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RUBBER WORKERS-KELLY OPEN NEGOTIATIONS FOR CONTRACT

Bargaining Begins In Other Goodyear Plants in Nation

Behind the solid support of 100 per cent of the membership of Local 26, United Rubber Workers of America, three members of the union's negotiating committee and a URWA international representative today were bargaining with Kelly-Springfield management for a contract on a national Goodyear basis.

Coupling negotiations with a slogan of "Thirty Day's the Limit," the four URWA negotiators jointly declared "the Kelly-Springfield workers are determined to get the full security which is rightfully theirs by way of a signed contract."

URWA negotiators are Local 26 President Raymond Burkhardt, Odell Young and William Welker, and International Representative Joseph Emmons.

Negotiating for the Goodyear subsidiary are James C. Warden, Harry Nelson and R. M. Hudak. Officers of Local 26, at the same time, called a special general membership meeting for Saturday, August 2 at 7:30 P. M. in the Rubber Workers Hall, 12 South Mechanic street. A new seniority clause to be introduced in negotiations is to be discussed at the meeting.

Discussions on a proposed agreement introduced by the Rubber Workers have been in progress for the past week, negotiators said. Negotiations in other Goodyear plants throughout the nation were opened simultaneously.

Adopting the slogan "Thirty Days the Limit" as the concluding period in which a signed contract was to be negotiated, the union representatives declared that if at the end of the 30 day contract talks an agreement is not reached "any action to be taken will be taken on a national basis."

Rank and file members of Local 26 declared their support of the negotiating committee's efforts by citing Goodyear management's policy of "divide and exploit" among the many plants in the country. "It's time they signed up," a Kelly worker summed up.

Local 26 officers also reported a steady gain in membership and dues paying since negotiations opened.

Lucas Appointed To Defense Council
Clyde D. Lucas, secretary-treasurer of Celanese Local 1874, TWU, was one of the three Cumberland appointees to the district council of defense embracing Allegany, Garrett, Washington and Frederick counties.

Lucas and Mayor Harry Irvine and Alan F. Eggleston, vice-president of Kelly-Springfield Tire Company, were appointed by Gov. Herbert R. O'Connor. The governor explained that the creation of district defense councils was in accordance with the wishes of the advisory commission to the Council of National Defense.

To Give Fireboss, Mine Foreman Tests
Examinations for mine foreman and fireboss certificates will be given August 26 and 27 at Frostburg, under the supervision of the Maryland Bureau of Mines.

Applications for the examinations may be made with Dr. J. J. Rutledge, chief mine engineer, Maryland Bureau of Mines.

Issue Thanks
C. A. department workers of Local 1874, TWU, issued thanks through their Chairman Richard Boyden to the American Brewery, Cumberland Brewery, German Brewery and South End Market for contributions and support of the C. A. Jamboree held recently.

Miners Wait For Court Decision

Avnet Urges Jurists Maintain Intent of Compensation Law

Thousands of Maryland miners today awaited a decision of the Allegany Circuit Court — a decision that, as I. Duke Avnet, District 16, UMW counsel said, would determine whether the intention of the Maryland Unemployment Compensation law would be maintained or negated.

Arguing before Circuit Court Jurists D. Lindley Sloan, William A. Huster and Joseph D. Mish, in an appeal on the unemployment compensation board's ruling, Avnet asserted that it was the intention of the compensation law to cover as many unemployed workers as possible.

The board's ruling, he declared, excluded thousands of Maryland miners forced into idleness by the absence of a working contract between operators and the United Mine Workers of America.

Containing that evidence did not support the board's findings that the unemployment of miners was due to a stoppage of work which existed because of a labor dispute, Avnet explained that a labor dispute, in the true sense of the term, did not exist.

There was no strike of the miners, and there was no lockout on the part of the operators, Avnet said. The stoppage occurred because there was no working agreement between miners and operators. The miners did not know what they were working for and the operators did not know what to charge for their coal without the contract, he added.

STRICT DEFINITION
Defining a strike, lockout and labor dispute, Avnet maintained that the term labor dispute should not be loosely defined so as to exclude thousands of unemployed workers. "The terms should be strictly construed" and applied to instances coming under the definitions, he said.

Attorneys agreed that the sole point at issue was whether the miners were idle as a result of a labor dispute. The unemployment compensation board ruled that a labor dispute existed, and denied miners compensation.

About 300 maintenance men and certain other miners ruled eligible were awarded compensation. District 16, UMW, filed an appeal for Cobey Snyder, Garrett county miner and president of Local 3817, and other miners in the same position as Snyder.

Chief Judge Sloan reported that a ruling on the case would be forthcoming probably by August 4.

