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## RUBBER WORKERS-KELLY OPEN NEGOTIATIONS FOR CONTRACT

### Bargaining Begins In Other Goodyear For Court Plants in Nation

Behind the solid support of 100 per cent of the membership Avnet Urges Jurists 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

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

**Local 26 Starts** 

Day's the Limit."

Day's the Limit."

and signed up.

on Hitler.

Own 'V' Drive with

'30 Day's the Limit'

Rubber workers in Local 26

have a "V" campaign of their

own, only they say "Thirty

For more than a week Local

26 members have been shout-

ing in the Kelly plant, at reg-

ular meetings, on the streets,

at the plant gate - "Thirty

Day's the Limit." Overnight

the Kelly plant blossomed out

with thousands of mimeograph-

ed posters each bearing "Thirty

For union members, the

slogan means the time in which

negotiations for a signed con-

tract would be concluded. How-

ever the few non-union mem-

bers became self conscious.

thought the slogan meant their

last chance to join the union,

As for plant supervisors, the

slogan brings lines of worry,

just as the new "V for Victory"

campaign is having its effects

WASHINGTON, July 29 - Re-

contract and to end all disputes

with the Steel Workers Organiz-

retire to dig potatoes before sign-

About 41,630 workers are cover-

NEW YORK, July 29 - Lead-

ed by the agreement.

**NMU Plans One** 

Seaman's Union

al organization.

ing Committee, CIO.

Republic Steel

URWA negotiators are Local 26 President Raymond Burkhart, Odell Young and William Wellker, 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 generai 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 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

To Negotiate policy of "divide and exploit" among the many plants in the country. "It's time they signed CIO Contract up." a Kelly worker summed up.

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

#### Lucas Appointed To Defense Council

Clyde D. Lucas, secretary-treasurer of Celanese Local 1874, TW-IIA was one of the three Cumcouncil of defense embracing Allegany, Garrett, Washington and Fredrick counties.

Lucas and Mayor Harry Irvine and higher wages. and Alan F. Eggleston, vice-president of Kelly-Springfield Tire the agreement provides for the position as Snyder. Company, were appointed by Gov. death of Republic's company un-Herbert R. O'Conor. The goverof district defense councils was with the SWOC, for reinstatement forthcoming probably by August nor explained that the creation with back pay of 2,300 workers 4. in accordance with the wishes of discharged during and after the 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 examina tions may be made with Dr. J. J. ers of the National Maritime Un-Rutledge, chief mine engineer, Maryland Bureau of Mines.

#### Issue Thanks

C. A. department workers of through their Chairman Richard be submitted to the membership Boyden to the American Brewery. of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Cumberland Brewery, German Union and the American Com-Brewery and South End Market munications Assocation, Marine the C. A. Jamboree held recently. other coastal unions,

## Miners Wait Local 1874 Holds Decision

Compensation Law

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

Arguing before Circuit Court A. Huster and Joseph D. Mish, in an appeal on the unemployto cover as many unemployed George Seldes. workers as possible.

The board's ruling, he declared, miners forced into idleness by the Fort Hancock, N. J.; Fort Meade, absence of a working contract be Md.; Camp Edwards, Mass.; For tween operators and the United Ord, Cal.; Fort Bragg, N. C.; Mine Workers of America.

Contending that evidence did not support the board's findings that the unemployment of miners of the term, did not exist.

There was no strike of the minthe part of the operators, Avnet ation," was quoted, The stoppage occured be cause 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 3817 at Eckhart 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 public Steel - the fourth of Little workers. "The terms should be Steel "bitter-enders" to come to strictly construed" and applied to terms - today was on record as instances coming under the defini-

agreeing to negotiate a signed tions, he said. Attorneys agreed that the sole point at issue was whether the miners were idle as a result of a The corporation, whose head, labor dispute. The unemployment Tom Girdler, once said he would compensation board ruled that a labor dispute existed, and denied

ing with the CIO, put its name miners compensation. About 300 maintenance men and to a stipulation signed by the Relations Board in a final move were awarded compensation. Disthat ended more than four years trict 16, UMW, filed an appeal for of struggle for union rencognition Cobey Snyder, Garrett county miner and president of Local 3817. In addition to a signed contract, and other miners in the same

Chief Judge Sloan reported that ions, for an end to interference a ruling on the case would be

Assistant Attorney General Zan-Little Steel strike, for a single vyl Krieger of Baltimore, assisted collective bargaining unit in all by William A. Gunter, attorney plants where a count shows a for the Consolidation Coal Com-SWOC majority and for dropping pany, argued that a labor dispute of a damage suit against the un- existed and upheld the decision of the board.

Welly K. Hopkins, general counsel for the United Mine Workers H.R. 3994. We recognize the ex- available to the American people 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.

