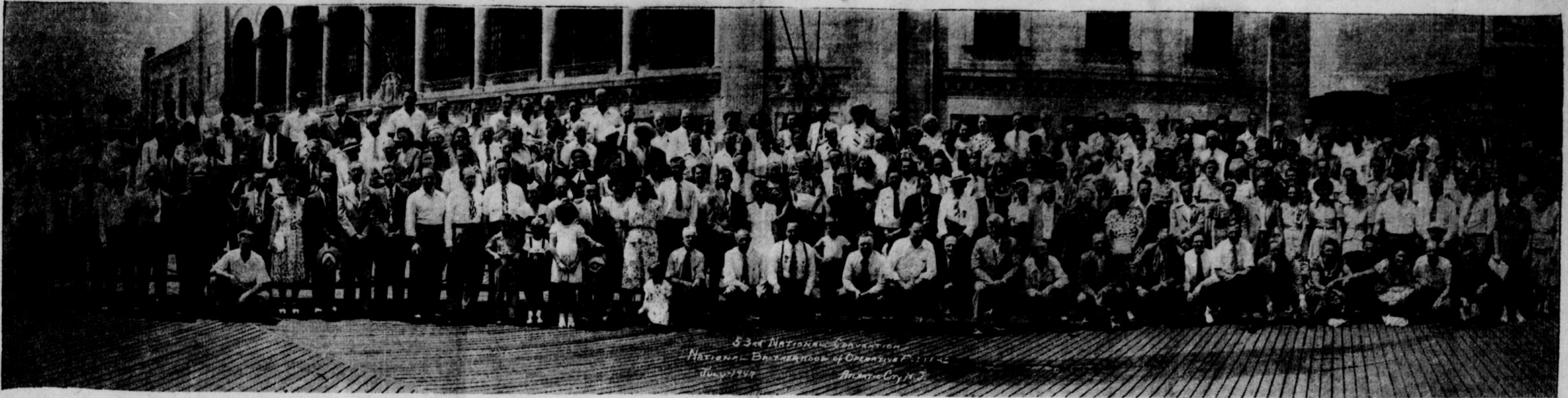


## GROUP PICTURE OF DELEGATES ATTENDING 53rd ANNUAL CONVENTION AT ATLANTIC CITY



### Miners Make Grand Slam As Industry Surrenders To UMW

Washington (LPA)—John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers-AFL made their victory complete last week as the anthracite coal industry fell into line behind the soft coal operators in signing a history-making contract which gave the union practically everything it had asked for.

The anthracite agreement, covering 75,000 hard coal miners, was signed so swiftly that the 30-day termination notice was not served and signing constituted a speed record in coal negotiations. It followed by only a few hours the surrender of the hold-out southern operators who earlier this year swore that they would never accede to the UMW's demands for the health-and-welfare fund, the wage increase, and the Federal Mine Safety Code.

The anthracite contract, which brought all but a small fraction of the nation's coal industry under the new agreement, actually improved on the soft coal pact. Because the hard coal miners work a seven-hour day (contrasted with the eight-hour day for soft-coal under the new agreement) the wage raise will carry a 10 to 15c greater hike than in bituminous.

The UMW's victory was complete for more than 98% of the entire industry.

The new contract caused a small furor in Congress, however, as Rep. Fred Hartley (R., N. J.) squawked that it violated the new Taft-Hartley law and that every coal operator who signed it was liable for criminal penalties. Hartley was flatly contradicted by the co-author of the law, Sen. Robert Taft (R., Ohio) who saw no contradiction between the agreement and his anti-labor statute.

There were four basic points in the new contract, which will now cover approximately 500,000 miners throughout the country: 1-A 45c wage hike—almost triple the 15c "pattern" set in other major industries.

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### Delegates Report Progress Being Made In Sanitary

Trenton, N. J.—Our delegates to the convention were back with us at our last meeting and gave very interesting reports. For two of them it was their first experience, and we were glad to hear that Bro. Hannah was honored by being called to the chair while the committee on Officers' Report was read.

The delegates thanked the local for sending them, said they had a swell time and felt that much progress was being made in sanitary, and that they had become better acquainted with the organization as a whole.

The differences in contracts in sanitary has brought about a peculiar situation in our mould shops where we have many apprentices. We hope a remedy for this situation will be worked out satisfactorily in the near future.

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### Smith Makes Report To Local No. 75

Important Matters To Be Discussed July 24

Coshocton, Ohio—Routine business matters were dispensed with in short order at the last meeting of Local Union No. 75 on June 10, in order that our delegate to the annual convention, George Smith, would have ample time to discuss proceedings of the 53rd convention.

Taking each resolution as it appeared in the printed program, George gave the highlights of the action taken by the delegates and the arguments pro and con for adoption or rejection of each resolution.

