

Veterans Get Taste of 'Right'-to-Work Bill

Time To Register Is Short, Every Union Member Should Be Sure He Is Able To Vote

Only four days remain for Arizona voters to register for the November 5 general election. Registration books in county recorder's offices over the State will be closed at 5 p.m., September 30.

Totals for the State, of new registration since the primary election, are not yet available, but for Maricopa county the figure stands at approximately 7,000 since July 16, or about 9 per cent of the registration at that time, for a total registration in this county to date of around 80,000.

Maricopa generally casts approximately 40 per cent of the vote cast in the State. If the rate of increased registrations in other counties is the same as that in the largest, the registration this year should be considerably over 200,000 as compared to 180,000 in the primary.

This indicates a heavy interest on the part of the voters, in which the Right-to-Work amendment bears a dominating share. Both sponsors and opponents of the measure will redouble their efforts throughout next week to increase voter registrations.

During the past month there has been marked indications of a changing feeling in certain quarters which gave lip service in behalf of this so-called "right-to-work" bill earlier in the year. Many of those earlier advocates of the measure have come to realize not only what the amendment, as worded, would do to organized labor, but what it would do to both business prosperity and social conditions in the State, as well. This was specifically pointed out by Gov. Sidney P. Osborn at the Federation convention at Yuma and by numerous other speakers elsewhere. During the past month, numbers of prominent business and professional men at many points in the State have openly expressed their opposition to the amendment and volunteered their support to the Citizens committee conducting the campaign against it. Many outstanding newspapers and periodicals likewise have condemned the measure as vicious legislation which could only result in chaotic conditions that would destroy the had criticized the action of Local 631 in adopting a rule providing for the suspension of eligible voters who failed to register by Oct. 1st. A member of the Road-Runners got up and stated that he considered registration an act of good citizenship and saw no reason why any organization should not take steps to get its members registered. He suggested that perhaps Mr. Hill's objection to the action of the local was based upon the fact that these registrations would not represent votes for his side of the issue.

Generally, people who four weeks ago appeared to have made up their minds to vote for the amendment are now showing hesi-

PROCLAMATION AMERICAN TEAM WORK WEEK

WHEREAS, American Democracy has singularly emphasized the need for team work between all groups in our population to ensure the success of our efforts to establish a commonwealth, the human and material benefits of which shall accrue to all; and WHEREAS, a failure in team work as experience has often shown perilously impedes an equal and just distribution of the privileges of democracy; and WHEREAS, the task of achieving a fuller democracy will require a continued pooling of effort and a wise and patient forbearance between interests at tension,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sidney P. Osborn, Governor, in support of the valiant efforts on the part of the National Urban League to achieve victory for democracy through unity, hereby proclaim the period beginning Sunday, September twenty-second, 1946 and continuing through Sunday, September twenty-ninth, 1946, as

American Team Work Week

in Arizona, and earnestly call upon our citizens in their homes and in their churches, in their public and in their private enterprises to rededicate themselves to the principles of the Bill of Rights and the Four Freedoms which are basic to our American Democracy, and urge a common front on the part of all groups and races for the achievement of these high and noble principles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arizona to be affixed this Sixteenth day of September, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and forty-six.

(Signed) SIDNEY P. OSBORN,
Governor.

ATTEST:
CURTIS M. WILLIAMS,
Assistant
Secretary of State.

25 Negroes On Trial In Tennessee

LAWRENCEBERG, Tenn., Sept. 26.—The trial of the 25 Negroes, arrested after a Maury county lynch mob swept through Columbia, Tenn., last February, finally opened in circuit court here last week.

The defendants are charged with attempting to murder white police officers on February 25. No one was killed during the street fighting that accompanied the invasion of the Negro neighborhood by a white mob. Two days later, two Negroes were shot and killed by police.

A capacity audience jammed the courtroom and heard Z. Alexander Looby, Negro defense attorney from Nashville, calmly say, "Not guilty!" each time an indictment was read against a defendant.

Five full weeks were consumed in selecting the jury. A total of 850 Lawrence county property owners had their names pulled from the metal jury box.

Eight admitted members of the Ku Klux Klan were qualified to sit as jurors by Judge Ingam. The defense had to use its precious peremptory challenges to disqualify them.

