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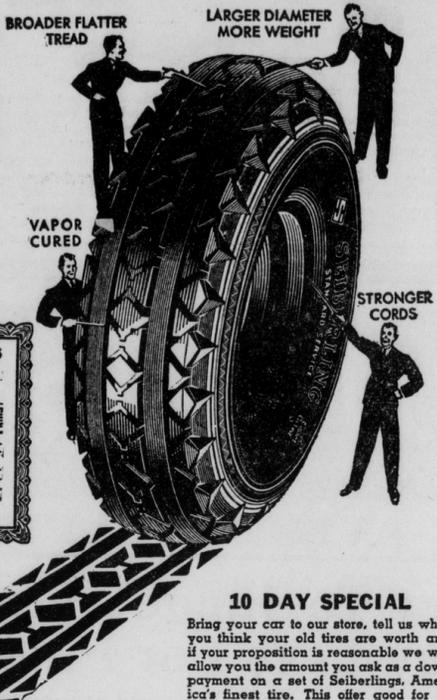
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CIO SEEKS A BILL TO HIT AT VIOLATORS OF THE WAGNER ACT IN NATION

Washington.—A drive to secure the passage of a bill to compel government contractors to obey the Wagner Labor Relations Act, will be No. 1 item on the CIO program for the coming congress, John L. Lewis, CIO president, announced in making public the CIO federal and state legislative program.

Keynote of the program, Lewis said, will be the protection of rights of the American workers under the Wagner Act and other statutory and constitutional guarantees.

On the Wagner act the CIO will continue the policy of opposition to all amendments to the Act, outlined in the pamphlet, "Why the Wagner Act Should NOT be Amended," and in favor of increased appropriations for adequate administration of the act.

On civil liberties and workers' rights the CIO will press for a program to out law the use of the National Guard in labor disputes, for the strict control of private strikebreaking agencies and supplies of munitions for use against strikers.

In this connection the CIO will also press for an increase in the appropriations for the LaFollette Committee and for the establishment of a permanent civil liberties bureau.

Legislation on unemployment, social security, national health and housing, also figure large in the CIO program. Other important items include support for an anti-lynching law. Federal aid to housing, national health, etc.

In discussing the bill to make compliance with the Wagner act mandatory on government contractors, Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel, said: "This measure will force large corporations such as Bethlehem Steel, Electric Boat and Douglas Aircraft and many others now profiting from fat government contracts to obey the law, and will apply to any loan, subsidy or license, or purchase of gold or silver by the Federal government."

"A similar bill was blocked in the last session of Congress by a reactionary clique in the rules committee, led by John J. O'Connor, who was retired to private life by the voters of New York in the last elections."

In its program for the protection of civil liberties and workers' rights the CIO included:

1. Federal curbs on the use of the National Guard in labor disputes. This will be done through restrictions on Federal grants for the National Guard and will prevent anti-labor governors and state officials from using armed force to break strikes.

2. Laws to abolish state poll taxes on voters. Such measures will prevent the disfranchisement now inflicted on millions of Americans throughout the south and other areas.

3. Federal anti-lynching legislation. This measure, blocked last year by a filibuster of southern senators, will be vigorously pushed by the CIO as part of its campaign to aid working people of the south.

A leading item on the CIO program on unemployment will be a demand for a Congressional study of technological unemployment, in an effort to find the causes and remedies for an increasingly critical national problem.

The program on WPA will be announced later, and will follow CIO lines of demanding adequate funds to provide jobs for all unemployed workers.

Legislative programs for greater social security for American workers will include: Expansion of the present social security program to assure adequate benefits for the aged and the unemployed, in addition to the increases recommended by the Social Security Advisory Council.

A federal health program. The CIO will support a federal program to make medical and hospital services available to the American people, in line with the recommendations of President Roosevelt's Committee on National Health.

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"THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST GROWING UP"

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:52.

When I was a child I spake as a child; I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. I Cor. 13:11.

We are glad to give you, in part, this post-Christmas message by Dr. Frederick M. Meek. It is interesting, instructive, thought provoking, heart-searching and inspirational.

