

Congressman Sends Favorable Reply To Clarksburg Writer

Clarksburg, W. Va.—From time to time your O. C. has urged the members of Local Union 99 to take a few minutes of their time and drop a line to our representatives in Washington, asking their support of pending legislation, favorable to organized labor. This takes very little of your time and is very effective, as evidenced by the reply from Congressman Cleveland Bailey of West Virginia. To quote the Congressman's reply to a letter from your O. C., he states: "Let me assure you that I will endeavor to protect the interests of the laboring man not only because I am friendly to labor, but because I think it will add to the general public welfare."

We appreciate the stand taken by Congressman Bailey in regards to organized labor, and feel it is our duty to inform the laboring class in this vicinity, that they have a real friend in Washington.

Bro. Mazze made a report of a recent investigation by the Health Committee which showed a little improvement in sanitary conditions in the shop. He cited the cooperation the committee has received from the various departments in the plant, but reported there are still a few individuals who seem to get satisfaction in ignoring the rules. The local has asked all employees to act as inspectors, and report the names of all violators and the local will take the necessary steps to curb the practice of their childish pranks.

The report of the Labor-Management committee showed progress in eliminating hazardous conditions on the shop. These have been taken care of satisfactorily with the exception of the bowl jobs, which will be taken care of as soon as the necessary equipment for the installation of a dust remover is available.

Bro. Sargent, delegate to the Central Labor Union, reported on the activities of the central body and told of the fine movie film shown at the last meeting. President Sontag appointed Bro. Sargent to make the necessary arrangements for showing the film, "A Date With W. Va.," in technicolor. (Turn to Page Two)

Local Union 122 Install Officers At Last Meeting

Cambridge, Ohio.—Reports from the decorating department indicate peace and tranquility between the decal girls and print cutters over a recent settlement. At present everyone seems to be satisfied.

Officers for the new term were installed at the last meeting when all were present to receive the oath of obligation. Our wholehearted support to the new officials will aid materially in carrying out the duties of their respective offices.

Mike Cullinan, glost kiln placer, is recuperating in St. Francis Hospital from a recent appendectomy.

Latest to return from the service include Bros. Dunlap, Dunivar, Tucker and Wade. The latter two are employed in the shipping department.

The shop here is working good and everything seems to be running along smoothly. A little extra effort on the part of all of us can keep conditions as they prevail at the present time. Let's all pitch in and do our part.—O. C. 122.

The Stronger Sex

Beverly Hills, Calif.—(FP).—Donald B. Bentley, wealthy dress manufacturer, was fined \$50 and given a suspended 60-day sentence for beating up a woman business agent of the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL).

The assault charge was brought by Susan B. Adams, who testified that the muscular employer beat her when she championed workers whom he had fired for union activity.

AFL Expansion Gains Speed As More Unions Seek Entry

Mimai — Invigorated and encouraged by the dramatic return to the fold of the United Mine Workers Union, the American Federation of Labor is on its way to big new developments in the coming months.

The Executive Council mapped plans for major organizing drives and paved the way for negotiations looking towards the affiliation of other major unions before winding up its news-packed mid-winter meeting here.

For strategic reasons, specific details on the important moves under way were withheld for the time being but it was understood that at least 6 substantial organizations, including one independent union, are knocking on the AFL's door for admission.

With labor's enemies making desperate efforts to crush the trade union movement, the dynamic resurgence of the American Federation of Labor is expected to underline the

Metal Trades Unions Back Steelworkers

Seattle—(FP). — Strides toward united action of all labor in the fight for higher wages were taken in the northwest as representatives of AFL metal trades workers pledged full support to the key strike of United Steelworkers.

Statements of support were issued by representatives of three AFL and one unaffiliated union as the Washington State Industrial Union Council called a state-wide conference to form a strike-support committee and Bus. Agent A. F. O'Neill of an Intl. Bro. of Boilermakers (AFL) local called a joint meeting of AFL blacksmiths, molders, warehousemen and machinists, all of whom have taken strike votes against the Washington Metal Trades Inc., to work out a common strategy. "We are all in the same boat together," O'Neill said.

"We are supporting all labor in these historic wage struggles now taking place," Sec. M. E. McLaren of the Seattle Metal Trades Council stated. "If one labor group falls then we all fall together. The Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers is doing everything it can to break labor."

"The steel strike is the most important in the history of the U. S.," said I. A. Sandvigen of Local 79, Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated). "It will not only set the wage patterns but, more important, will determine the question of what manufacturers call 'price relief.' If workers get wage increases and the price increases allowed manufacturers are excessive then labor has lost their strike."