Phone Union Moves Toward Their New Wage Demand

Washington, Sept. 26.—(FP)—Data is being gathered by the Natl. Federation of Telephone Workers (unaffiliated) to help set a countrywide bargaining program. This announcement came Sept. 16 as the NFW's official paper called for "a new round of wage increases coupled with controls that will prevent a further rise in prices."

The NFW, which now claims over 215,000 dues-paying members in its affiliated unions, is studying contracts of its locals to find the extent of the closed shop, checkoff of dues, use of automatic progression in the industry, data on shift differentials, sick leave and common termination dates for agreements.

Preliminary reports on these studies will be sent the membership soon after Oct. 1 by the NFW bargaining planning committee.

The national executive board will meet here Oct. 7, according to Pres. Joseph A. Beirne, while the 2-week special assembly and convention of the union will be held Nov. 3-16 at Denver, Colo.

Japs Learning Unionism



These Japanese women are learning the technique of democratic unionism from Mark Starr, educational director of Intl. Ladies Garment Workers (AFL), now conducting conferences with leaders of the new labor movement. (FP)

Carver's Ex-Principal Asks \$50,000 For Slander

Mr. Roy Lee, ex-principal of Carver High School entered suit in Superior Court last Saturday, for \$50,000 against 2 former teachers and 2 members of Carver's P.T.A.

Mr. Lee alleged that Mr. Tom Browne and Mr. O. B. Coleman, teachers, and Mrs. M. H. Hagler and Mrs. Ruby Chavallier, members of Carver's P.T.A. had caused him to lose his position as Principal and later other jobs which he had aspired for, by their propaganda and circulation of petition against him.

It is reported that the whole thing started over a year ago while Mr. Lee was Principal at Carver. A sworn statement was signed by a former student of Mr. Lee, concerning his conduct, unbecoming a teacher, in the presence of the two teachers and members of the P.T.A., which led Mr. Lee to accuse the defendants of conspiracy to rob him of his job, he said.

He is at present employed as Deputy Sheriff of Maricopa County.

The defendants have been served with citations, but no date has yet been set for the trial.

DOUGLAS VETERANS' CLUB WILL ACTIVELY FIGHT AMENDMENT

The Veterans' Club of Douglas, at a meeting last week voted to campaign against the so-called "right" to work amendment. Agreeing with other opponents of the measure, who have dubbed the measure the "right to starve" bill the club pledged its support to Union labor and began making plans to defeat the amendment in the coming election.

The Douglas veterans are said to be much riled at the proponents of the bill for using the name "Veteran" in their propaganda, declaring that in so doing the anti-labor groups are using the veterans for personal reasons without consulting the various organizations composed of veterans.

41 New York Night Clubs Grant Raise

New York City, Sept. 26.—Forty-one night clubs here averted an orchestra tieup by granting musicians a 20 percent general wage increase, in line with a request by Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians. The settlement does not yet apply to hotel bands. Under the new contract bandsmen will also get time and a half for overtime and \$5 extra on New Year's Eve, also minimum "stretch time," which means reducing to a minimum the intervals in the night's work when the musicians are not playing.

BOOKER WASHINGTON SCHOOL OPENS WITH BIG INCREASE

Booker T. Washington School opened Monday, September 16th, with a very heavy enrollment. From all indications the enrollment will exceed that of last year. Added to the faculty this school year are: Miss Merdine Moton, Kindergarten; Miss Zenobia Cannon, Fourth Grade; Miss Jacqueline Farnandis, Nurse; and Miss Lexie Anthony, Clerk.

27 VETERANS WALKED OUT ON STRIKE MONDAY AT LOCAL PLANT

Twenty-seven veterans who had been employed at the Palmer Manufacturing Corporation in Phoenix as apprentices, walked out on strike Monday, after the company refused to advance wages to take the place of subsistence pay when the government abandoned the apprentice training program at the plant.

The men had been making from 65 to 75 cents per hour, which, with their subsistence pay gave them sufficient money to live and complete their training. When the program was abandoned the company raised some of them 10 cents an hour. They demanded a minimum of \$1 an hour, was refused and walked off the job.

NEGRO CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS ASK SOCIAL REFORMS

LOS ANGELES.—Resolutions to be introduced at the National Negro Congress meeting, which opened at 1 p.m. last Sunday, at Elks auditorium, 4016 South Central avenue, keep pouring in at congress offices, 1051 East 41st St.