Following the report a question bee was held and the delegate was asked many questions pertaining to certain resolutions in which we were particularly interested. A rising vote of thanks was extended Bro. Smith for a job well done.

Alton Edmonson and Henry Jennings were granted withdrawal cards.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, July 24. This should also prove a very interesting session as several problems now in the developing stage will be up for discussion. Every member should make it a point to be present and join with his fellow workers in furthering the interests of all.—O. C. 75

### Board Seeks To Mediate Demands

Chicago (ILNS).—The National Railway Mediation Board has intervened in an attempt to break the deadlock over demands of the country's 1,000,000 nonoperating railroad workers for 20 cents hourly wage increases.

The board, acting under provisions of the National Railway Labor Act, met here with representatives of the 17 unions involved and planned later conferences with representatives of the carriers. Both sides asked the board to try for a settlement after the railroad rejected the wage increase demand.

The 5 brotherhoods of railroad operating workers have demanded changes in 44 working rules. The Railway Labor Act provides that the mediation board would intervene in this case, too, if the conference became deadlocked. About 300,000 workers are involved. The rules change issue is the same that caused the railroad strike last year.

If mediation fails the act provides for voluntary arbitration or investigation by a fact-finding committee before any strike can be called.

### Coal Co. Fined In Mine Disaster

Nashville, Ill. (ILNS).—The Centralia Coal Co. has been fined \$1,000 on charges of "willful neglect" in the March 25 explosion-deaths of 111 miners. The fine was the maximum provided by statute.

Judge R. W. Griffith of the Washington Circuit Court accepted the firm's plea of nolo contendere, under which, without admitting guilt, the company subjected itself to a judgment or conviction.

### Urges State Labor Groups Ask For Labor Members On Rent Advisory Boards

Washington, D. C. (ILNS).—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor has urged all State Federations of Labor to press at once for appointment of labor representatives to local advisory boards to be set up under the new Housing and Rent Act.

"Real responsibility for the kind of rent controls we have under this law depends on these boards," Green wrote in a letter to the state federations. "Do your utmost to have good boards recommended to your Governors."

"Make every possible effort to all state federations of labor asking them to receive recommendations from our Central Labor Unions in each state, for prompt submission to the Governor. Please write without delay to the secretary of your State Federation of Labor giving him the name or names of able and qualified labor representatives you propose for service on the area rent advisory

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### Lose Little Time In Trek Back Home

Local Union 103 To Picnic September 1

Erwin, Tenn.—There's one thing you can say for Bros. Bill Campbell and F. J. Sanders when it comes to fulfilling a mission for Local Union 103—there is little time lost in making a report to their local union. Leaving Atlantic City immediately after the convention adjourned on Monday afternoon, July 7, the brothers rode all night in their trek homeward to be present at our regular union meeting on Tuesday evening, July 8.

Both gave very good reports of the proceedings of the convention, not overlooking one single issue that came before the delegates in session. As they are old hands at the game, their reports were very interesting and to the point. I am sure every member in the hall was of the same opinion as your O.C. in stamping the mark of approval on a job well done. A rising vote of thanks was extended both brothers.

A new set of officers presided at our meeting with the new slate being as follows: president, M. B. Laws; vice president, Homer Hoyle; recording secretary, C. A. Lozier; financial secretary, Horace Atkins; defense secretary, Homer Richmond; treasurer, William J. Campbell; statistician, E. L. Kerr;

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### Great Lakes Men Pick AFL Union

Detroit (ILNS).—The Seafarers International Union, AFL, won a significant victory when unlicensed personnel of 4 ships operated by the Wyandotte Transportation Co. on the Great Lakes selected it as their bargaining agent.

It was the second time recently that the AFL union had been chosen to represent Great Lakes seamen. It won the right to represent personnel on 2 vessels operated by the Huron Transportation Co. in June.

In the Wyandotte contest the SIU received 47 of the 69 valid votes cast. The other votes were for no union.

Union spokesmen declared that the National Maritime Union, CIO, had been represented in the election but withdrew before the voting was completed.

Similar elections are scheduled soon for employees of companies with 33 Great Lakes ships, a union spokesman said. These await an order from the National Labor Relations Board.

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### Annual Outing Of Cronin China Co. Was Real Success

If there are any doubts in the minds of the so-called labor baiters that Labor-Management cooperation in the pottery industry is merely a term of speech and in no way an actuality, employees of the Cronin China Company in conjunction with their employers, can be looked upon for the answer.

Although this is somewhat of a belated report of the annual picnic of the firm and their employees, due to your scribe being a delegate to the recent convention, the success of the adventure was of such importance in labor relations standpoint, that I cannot help from passing the word along to the trade.

### Members Of 191 Advocate Good Neighbor Policy

Hamilton, Ont.—Since this is my first contribution to the Herald in the role of official correspondent, I wish to take this opportunity to express the feelings of the first two delegates that attended an N.B. of O.P. national convention from Local Union 191, Hamilton, Ontario.