Neil Pardo of the Intl. Molders & Foundry Workers Union and Fred Gramman of the Intl. Bro. of Blacksmiths also said AFL support of the steelworkers was urgent.

Cops Fired For Joining Union

Wichita, Kans.—(FP). — As seven police officers were thrown off the city payroll for joining Local 976, American Federation of State County & Municipal Employees (AFL) leaders of the newly formed union said they would seek a legal test of its right to organize policemen.

An estimated 75% of the police force have signed up with the union in defiance of a city commission ruling which gives City Manager Russell McClure the power to suspend, fire or demote those who join.

A committee, including Pres. Frank E. Welsh of the Kansas Federation of Labor and Pres. Fred Griffith of the Wichita Trades & Labor Assembly, is seeking to convince the commissioners to change their anti-union stand.

TAKE STRIKE VOTE

San Francisco—(FP).—Strike ballots have been mailed to 30,000 Pacific coast members of Intl. Longshoremen & Warehousemen's Union on a proposed longshoremen's strike by April 1. The ballots are returnable by Feb. 20.

Special Meeting For Decal Girls Monday Evening

In answer to several inquiries regarding the situation at the W. T. Grant store, Local Union 124 wishes to inform their members, and the trade as a whole, this company is still on the unfair list and not entitled to the patronage of members of organized labor. Several reports have been making the rounds that the company has signed an agreement with the Clerks' union and the pickets have been withdrawn. Part of the statement is true as regards to no picket being on duty at the present time, but should not be taken as confirmation that the company has changed their attitude toward organized labor.

Officials of the Clerks' union announce that as soon as the necessary help is available, the picket line will be restored.

Members of Local 124 were saddened by the sudden death of Mary Barnhart, and wish to extend their sympathy to her family. Our regrets go also to Maud and Claire Looman, in the death of their daughter, Connie. The parents are both members of this local and employed at the Edwin M. Knowles China Co.

Norman Whipler gave a full report of the last meeting of Trades and Labor Council and the local went on record to support the central body in their many activities.

A Resolution Committee was appointed and includes Lois Coleman, Margaret Curley, Rose Stewart, Thomas Woods, Norman Whipler and Claire Armstrong. The committee wishes that you get your resolutions in early in order that they may be thoroughly discussed upon the floor.

A special meeting for decal girls has been called for Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. in our regular meeting room. Four girls from each plant are asked to attend this meeting. Conditions are at a critical point among the members of this trade so we urge all shops to see that proper representation is sent to this meeting.—O. C. 124.

Tri-Vets Plan Campaign For New Members

Plans for an intensified campaign to enroll members who served in the war against Germany and Japan, were discussed at a meeting held last week in the Brotherhood hall by a new local organization known as Tri-Vets of World War II.

The membership campaign will be highlighted by distribution of literature about the organization among all World War II vets in the East Liverpool, Wellsville, Chester and Newell district. Large cards inviting members will be placed in store windows as part of the recruiting program.

As a means of raising money, the organization will sponsor a roller skating party Wednesday night, Feb. 20, at Winland auditorium and a St. Patrick's Day dance at a location still to be selected. Harry L. Smith, vice-president, is in charge of the dance arrangements.

Guards Indicted For Murder Of Two Pickets

Bloomington, Ill.—(FP).—Murder charges were lodged Feb. 7 against four thugs employed by the Toledo Peoria & Western Railroad who killed two pickets and wounded three the day before in a flareup at Gridley.

Demand that the men be indicted for murder was raised by Vice Pres. W. C. Keiser of the Bro. of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen (unaffiliated), representing the 13 railroad unions which have been on strike against the railroad since the government returned the line to private ownership last Oct. 1.

Keiser asked for indictments against George P. McNear, president of the line, and other company officials. All five victims were shot in the back.

McNear is directly connected with the murders, according to Deputy Coroner Ben Harper, who told reporters in Peoria that when he took the names of the men in the armored section of the death train one man identified himself as George P. McNear Jr.

Coroner Roy McLeelan expressed the opinion that the cars were made especially for the run. The cars were steel-plated, protected by bullet-proof glass and contained "enough ammunition to stand off an army" as well as nine shotguns and two rifles, he said.

The four guards accused of murder are Roy Bailey of Peoria, a former deputy sheriff, Everett J. Parks of Canton, a former marine, Rolla J. Smith and his brother Lewis, both of Blandville.



IN PRICE BATTLE—OPA Administrator Chester Bowles (above), anti-inflation champion, is sweating out a new wage-price policy with Reconversion Director John W. Snyder, who looks favorably on price boosts for big business. Policy, to determine how far steel prices need advance to meet wage demands of striking workers, will set price pattern for all industry. (Federated Pictures).