Assistant Attorney General Zanyl Krieger of Baltimore, assisted by William A. Gunter, attorney for the Consolidation Coal Company, argued that a labor dispute existed and upheld the decision of the board.

Welly K. Hopkins, general counsel for the United Mine Workers review numerous rulings of other state compensation boards and Morgan C. Harris of Cumberland, assisted Avnet in presenting an outline of the facts in the case.

Newspaper Executives Defy Govt. Agency
WASHINGTON, July 29 — The American Newspaper Publishers Association last week defied the authority of the Federal Communications Commission's right to subpoena four newspaper executives as witnesses in the government's investigation into newspaper ownership of radio stations.

Local 1874 Holds General Membership Meeting August 13

A regular general membership meeting of Celanese Local 1874, TWU, will be held in Textile Hall, Wednesday evening, August 13 at 8 o'clock, President George A. Meyers announced.

Meyers urged all members to attend the meeting.

ARMY TRAINS SOLDIERS FOR STRIKEBREAKING

WASHINGTON, July 29 — Documentary evidence that U. S. soldiers in Army training camps throughout the nation were being trained for strikebreaking duty against American workers was supplied today by "In Fact," a weekly news-letter edited by George Seldes.

"In Fact" reported that soldiers were being trained for strikebreaking duty in Camp Stewart, Ga.; Fort Hancock, N. J.; Fort Meade, Md.; Camp Edwards, Mass.; Fort Ord, Cal.; Fort Bragg, N. C.; Camp McClellan, Ala.; and from an Army camp near Coleman, Tex.

Courses in active strikebreaking, including propaganda to supply moral justification for possible use of troops against American workers, were being taught at the camps, "In Fact" revealed. An official Press release from Camp Stewart, explaining preparations for the handling of "a strike situation," was quoted.

Snyder Re-elected President of Local 3817 at Eckhart

Cobey Snyder, under whose name an appeal on the ruling of the Maryland Compensation Board was taken by District 16, United Mine Workers, was reelected president of Local 3817 at Eckhart Mines.

Thomas Hanna was elected vice-president; Ben Rowe, recording secretary; Brooke Lancaster, financial secretary; Walter Connors, treasurer; Lucinda Fabri, doorkeeper; and William Pope, sergeant-at-arms.

John Williams, Woodrow Troutman and John Whitefield were elected to the No. 10 mine committee, while the No. 4 mine committee is John Barry, Ben Rowe and Ruben Lewis.

Celebration Group to Meet on 3rd Issue Parade Invitations to Organizations

Swinging into the last month of preparations on the Labor Day celebration, the Labor Day Celebration Committee of the Western Maryland Industrial Union Council will meet Sunday, August 3 in Bloomington.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock, Chairman Lindley Dye reported.

Approximately 25 delegates attended the last committee meeting in Frostburg when reports of increasing activity were made.

William Meagher, chairman of the entertainment committee reported that the Jockey Club near the Cumberland Fairgrounds had been obtained for a dance to be held on Labor Day evening. Entertainment for children was being prepared, Meagher said.

ISSUE INVITATIONS

The parade committee reported that invitations to the Cumberland Labor Day Parade had been sent to 300 organizations in three states. The invitations included an explanation of the distribution of \$600 in prizes to be given first and second place winners in seven divisions.

A first prize of \$125 and second prize of \$35 is to be given in the senior and junior band classification, while the same prizes are to be awarded in the drum corps division. In the float division, a \$75 first prize and \$35 second prize is to be awarded.

The organization coming the greatest distance is to be awarded \$50, and the best appearing veterans, civic, fraternal or patriotic group is to be given \$50. The best appearing fire company is to receive a prize of \$50, and the best appearing ladies auxiliary \$20. CIO and AFL unions were invited to compete in the float and organization coming the greatest distance division.

Signs with CIO

BANGOR, Pa., July 29 — The Kayser Silk Co., employing 1,300 hosiery workers, succumbed to a ten-month organizing drive last week when it signed an agreement with the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, CIO.

CIO Aluminum Plan Backed by Council

Throwing full support behind a CIO proposed plan to increase aluminum production by one billion pounds a year, the Western Maryland Industrial Union Council at a regular meeting last week, appointed a three-man committee to rally support of trade unions, civic and fraternal organizations behind the CIO plan.

The council also:

1. Adopted a resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's policy of aid to Great Britain, the Soviet Union and other democracies fighting fascism.

2. Adopted a resolution urging Secretary of Labor Perkins to reinstate Miss Helen Miller, Washington, D. C., member of the United Federal Workers, who was suspended from her work in the Department of Labor.

3. Adopted a resolution establishing a boycott of Walt Disney films until Disney agrees to reinstate dismissed trade unionists and bargain collectively with the Screen Cartoonists Guild.