#### ion were at work today on a new Newspaper Executives plan to unify East and West coast Defy Govi. Agency

WASHINGTON, July 29 — The movement has its historic roots in the skill and experience necessary The plan, adopted at the NMU American Newspaper Publishers the equality of all people, not only to fill jobs in the defense program. Local 1874. TWUA, issued thanks Convention in Cleveland, was to Association last week defied the before the law but in the social Many of these corporations disauthority of the Federal Communications Commission's right to great movement, embracing more again despite much talk of labor subpoena four newspaper execu-than 5,500,000 working men and shortage and much protest on the tives as witnesses in the governfor contributions and support of division (radio operators), and ment's investigation into newspaper ownership of radio stations. are entitled to the right to work foreign born citizens, to include

### **General Membership Meeting August 13**

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

Meyers urged all members to attend the meeting.

WASHINGTON, July 29 - Documentary evidence that U. S. soi Jurists D. Lindley Sloan, William diers in Army training camps throughout the nation were being trained for strikebreaking duty ment compensation board's ruling against American workers was Avnet asserted that it was the supplied today by "In Fact," a intention of the compensation law weekly news-letter edited by

"In Fact" reported that soldiers were being trained for strikebreakexcluded thousands of Maryland ing duty in Camp Stewart, Ga.; Camp McClellan. Ala.; and from an Army camp near Coleman, Tex.

Courses in active strikebreaking including propaganda to supply was due to a stoppage of work moral justification for possible use which existed because of a labor of troops against American workdispute, Avnet explained that a ers, were being taught at the labor dispute, in the true sense camps, "In Fact" revealed. An official Press release from Camp Stewart, explaining preparations ers, and there was no lockout on for the handling of "a strike situ-

#### **Snyder Re-elected President of Local** Cobey Snyder, under whose

ident of Local 3817 at Eckhart Mines.

Thomas Hanna was elected ing secretary; Brooke Lancaster, distance division. financial secretary: Walter Connors, treasurer; Lucindo Fabri, doorkeeper; and William Pope, sergeant-at-arms.

John Williams, Woodrow Trout-Jones Blasts Discrimination,

### 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 re-

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 be ing 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

senior and junior band classifica- tion cut. tion, while the same prizes are to be awarded in the drum corps fense workers," Katz said in his division. In the float division, a letter, "are necessary for the suc-\$75 first prize and \$35 second prize is to be awarded.

The organization coming the \$50, and the best appearing vet- cause a man hour loss in producname an appeal on the ruling of erans, civic, fraternal or patriotic the Maryland Compensation Board group is to be given \$50. The best these workers far greater than the was taken by District 16. United appearing fire company is to re-Mine Workers, was reelected pres- ceive a prize of \$50, and the best were forced upon the working appearing ladies auxiliary \$20.

CIO and AFL unions were invited to compete in the float and orvice-president; Ben Rowe, record- ganization coming the greatest

#### Signs with CIO

tion of Hosiery Workers, CIO. ters.

CIO Backs Marcantonio Bill

no matter of what origin or what

shortage and despite the fact that

Explaining that the use of racial discrimination follows the

last week condemned the practice and threw CIO support be-

hind H. R. 3994, the Marcantonio Anti-Discrimination Bill,

His statement, slightly abridged, ple cannot prevail if a minority,

"The CIO is heartily in accord persuasion, is denied the rights

with the aims and principles of and the opportunities that are

racial, national and other minori- "No one can deny that discrim-

ties as an evil that threatens not ination in the employment of

only the security and welfare of workers does exist. Huge corpor-

millions of our people but also as ations holding billions of dollars

a threat to the national unity that worth of government contracts

has been so eloquently described openly refuse to employ Negro

as America's bulwark against ag- workers, despite the cry of labor

"The CIO and the entire labor thousands of Negro workers have

and economic world as well. Our criminate against non-citizens,

women, is based on the funda- need for production. Discrimina-

mental principle that all workers tion has extended beyond even the

when he appeared before the House Judiciary Committee.

istence of discrimination against as a whole.

### CIO Aluminum Plan Backed by Council

Throwing full support behind a CIO proposed plan to in- appear for trial in September. crease aluminum production by one billion pounds a year, the They were charged by Meyers-Western Maryland Industrial Union Council at a regular meet- dale Chief of Police Bittner ing last week, appointed a three-man committee to rally support of trade unions, civic and fraternal organizations behind the sault and battery. CIO plan.

CIO Aids 255-114 **Defeat of New Connally Bill** 

A second victory was marked up for the CIO on the legislative front when the House of Representatives defeated the new sugar-coated Connally bill by a 255 to 114 vote Tuesday

Strenuous CIO opposition both in Washington and from CIO affiliates in the nation was responsible for the defeat of the bill aimed at granting the government authority to break strikes and order compulsory arbitration, CIO leaders said,

#### **State IUC Protests** 50% Auto Cut Plan

Protesting the 50 per cent production curtailment proposed in states. The invitations included the automobile industry, Sidney an explanation of the distribution R. Katz, secretary-treasurer of the of \$600 in prizes to be given first Maryland and District of Columand second place winners in seven bia Industrial Union Council last week wrote President Roosevelt A first prize of \$125 and second that thousands of workers will prize of \$35 is to be given in the lose their jobs under the produc-

"The sk cessful prosecution of our national defense program.

"If Mr. Hendreson's cut is ingreatest distance is to be awarded stituted as he proposes, it will tion in terms of use of skills of sum total of all strikes which people during the past 12 months,' Katz added.