Large Crowd At Meeting Of L. U. 130

President Duffy Gives Fine Talk

The last meeting of Local Union 130 was very well attended with much interest being shown. Our attendance is on the upgrade but we still have room in the meeting hall for a few others. If more would turn out at the meetings and show some interest in what is being done to help solve the problems and aid the few who are trying to help us, we could get results a lot quicker. If we all get together and pull one way, we can go places.

President Duffy was a visitor at the meeting and gave us a very inspiring talk. His advice and counsel was instrumental in enabling us to solve several trade problems brought before the local.

A communication was received from Trades and Labor Council asking our participation in an open meeting to be held on Wednesday evening, Feb. 20. The central body is endeavoring to settle several controversial conditions regarding labor in this locality. To be successful in their efforts, they must have the wholehearted cooperation of all organized labor.

With convention time not too far in the distance, now is the time to draft resolutions for this year's session. All resolutions must reach headquarters not later than May 1, to insure publication in the printed program.—O. C. 130.

Where Are Those Nylons?

Washington—(FP).—American hosiery manufacturers produced over 3½ million dozen pairs of nylon stockings during 1945. Of these, less than 13 thousand dozen pairs were exported during the year according to Department of Commerce figures.

The exported nylons went mostly to Mexico and Cuba where there is no OPA price ceiling, but the remainder, a whopping total enough to give each woman in the land several pairs, are stacked up in some warehouse as the makers hope that OPA will lift retail prices.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Cascade, Ia.—(FP). — The man who bit the dog will please step out of the light just a little to make room for a real character in the news.

He is the manager of the Iowa Telephone & Telegraph Co., here. His identity is a secret otherwise, for what he did might prove embarrassing in business circles where his brand of honesty is subordinated to zeal for profits.

Telephone operators, represented by Virginia Cigrand of Cascade and Business Man, Edward A. Meyers of Local B-263, Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers (AFL), had asked for a 20% wage increase. The manager asked for a few minutes to examine his books and the union representatives wondered if they had a General Motors situation on their hands.

Then the manager came out with some figures on a sheet of paper. "Would this do?" he asked.

The union representatives looked—and gaped. In response to the original demand of 20% raises, the manager had worked out a counter proposal for 21%.

The company's offer was accepted.

Death Claims Veteran Member Of Brotherhood

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Edward J. Miller, veteran member of the organization who died Feb. 9 in the Alliance City Hospital, following a four-month illness.

"Ed," as he was familiarly known throughout the trade was a true union man in all respects. Countless times over the span of years can we recall the numerous times he gave willingly of his time and energy to promote the interests of his fellow man and the organization he held so highly. Younger members of the Brotherhood might well follow the example set by Mr. Miller in all respects. He was fearless when he thought his cause was right and just, but never to the point where he failed to realize there are two sides to any controversy. He might well be termed a man who had the courage to follow through his convictions.

He was a caster by trade and affiliated with Local Union No. 4, National Brotherhood of Operative Potters. He left East Liverpool about 20 years ago, and was last employed at the Salem China Co. He retired from the trade about four years ago, when he was granted honorary membership in the organization.

He is survived by two brothers, Clarence Miller of Sebring; Walter Miller of Evansville and two sisters, Mrs. Charles Lutz and Mrs. George Zeller, both of Urbana, Ill.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Moorman Vogt Funeral Home in Sebring, with Rev. Vernon P. Martin, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was made in East Liverpool.

Clerks Negotiate With Merchants On New Contract

Retail Clerks Local Union 133 have opened negotiations with local merchants for renewal of the present contract covering wages and working conditions which expired this week.

The union is seeking a union shop clause in the new contract, according to Joseph Winters, secretary and business agent for the union.

Under a union-shop agreement the local would bargain with employers on wages and working conditions for all employees in an establishment where members of the local are on the payroll, rather than for the local members only, as at present, Mr. Winters stated.

Local Union 133 is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and has a membership of 102.

Mr. Winters wishes to inform the members of the Brotherhood that the W. T. Grant store is still on the unfair list, and asks that members of the organization withhold their patronage as long as the company maintains their present attitude.

New Jersey Labor Menaced By Anti-Strike Bill

Trenton, N. J.—(FP).—Gov. Walter E. Edge (R) has crowned his long labor-baiting career by proposing the most drastic piece of anti-labor legislation ever concocted in this state. The bill, which would give Edge powers of seizure never before allowed any New Jersey governor and completely shackle labor's right to strike, calls for:

1. A state board of mediation hearing on labor disputes to last 15 days.
2. A 45-day cooling-off period during which the union is compelled to work under existing conditions, after which time a strike vote may be taken.
3. Appointment of a fact-finding committee after the strike poll is investigated for a minimum of 20 days.
4. Power to immediately seize and operate plants in the industries specified whenever a strike exists or is threatened and to maintain existing wage conditions indefinitely.