4. Sent a "get well" telegram to CIO President Philip Murray and a telegram to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging his support of the CIO Aluminum Workers plan for increased aluminum production.

Appointed to the Increased Production of Aluminum Committee by Chairman Lindley Dye were Arthur Shusterman, Local 1874, TWU delegate, and Raymond Wills and Roy Davy, Local 26, URWA delegates. Shusterman was appointed chairman.

TO EXPLAIN PLAN

The committee was empowered to inform civic, fraternal, veterans and service organizations in this area of the Aluminum Workers plan and urge their outspoken support of the plan designed to aid national defense.

The AWU plan, presented to President Roosevelt two weeks ago, proposed the creation of an Aluminum Industry Council composed of labor, industry and government representatives, called for full priorities on construction material to permit rapid erection of new aluminum plants, and vastly expanded operation of essential bauxite now under the control of Aluminum Corporation of America.

SUPPORT AID

The aid to Great Britain, Soviet Union and other democracies fighting fascism resolution, adopted after a 20 minute discussion, stated:

"Whereas, Franklin D. Roosevelt has so clearly enunciated the policy of the United States in regard to aid to democracies now fighting fascism and Hitlerism; and Whereas, President Roosevelt has called on all American people to support the United States policy of aid to all embattled democracies;

"And whereas, the spread of fascism and Hitlerism endangers trade unionism and all free democratic movements in the United States;

"Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Western Maryland Industrial Union Council support the stand of President Roosevelt, and his policy of continued and ever increasing aid to Great Britain, the Soviet Union and other democracies fighting fascism.

"And Be It Further Resolved, that the Western Maryland Industrial Union Council urge President Roosevelt to maintain vigilance against growing fascist forces in the United States, and against all attempts to destroy 'the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness' guaranteed all American people under the Constitution."

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Unionists Continue Picketing

Scabs in Cars Run Into, Hurt Strikers on Line

Charges that members of the Meyersdale, Pa. police force had been guilty of vicious brutality in the clubbing of defenseless women pickets at the struck Meyersdale shirt manufacturing plant were today voiced by organizers of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO.

A police attack on more than 175 pickets Monday morning culminated with the arrest of 12 pickets, including an ACW organizer. The 12 strikers were released on \$500 bond by Squire H. S. Whitterman of Somerset, and were to appear for trial in September. They were charged by Meyersdale Chief of Police Bittner with "resisting arrest and assault and battery."

A force of policemen, led by Bittner, attacked, and clubbed more than two dozen of the 175 pickets around the Meyersdale factory after a few cars containing scabs and foremen ran down pickets and broke the picket line at the gate. Henry Friedman, ACW organizer, reported.

A few women pickets who cried and screamed when struck by cars brought police on the run. Bittner and his police force jumped into the picket line, swinging clubs at the heads and shoulders of the strikers, and indiscriminately began placing pickets under arrest, Friedman said.

DENY ASSAULT CHARGE

Taken before Squire Whitterman, the strikers denied assaulting Bittner, and charged the chief of police with usurping his police power and assault against lawful pickets. Police authorities in Somerset county refused to press charges against Bittner and members of the Meyersdale police force, Friedman stated.

Three women strikers were treated for injuries suffered when struck by a car driven by Robert Gauntz, a foreman in the plant. A number of other pickets received minor injuries in the police clubbing, but picketing still continued.

Striking workers who have been picketing the plant since July 3 demand a union contract with union wages and the reinstatement of a dismissed union member. The Meyersdale Chamber of Commerce, the industrial committee of the C of C and the town newspaper, the Somerset American, have openly opposed the strikers.

FORM COMPANY UNION

Owned by H. D. Baskin, who is also proprietor of a number of manufacturing plants in Pennsylvania, the company has fought the ACW for many years. Under company guidance a small number of the Meyersdale workers have formed a company union called the Meyersdale Manufacturing Employees Association which was chartered a few days ago.

Of the 230 plant workers, 200 of whom are women, more than 175 were on the picket line Monday morning. The 175 workers, now members of the ACW, were organized a few weeks before the strike when Miss Mary Louise Eck, ACW organizer who was one of the pickets arrested Monday, slipped into a company union meeting and spoke to the workers at the meeting.

Detroit Western Union Workers Vole CIO

DETROIT, July 29 — An overwhelming victory of the American Communications Association, CIO, over the AFL's Commercial Telegraphers Union in a Labor Board election among Western Union employees in Detroit recently, has paved the way for the organization of Western Union's 43,000 workers, CIO leaders said.

The CIO won the election by a 417 to 165 vote.

Notice

Due to many misunderstandings, Local 1874, TWU, announces: "Local 1874 is neither directly or indirectly connected in any way with the Workers Social Club or any other social club."

By Order of the Membership
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Local 1874, TWU