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## Two Important Meetings

(Anchorage Daily Times)

ONE OF THE RESULTS of the aviation conference held in Anchorage last week, was creation of an association that will serve as the central clearing house and mouthpiece for the aviation industry.

This association bids well to become as important to aviation as Salmon Industry, Inc., is to the canned salmon business and the Alaska Miners Association is to the gold mining industry.

The conference brought the operators together for a thorough discussion of their problems. Results were written down in the form of resolutions expressing the consensus on a great variety of subjects, proposing new legislation, new rules and new facilities for the benefit of the public and the carriers.

Through the Alaska Air Transport Association those engaged in aviation—commercial or otherwise—will have a clearing house through which they can make known their troubles or coordinate improvement projects.

Today another important conference convenes with representatives of seven Alaska cities participating in a Chamber of Commerce conference. This meeting is unique in that it brings together the individual organizations which have played important roles for many years in their respective communities but throughout all those years have failed to coordinate their programs.

Many and varied are the commercial, civic and municipal problems that are handled by the chambers in Alaska. Each chamber has its own methods of approaching the problems. In relative isolation from each other it is only natural that the chambers come to different solutions and sometimes emphasize conflicting programs for the development of their communities or all of Alaska.

It has been said that Alaskans spend much time criticizing Congress for its failure to plan for the logical development of the Territory. But it can also be said that Alaskans have failed just as miserably as has Congress, for they have yet to produce the impeccable program for which they look to Congress.

The conference of chambers will afford an opportunity for the exchange of ideas which may well lead to the coordination and harmony which must mark Alaska planning if it is ever to be given serious consideration in high places.

The aviation industry is to be congratulated on the fine results of its conference. Anchorage has been honored in having the leaders of this great transportation industry as guests and will look forward to their return each year for further conferences.

The Chambers of Commerce are likewise to be congratulated on having their representatives present for the important conference which opens today. May the results of their efforts be equally as fruitful and work of the individual organizations welded into a unit.

## Weasel Words From The CIO

(Rocky Mountain News)

THE CANCER of Communism has rooted itself so deeply within the CIO that Philip Murray does not dare try to cut it out.

We can see no other significance in the weasel-worded resolution adopted last week by the CIO's Atlantic City convention as what the Daily Worker calls a "basis for unity."

"We resent and reject efforts of the Communist Party or other political parties or their adherents to interfere

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in the affairs of the CIO," this resolution says.

It was drafted by a curious committee, appointed by Mr. Murray. Three members were "rightists." They favored positive action to rescue the CIO and its affiliated unions from Communist influence or domination. The other three were "leftists," and at least one of them—Ben Gold, president of the CIO Fur Workers—is an admitted member of the Communist Party.

A committee so divided could produce nothing more than a meaningless compromise, as it did. Mr. Murray is left free to go on temporizing with the Communists who already control a number of CIO unions and have active designs on the rest.

Phil Murry has no sympathy for Communism, and he is no coward. His unwillingness to face this issue boldly grows out of a deep, though we believe misguided, sense of loyalty to the organization he heads. He fears that an all-out fight on Communism would split the CIO.

But evading the issue will wreck the CIO. The Communists who scheme for power in that or any organization are not interested in the welfare of American workers. Their purpose is to sow seeds of dissension and confusion, to create chaos in America and to promote the interests of Soviet Russia.

Mr. Murray wants to save the CIO, but we believe his reluctance to perform the needed operation is most likely to prove fatal to it.

## THAT'S THAT

By BRUCE GUSTIN

Back in August, 1907, Federal Judge Landis slapped a fine of \$29,240,000 on the Standard Oil Company of Indiana for accepting rebates from railroads in violation of the Elkins Act. John D. Rockefeller commented at the time: "Judge Landis will be dead a long time before this fine is paid." Judge Landis died two years ago at the age of 78 and the record fine which he had imposed had not been collected. His decision was reversed and the multi-million dollar fine he had levied was wiped out.

Whether the 3 and one-half million dollar fine assessed against John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers by Federal Judge Goldsborough ever will be collected remains to be seen. Next to the \$29,240,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis it is the biggest in judicial history. And it is the largest fine ever assessed against a labor union, or in a contempt case.

The effectiveness of this 3 and one-half million dollar fine in curbing labor union excesses does not depend necessarily upon whether it is paid and Judge Goldsborough's decision finally is upheld by the United States Supreme

Court. Such a staggering fine emphasizes the seriousness of the situation confronting the nation with arrogant and power-mad labor leaders thumbing their noses at constitutional government and trying to establish themselves as dictators just as greedy industrial barons did some forty years ago.

John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil company didn't have to pay the \$29,240,000 fine assessed against it. But the imposition of that enormous fine sounded the death knell of its stranglehold on the oil industry. A few months later, anti-trust proceedings were instituted against the Standard set-up and in a few years it was broken up. The 3 and one-half million dollar fine levied by Judge Goldsborough may well be the beginning of the end for the John L. Lewis dictatorship.

One of Lewis' attorneys denounced the fine imposed on the miners union as "a cruel and unusual punishment." To the union autocracy, any and every attempt to restrain its excesses, is "cruel and unusual." Labor leaders have been allowed to run wild for so many years that any governmental move to curb them is unusual.

But governmental compulsion to force them to stay within the bounds of reason is a kindness—not cruelty.

Judge Goldsborough undoubtedly spoke the sentiments of the overwhelming majority of the American people when he said that the coal strike called by Lewis in calculated and deliberate defiance of the federal injunction "is not an attack by a low law breaker. It's an evil, a monstrous thing. It means hunger, cold and destitution. It's a threat to democratic government itself. If action of this kind could be successfully pursued, it could overthrow the government."

One may wonder if the coal miners who follow Lewis' leadership so blindly really understand just how they got into this mess and realize that in that strike they were striking against the government of the United States, and not against the coal operators. Last May, to end one coal strike, the federal government took over the coal mines and entered into a contract with Lewis. It is this contract—a solemn agreement he made for the union with the government—that Lewis broke, precipitating the strike. He and the union were convicted of contempt of court for breaking that government contract in violation of a federal court injunction.

In a recent America's Town Meeting of the Air debate, broadcast by the American Broadcasting company, James F. Lincoln, president of the Lincoln Electric company of Cleveland and originator of an incentive production system which has attracted nationwide attention, gave two reasons for "the lag in production." He said "the first is the obstruction of production by radical union leadership" and "the second is whimsical edicts of unrestrained government bureaucrats." He made it plain he intended no attack upon either unions of government as such. His criticism, as he put it, was "criticism of the present lawless leadership in unions and government."

Responsibility for lawlessness in union leadership and government rests squarely upon the present Democratic national administration. It has blocked every move made to regulate and restrain labor organizations as industry is regulated and restrained. And it has saddled the American people with a system of bureaucratic regimentation which has resulted in the paradox of shortages at a time when there should be plenty. The only way the American people can change the intolerable conditions prevailing is by changing the political complexion of Congress.

## New Senate To Be Tested

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes is reported ready today for an early test of the new Republican-controlled Senate's attitude on international affairs with a request for action on four peace treaties with Axis satellites.

Byrnes has advised interested Senators he wants to place the pacts with Italy, Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary before the foreign relations committee shortly after they are formally signed Feb. 1. A fifth allied treaty—with Finland—has been drafted, but will not come before the Senate for consideration. The United States was not a war with Finland and had no voice in the treaty terms.