

business success of a non-union newspaper, such as Hearst's Examiner and Hearst's American, especially in view of your thorough acquaintance with the abuses that these papers have heaped upon the organized labor movement of Chicago. Why, it is only like yesterday when I recall the stinging criticisms that you directed against the Hearst newspapers for their position toward your union in respect to the jurisdictional conflict between the steam fitters and the plumbers. Why the change at this particular time?

Moreover and above this fact, I direct your attention to the instructions of the 32d annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, held in Rochester last November. This instruction reads as follows:

"The committee recommended that the executive council of the American Federation of Labor be instructed to appoint representatives from the council to proceed to Chicago at the earliest date possible for the purpose of endeavoring to effect an adjustment of the controversy now existing between the Printing Trades Unions and the Newspaper Publishers of that city."

In view of the foregoing and in that you are a member of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, and having been quoted as in favor of assisting this non-union newspaper, one of the Publishers' Association, which you were instructed to adjust a controversy with, and further that you have in telegram to me approved of the scheme to assist this non-union newspaper financially, does in my opinion vitiate any influence or service that you may be now and hereafter to the movement as vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, and as the president of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union I call upon you to tender your resignation as the seventh vice-president of the American Federation of Labor. Your actions have dissipated and have besmeared the title of vice-president of the labor movement of this country. If there had been, or if you could give an excuse of lack of knowledge of the situation there would be some justification for overlooking this position that you have taken, but you above all of the vice-presidents of the American Federation of Labor know the situation in Chicago, and there is not the slightest excuse or justification for the attitude that you have assumed in allying yourself with a non-union newspaper, making that non-union newspaper profits, which in turn is now, has been used in combatting the interests of organized labor.

You know better than anyone of the murders that have been committed by the thugs, the strong-arm men of the Newspaper Trust of Chicago during the conflict which has been imposed upon the Printing Trades Unions chiefly by the Hearst newspapers. You know, as well if not better than anyone, of the sixteen hundred or more arrests that have been made upon trumped up charges against members of our union and their sympathizers. I repeat that you know of the death of the union street car men and of the death of a union teamster resulting from the paid thugs and murderers of the Newspaper Trust, but in view of all of this you so far forget yourself as to ally your influence and personality with the Hearst Examiner, the newspaper that precipitated all of the trouble that has caused all of the sacrificing and poverty existing at the present time in the ranks of the printing trades artisans of Chicago.

I am serving copy of this letter upon the Secretary of the American Federation of Labor requesting that he bring same to the attention of the executive council of the A. F. of L. and demand the said council to take summary action in rebuking you and relieving you of further opportunity of dis-