#### Father of Local 1874 **President Dies**

George A. Meyers, father of BANGOR, Pa., July 29 - The George A. Meyers, Jr., president Kayser Silk Co., employing 1,300 of Celanese Local 1874, TWUA, man and John Whitefield were hosiery workers, succumbed to a died at his home in Lonaconing elected to the No. 10 mine com- ten-month organizing drive last last week after a sudden heart mittee, while the No. 4 mine com- week when it signed an agree- attack. He is survived by his stated: mittee is John Barry, Ben Rowe ment with the American Federa- widow, four sons and two daugh-

sounding names.

ward oblivion.

Cites Blacklist

stranger to discrimination. Gen-

erations of its leaders and rank

and file members have known dis-

-the blacklist that condemns a

man and his family to a lifetime

of poverty and misery, even to

been one of the principal weapons

of ruthless employers ever since

the labor movement first took

the growth of the CIO to its posi-

"The task of the CIO in organ-

most vicious and sustained dis-Continued on Page Two

"The labor movement is no

The council also:

Union and other democracies fighting fascism.

Secretary of Labor Perkins to re- organizer, reported. instate Miss Helen Miller, Washington, D. C., member of the Unit- and screamed when struck by cars pended from her work in the De- and his police force jumped into partment of Labor.

state dismissed trade unionists Friedman said. and bargain collectively with the DENY ASSAULT CHARGE 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, TWUA delegate, and Raymond Wills and Roy Davy, Local 26. URWA delegates. Shusterman was appointed chairman. TO EXPLAIN PLAN

The committee was empowered tinued. to inform civic, fraternal, veterans area of the Aluminum Workers demand a union contract with un aid national defense.

proposed the creation of an Aluminum Industry Council composed opposed the strikers. 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 Ameri-

SUPPORT AID

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

"Whereas, Franklin D. Roosevelt has so clearly enunciated the now members of the ACW, were policy of the United States in re- organized a few weeks before the ard to aid to democracies now strike when Miss Mary Louise Eck. fighting fascism and Hitlerism;

States policy of aid to all em- meeting. battled democracies;

"And whereas, the spread of "ancient maxim of divide and rule, with a new twist—divide and the right to live. This princifascism and Hitlerism endangers second generation American citiand exploit," John T. Jones, CIO legislative representative, zens and even those with foreigntrade unionism and all free democratic movements in the United States:

> crimination in its cruellest form stand of President Roosevelt, and workers, CIO leaders said. starvation. Discrimination has his policy of continued and ever increasing aid to Great Britain 417 to 165 vote. the Soviet Union and ther democ

shape. Only in recent years, with racies fighting fascism, "And Be It Further Resolved tion as leader of the organized that the Western Maryland Indus labor movement have the blacklist trial Union Council urge Presiand other forms of discrimination dent Roosevelt to maintain vigilagainst workers been pushed to- ance against growing fascistic forces in the United States, and against all attempts to destroy izing the basic industries of this the life, liberty, and pursuit of country-where organization was happiness' guaranteed all Ameripreviously unknown - has been can people under the Constitucarried out in the face of the tion."

Two members of Local 12, Unit

### 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 bru-tality 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 resisting arrest and as-

A force of policeme by Bittner, attacked, and club bed more than two dozen of 1. Adopted a resolution endors- the 175 pickets around the ing President Roosevelt's policy of Meyersdale factory after a few aid to Great Britain, the Soviet cars containing scabs and foremen ran down pickets and broke the picket line at 2. Adopted a resolution urging gate. Henry Friedman, ACW

A few women pickets who cried ed Federal Workers, who was sus- brought police on the run. Bittner the picket line, swinging clubs at 3. Adopted a resolution estab- the heads and shoulders of the lishing a boycott of Walt Disney strikers, and indiscriminately befilms until Disney agrees to rein- gan placing pickets under arrest,

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 con-

Striking workers who have been and service organizations in this picketing the plant since July 3 plan and urge their outspoken ion wages and the reinstatement support of the plan designed to of a dismissed union member. The Meyersdale Chamber of Comerce. The AWU plan, presented to the industrial committee of the C President Roosevelt two weeks ago, of C and the town newspaper, the Somerset American, have openly

#### 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 Meversdale Manufacturing Employes 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. ACW organizer who was one of "And Whereas, President Roose- the pickets arrested Monday, slipvelt has called on all American ped into a company union meeting people to support the United and spoke to the workers at the

#### **Detroit Western Union** Workers Vote GIO

DETROIT, July 29 - An over-"And Whereas. Fascism and whelming victory of the American Hitlerism must be thwarted to pre- Communications Association, CIO. vent the destruction of democratic over the AFL's Commercial Teleg trade unionism and Democratic raphers Union in a Labor Board movements in the United States, election among Western Union "Now Therefore Be It Resolved, employes in Detroit recently, has that the Western Maryland In- paved the way for the organiza dustrial Union Council support the tion of Western Union's 43,000

The CIO won the election by

#### Notice

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

By Order of the Membership Clyde D. Lucas, Sec.-Treas. Local 1874, TWUA