membership is the duty of the union's leaders, not of the United States courts.

Toward Industrial Unions

The recently concluded Industrial Conference which was held last Sunday in Minneapolis, was one of the most forward progressive steps that has been taken by the local labor movement in recent years. The new turn of events in the national labor movement, local labor unity in the fight for industrial unionism, is being carried on in Minneapolis with a feeling that a new day was dawning for Minnesota unionists. The setting up of a perma-
nent Industrial Union of Minneapolis is logical step to take at this time. In Minneapolis and throughout the United States will feel the effects of the struggle that is now taking place in the top strata of the A. F. of L.

Rubber Workers Play Checkers

While Bit Line Stands Still

"Sit Down" Forces Company to Return Union Man

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Police Guns Threaten Dover WPA Strikers

in Dover, Ohio, WPA workers striking to compel the project foreman to reinstate a discharged worker were accosted by a police officer armed with machine guns who was sent for from the sheriff's office. The strikers were not intimidated and the striker re
calmed his lot with the help that they were seeking the court protection for their rights.

The New WPA Alliance

The recently concluded WPA conference held in General Board of Education, London, last week, was a real advance made in working-class organization in the North-west.

Rubber workers have a good idea of the strength of their own people, and the influence of their leadership is a necessary prerequisite for the success of the new born organization.

Rubber workers are a hardy, well-organized group, and if we fail to win this battle it will be because we are not ready for the fight.

The strike of the Building Laborers' Union is a mere shadow of the struggle that is being fought by the federation of WPA, Relief Organizations, and Trade Unions, which is now a fact accomplished. The laborers that brought this federation into being were led to believe that the birth pangs suffered will be rewarded by the growth of the new child. Good things are afoot, but they are not yet here. It is urgent to stop the bad ideas of the leaders, that the strike will continue under the same wages and conditions as before the project is at a standstill.

Laundry Notes

A special and very important meeting of the Laundry Workers' Union will be held by Local 16900 Wednesday, February 17th, at 8 p.m. at 705 S. Third Ave. S.

Open to all unorganized laundry workers, the meeting will discuss new steps to be taken in the struggle to prevent union busting from resulting in the formation of the local union charter. All laundry workers are urged to attend.

A hard time and party has been announced by theenterprising committee of the Cleaners

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Firefighters are讀ing a book. Back page of the paper with the words "sit down" strike of 1,200 workers who were unable to get back to their jobs.

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Police cars were set up outside the plant and lying on benches. Cigars comforted the workers, who were employed by a company to cease operations. "Our families will find out where we are," the strikers reported.

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