Even without enactment of the seizure clause, the bill would paralyze unions for a minimum of 80 days because it outlaws strikes during the whole period of fact-finding and cooling-off.

The bill, known as S 91 and introduced by Senate Pres. Hayden Proctor, covers labor disputes in transportation, light, gas, electric, steam, heat and light companies, telegraph and telephone services and tunnels, bridges and canals. Edge has stretched the term public utility to include even taxicabs.

Labor leaders will bet their chance to fight the union-busting bill at public hearings to be held Feb. 15 before the senate judiciary committee.

NAMED TO COMMISSION

San Francisco—(FP).—Alexander Watchman, former president of the San Francisco Building & Construction Trades Council, has been reappointed by Gov. Earl Warren for another 4-year term on the 7-man State Industrial Accident Commission.

Jiggermen Host To Visitors From Salem And Sebring Locals

Local Union No. 12 was host to visitors from Salem and Sebring locals at their meeting Tuesday evening. The visiting brothers were welcomed guests and added a little extra punch in discussing problems facing the trade today.

The chief topic of discussion seemed to center on the automatic jigger and what effects it will have on the trade in the future if more of these so-called "iron men" are installed on the various plants throughout the trade. Some seemed to feel that the time is now at hand to establish job opportunities for those who will be displaced by the automatic jigger, while others were of the opinion that any hasty action at this time would be putting the cart before the horse, so to speak, supporting their claim that the installation of modern machinery to date within the industry, has not resulted in less job opportunities.

No doubt time itself will be the answer to the problem but in the meantime we must all be on our guard to investigate any further developments, and take the necessary measures to combat same.

Bro. Robert McCormack was elected vice president, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Harold Winters.

President Guy Digman appointed the following brothers on the Resolution Committee: Harry Podewels, James Kelly, William Haney, Ernest Torrence, and William Burlingame. Anyone having resolutions to offer should get in touch with the committee who will aid in drawing them up in the proper manner to be presented before the local for adoption or rejection. All resolutions must be in headquarters not later than May 1, to insure publication in the printed program for the convention.

Two brothers were suspended for non-payment of dues, and one was expelled for accepting employment in an unfair shop. It is with regret that the local is forced to take such action. The former case, no doubt, is the result of carelessness, and the suspended brothers not only lose their stand—(Turn to Page Two)

Ohio organized labor, whose support helped Lausche into the gubernatorial seat, has also been protesting other inequalities in state unemployment legislation. Spokesmen point out that Ohio has one of the worst records in the country in paying benefits under the "suitability" and "availability" clauses.

In the first half of 1945, 11% of the unemployed were turned down for benefits under the "suitable work" category of the bureau of unemployment compensation while the percentage throughout the country was nearer 2%. Close to 30% were reported disqualified under the "availability" statute in contrast to an average 6% to 7% in other states.

Ohio in the second hardest hit state in the nationwide steel strike with 200,000 workers idle.

New Jersey Solons Puzzled By 'Whodunit'

Trenton, N. J.—(FP). — "Who passed the pamphlets?" is the current big mystery in New Jersey's state house. Four pieces of literature about Gov. Walter E. Edge's vicious new anti-strike bill were placed on every senate and assembly desk before the session opened.

Three of them, denouncing the bill as "shocking . . . a hodgepodge," were issued by the New Jersey Federation of Labor. They were signed by Pres. Louis P. Marciano and Sec. Treas. Vincent J. Murphy, mayor of Newark.

But the fourth pamphlet was unsigned. It was a collection of editorials applauding the governor for the bill, which calls for a 80-day cooling-off period before strikes and power to seize struck plants.

A little sleuthing turned up the fact that the anonymous pamphlet, printed without a union label on stiff, glossy paper, was the governor's own idea. Who paid for it? The state of New Jersey, Edge decided it was a "public document."

Southerners Condemn Filibuster As 'Disgraceful And Intolerable'

Nashville, Tenn.—(ILNS). — "The time to permit filibusters in America has passed" declare 3,600 Southerners, who have signed a petition addressed to the United States Senate, urging majority rule and asking the Senate to end filibusters by invoking cloture.

"We southern citizens, proud of the part played by southerners in establishing these United States of America and in drafting its Constitution, declare that Senators engaging in filibuster flout not only the will of the Senate, but the best traditions of the South," says the petition, presented to Senator Alben Barkley, majority leader, by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

Many Signers Prominent The petition includes signers from each of the 13 southern states, including over 100 from Mississippi, home of filibusterers Bilbo and Eastland. The signers urge the Senate

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