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On the eve of the expiration of the Jacksonville agreement, all reports indicate that a struggle between the miners and the operators is inevitable.

The attempts to settle the differences by negotiation and to arrive at a new agreement have failed. The operators are determined to reduce the standard of living of the organized miners to the low level of the deorganized slaves in the unorganized fields. The United Mine Workers is faced with the choice of either surrendering to the attack of the operators or to fight with its back against the wall.

Miners, there can be but one answer—NO SURRENDER. STRIKE AGAINST WAGE CUTS. FIGHT FOR YOUR UNION.

Life of Union at Stake.

In the present struggle much more than your standard of living is involved. The very existence of your union as a weapon for your defense against the bosses is at stake. The miners remember too well the widespread violations of the Jacksonville agreement. In every district the operators openly flout the "secret" agreement. And in the last few months, in the negotiations and outside of the conference, the operators have shown that they are determined to weaken your union and to reduce it to impotence. Unless you prove that your United Mine Workers of America, the union that was built with the uncountable toil of two generations of miners, is still capable of fighting and can bring the operators to terms, you will be practically de-facto agents against their ever-increasing inroad into the miners' lives. YOU MUST FIGHT TO SAVE YOUR UNION.

In this grave crisis the LABOR UNIITY would do an ill service to the miners if it were to fail to present the situation in all its seriousness and as it really stands. Your enemy knows too well what weak points you have to offer. The miners must therefore take account of the present situation, to do everything in their power and to force the leaders to take the necessary measures to ensure victory for the union and the miners.

Organize Non-union Fields.

The great menace to the strikers in the unorganized fields. The unorganized miners have proven that they are eager to join the ranks of the union. They can and must be organized. But as yet there is not the slightest indication of an organized drive among them. DEMAND OF YOUR LEADERS that a mass agitation of unorganized miners is immediately initiated in the unorganized fields.

Dear Friends:

Formerly it was rumored that there would be separate district agreements. This has not been denied by John L. Lewis. Separate district agreements would mean death to the miners. The betrayal of the coal miners in 1912 is still remembered. They were tricked and saved from defeat, but when the settlement was made the miners were left in a lurch. A policy of separate district agreements will only drive the miners into the arms of the unorganized miners and will make it impossible to bring them into the strike. DEMAND A DEFINITE DECLARATION AGAINST SEPARATE DISTRICT AGREEMENTS.

Demand an aggressive strike policy that will arouse the fighting spirit of the union membership and will inspire confidence among the organized miners. Demand that your leaders keep you informed and keep in constant contact with the membership. Demand the reinstatement of Alex Howat, Powers, Lapicard and the other progressives, who were expelled because they advocated a fighting policy for the union.

Because of all schemes of joint operation with the mine management, of placing "inexperienced" operators, that mean higher toll for less pay. EVERY MINER MUST BE AWARDED his place in the present situation. Every mining center must proceed with the slogan—FIGHT FOR THE UNION—NO WAGE CUTS!

ORGANIZE THE UNORGANIZED MINERS—NO SEPARATE DISTRICT AGREEMENTS!

LEWIS AUTHORIZES SEPARATE AGREEMENTS

As we go to press some disclosures relate that the Policy Committee has authorized not only separate agreements, but also separate agreements with individual operators.

STAND BY THE MINERS!

The Miners' Union, and with it the whole labor movement, faces a crisis in the combined attack of the coal operators and the treachery of the Lewis administration. Combined action of all miners and loyal support by the whole labor movement can defeat the operators' attempt to cut wages and smash the union.

The striking miners in the central field are surrounded by enemies and it will require the most energetic action by the whole labor movement to defeat the operators and to prevent Lewis from repudiating such a betrayal as that of the Paterson coal in 1912.

Lewis has failed, purposely, to organize the unorganized miners. He has then made agreements with operators in settling disputes to raise coal during the strike. This is treason to the miners.

The whole labor movement must stand 100 per cent with the strikers.

The rank and file of the miners must refuse to sign on the miners of the central competitive field. They must demand a special International convention to lay down the line of the strike and to defeat the reactionary Lewis machine.

All labor must aid to bring every bituminous miner in America into the strike as a member of the United Mine Workers.

All labor must organize relief for the strikers, their wives and children.

All labor must stand shoulder to shoulder with the miners against the operators.

Save the Miners' Union!
BY ANDREW OVERGAARD
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In spite of the recent raid at Butlins and Ohio and the railroad workers in the biggest strike of the century, it was announced by Schachtman, who was present at the meeting, that "We've got Gold, we've got the workers, and we won't go back to work until we get a fair contract."

And two weeks earlier Edward Mc- Connell, the A. F. of L. organizer, declared that "The Metal Trades are on strike and will not go back to work until they get a fair contract." The strike has been a success so far, with the unions gaining a 28 per cent increase in a single year.

The unions are in a strong position to improve their economic status and to increase the salaries of the workers. The employers are forced to accept the demands of the workers, and the strike has been a success so far.

Bayer v. A Liability

Instead of surpassing the strike spirit of the workers, by insists on the 100 scale of wages, instead of setting the whole machinery on their unions in motion to organize the unorganized, the strike has led to an increase in the number of workers and the unions are now stronger than ever.

Capt. Beyer v. A Liability

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