Although we have been organized only a short time, the spirit of Brotherhood as exemplified by the N.B. of O.P. is instilled within our ranks and we hope to carry on in such a manner and policy, come hell or high water.

Our personal thanks for the most cordial welcome and pleasant visit we enjoyed in our short stay during the convention by a group of delegates with whom the spirit of Brotherhood has been a by word for many years. We hope that the newly found friendship will extend beyond our associations during convention time.

We wish to express personally to all those delegates who so generously attempted to bring the na-

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The outing was held June 25, at Taylor Lake, four miles south of Minerva. Over 500 employees and their families gathered at the picturesque spot to participate in the day's fun which included entertainment for the young as well as the old. Contests of every description were on the agenda with suitable prizes for the winners in the various events.

One of the highlights of the day was the beauty contest in which Miss Helen Hines of the decorating department was selected "Miss Cronin China for 1947." Helen Lukacic of the same department was a close second and Miss Gloria Bowman, receptionist, third place.

The indoor ball game between the claysmith nine and their opponents from the decorating shop furnished plenty of thrills despite the lopsided score of 18 to 4.

Mrs. Ida Cassidy, 69; Mrs. George Shultz, 59; and Mrs. Larry Maley, 56; were the three oldest ladies to register. Henry Deardorff, 82; David Coulter and Frank S. Harsh, age 76, carried off the honors for the males.

William "Red" Hawk, Louis Brim, Jr., and Mayor W. Ray Brown were the winners in the contest for the loudest necktie.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dombroski,

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### Cautions Against Foolish Action On New Labor Law

Washington, D. C. (ILNS).—Labor unions must be cool at this time and should warn all members against panic, anger or any emotion that might result in any foolish striking back at an imagined injustice, growing out of the passage of the Taft-Hartley bill, the July issue of the Machinists Journal cautions in an editorial titled, "It's Still Legal to Vote."

"This is no time to lie on our backs, like a spoiled child, screaming and kicking," says the official publication of the International Association of Machinists. "The Taft-Hartley law is passed. It is the law of the land. Only time can tell how good or how bad it is."

"The experienced union man feels the act is designed to provoke outbreaks; so that more vicious restrictions can be justified," the editorial asserts, indicating that labor may take two courses not counted on by the drafters of the act.

Can Still Quit Work

"The law still permits a worker to quit his job," it observes. "Men will learn to do so effectively. The law seems to make much litigation

where contracts exist; so men will learn how to work without contracts on terms which they have agreed upon among themselves. This is not collective bargaining, but the bargaining is not necessary if there is only one price.

"It so happens that a man's labor is his natural monopoly to sell at his price or withhold regardless of price. The only places where that ceases to be true is in the penitentiary or in a totalitarian state. What many gleeful employers and their mouthpieces have overlooked is that you can't have a totalitarian state for workers in which the employer is free. We predict that the employers will sicken of the constant supervision of government under this act long before labor squeals."

The Journal further predicts that labor will obey the Taft-Hartley Act to a greater degree than employers did the Wagner Act.

Court Fight To Cost Money

"You may be certain that there will be no group of big-wig lawyers of the Liberty League telling labor that the act is unconstitutional

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### Woll Says Lower Profits Will Net Healthy Economy

Washington (LPA)—AFL Vice-president Matthew Woll told Chairman Taft and the members of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report last week that "Wage rates need corrective readjustments upward and we hope that some prices can be correctively readjusted downward." He added that to achieve a balanced economy, we also need "corrective adjustment downward of some profits."

Woll told the members of Congress that "The AFL is convinced that the feast and famine policy of American industry which in general has allowed prices and profits to climb to such unprecedented heights that consumer buying power is dangerously lagging will inevitably lead to economic recession unless corrective action is taken immediately."

The AFL spokesmen went on to warn that if business could make peak profits in a reconversion year, "Either profits must boom to unprecedented heights in 1947 with a consequent bust or a new lower price policy must be instituted

with more reasonable profits but a continuing strong, stable, mass market."

The answer to the price-wage spiral "does not lie solely in higher wages," Woll went on, "but in industry returning to the almost forgotten American tradition of mass production at lower unit costs and lower prices for an ever increasing market."

The AFL, he reported to the Joint Economic Committee, "has had to resort to all kinds of methods to find out their employers' ability to pay."

"In asking for access to information as a basis for collective bargaining," the AFL representative asserted, "we are not asking for trade secrets or similar material that is clearly private property. "Honest distribution," he said, "necessitates supplying to each group information on purchasing, overhead, depreciation, reserves, costs of production, salaries of executives, taxes, compensation for office staff, production staff and stockholder, returns from sales and other sources, gross and net profits."