Covering a broad field of social reforms to abolish discrimination against minority groups, the resolutions have come from AFL and CIO unions and from progressive organizations all over the city, reports Helen Samuels, executive secretary of the congress.

The resolutions committee is composed of Carlton Moss, author; Bob Pate, chairman of the Coleman Defense Committee, and Yvonne Sheppard, of American Youth for Democracy.

"One of the largest representations of Los Angeles trade unions to be present at a single meeting were present at the National Negro Congress," Miss Samuels said, "since every trade union in the city received an invitation to send up to four delegates."

The opening address was delivered by John Howard Lawson, noted screen writer. Other prominent persons invited to address the gathering were: James Roosevelt, state Democratic committee chairman; Philip M. Onnelly, CIO Council secretary; Assemblyman Albert Dekker; Charlotta Bass, California Eagle publisher, and Averill Berman, radio commentator.

Participants from the Mobilization for Democracy picket lines protesting the Gerald L. K. Smith meeting in Polytechnic High School were expected to join the congress session after completing their march before entrances of the school.

Globe Lions Club 2nd Annual Rodeo

Globe.—Plans were completed this week, for the Globe Lions Club Second Annual Rodeo Celebration, to be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5 and 6, at the Claypool Ball Park, midway between Globe and Miami.

President Clyde Elrod of the Globe Lions Club announced that Loui "Buster" Mounce, and Gordon "Button" McFadden would again be producing the annual affair, and that from early reports, some 80 or 90 contestants would be on hand this year, an increase of 30 more than last year's entry.

Mounce and McFadden have indicated there will be plenty of rodeo stock on hand to provide contestants as well as spectators, a better-than-ever show. A rodeo clown has been engaged to provide even more fun.

Coupled with the two-day attraction, the Lions will also stage three nights of dancing at the Elks Plaza, Miami, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4, 5, and 6.

With all the members of the local Lions Club sprouting everything from fuzz to whiskers, all of them dressed like real "cowboys," the towns of Miami and Globe all decorated, it's truly a Western spirit which is now prevailing in Globe and Miami.

At noon Tuesday the veterans were picketing both plants of the company, with the avowed intention of forcing the company to meet their demands and put them back to work.

The strike was precipitated when James A. Smith, acting as spokesman for the men was discharged because, as Mr. Palmer told him, he apparently was "not interested in his work." Mr. Palmer corrected the statement and said what he actually told Smith was that if he "wasn't happy he could take off."

By his action, Mr. Palmer jumped the gun on the so-called "right" to work law proposed at the coming election. That is exactly what the law will do. It will give the workers the "right" to work—but under the conditions and at the wages the boss wants to pay—and if they are not "happy" they can "take off."

Nothing that has happened recently could have demonstrated more clearly to all people just what the advocates of this vicious proposed law will do to all workers. The Palmer company has operated as an open shop non-union concern for years. It has arbitrarily set the wage scale, the hours and conditions. That all three were sub-standard is shown by the fact the place was declared unfit to train apprentices under the apprenticeship training program, which has thousands of men working in the state.

That such conditions are bad is also clearly demonstrated by the fact that 27 veterans, in no way connected with labor unions, striving desperately to prepare themselves to get into the industrial life of their state, were forced to strike against the company.

The apprenticeship training program has been a complete success in practically every case where it has been put in operation. It has the backing of the veterans administration, but like all governmental agencies, there are rules that must be obeyed, regulations that must be carried out. That the Palmer company was not doing that is evident by the statement made by one of the striking veterans. He said "We were digging ditches, repairing roofs, installing windows, pouring concrete, driving trucks and doing other work. Welders were pushing shovels."

The walkout was a spontaneous action by the veterans after talking it over among themselves. Labor unions were in no way connected with the matter, but every union man and woman in Phoenix stands ready, willing and eager to help these veterans when asked, and will go all out to assist them in whatever way they possibly can.

The Palmer company has been on labor's unfair list for years. It has resisted all attempts to organize its employees and has steadily insisted on paying sub-standard wages and working conditions.

It has maintained the "right" of its employees to work, but it has retained the right to do everything else, and when an employee becomes "unhappy" he can always "take off."

Mr. Palmer jumped the gun and his action will assist greatly in defeating the proposed amendment.