"Over many generations we have brought a magnificent tribute in worship to the Child of Bethlehem, thru story, song and picture. We have been strongly drawn by the power of those narrative stories in Matthew and Luke which tell of the birth of the Child. And at the Christmas season we gather in adoration about the cradle at Bethlehem. Many of us find here, as we should, the animating spirit for Christmas deeds of love and good will.

As we bring our adoration to the manger, we sing, 'O Come, let us adore him!' Cords echo from church to church around the world as Christians bow before the newborn Child. This is the occasion when we Christians people bring a full measure of devotion into the sanctuary.

But there is nothing that would be more startling and even humiliating than that in the midst of our Christmas adoration the child should appear in our midst, full grown, and matured into manhood and say: 'You give me this adoration. Let me take you at your word. Come and companion with me!'

I know of no greater tragedy than the fact that these words would produce utter amazement and confusion. We Christian people have taken toward the Child of Bethlehem the misguided attitude that many adults assume toward children in general. How often parents say of their children, 'Oh, I wish they always would remain small, for they are so lovable then!'

Such an attitude followed to its logical conclusion would deny the child a chance to fulfill his destiny, to grow into adulthood and maturity. Always when a child grows up a new set of personal relationships is involved. For there is a great difference between dealing with an infant and dealing with a child grown to manhood. The quality of an individual's personality can usually be determined by how he treats the child as he grows and matures, and by what he hopes for the child in that adult future.

A recent magazine had a cartoon picturing an adult man seated on the knee of a department store Santa Claus while a group of gaping children stood around. The complacent, doting parents are saying to a friend, 'It has been such a struggle, but we have managed to keep alive his belief! That attitude of refusing to allow mature development to come normally and naturally has a fair parallel in the attitude that Christian peo-

ple have often assumed toward the Bethlehem child in the cradle. There are many people who adore Christ grown to maturity as a man. Religiously, they are content to keep the Christmas child in swaddling clothes all of their lives—and all His life.

If it were only that a child were born there would be no Christmas in 1938, or in any other year. The great thing about the occasion that Christmas celebrated is that the child who was born in the stable lived a normal life, and as Luke tells us, he 'increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.' He grew up and became an adult. It was as an adult that he lived the life which altered history and which should be for the encouragement of us all. Therefore, fundamental to any Christmas celebration is the fact that the child became the man whose life story is in our Gospels.

His influence and our greatest impetus to the Christian faith spring directly from his adult life. And while at Christmas we may grow kindly as we gather about the cradle, the helpless spirit of infancy was not the source of Jesus' influence. The great leader, the valiant crusader, the bearer of burdens, the giver of His life—all of these are of the man. So while at Christmas we remember the beginning of the life, let us not forget to celebrate the greater thing which is the continuation and the well wrought conclusion of that life.

The Christmas Child does not even speak our language; he does not disturb the deep springs of our motives. But when he becomes a man he says: 'Follow me.' 'Blessed are the pure in heart.' 'Go and sin no more.' 'Father, forgive them.'

These are life-changing words. They are the keen insights of complete maturity. Many would that they might never hear them, coming as they do from the man. Rather they would see only the vague, winsome smile of the child, a lovely child, whose inarticulate sounds tug at every human heart. As a man, walking about in our busy marts of commerce, frequenting the legislative assemblies and committee rooms where national policies and international relations are decided, he is often an unwelcome companion, whose right of admittance is even questioned. We have adoration for the child and we lend an ear that we may hear "the herald angels sing." But meanwhile we neglect with blatant assurance the Sermon on the Mount, which is the distilled wisdom of the man after he had come to maturity.

There are people in our day who say we have outgrown Jesus. But if we know him as a man on our streets, talking to us as an equal, about how we live and do business, about how we govern the nation and live in a complex and interdependent world, we realize that we have never outgrown Him.

Our society balks at renouncing the man even though it is willing to commercialize the child's birth. There is a conspiracy against His growing up and coming to a man's estate amongst us. That is the last thing in the universe that this world of ours wants. It knows too well the truth of what Whitehead says, that if we took this man at his word, this life of ours would be unrecognizable in a fortnight. Moreover, the world about us does not want you and me to grow up and come to the maturity of an adult Christian life. It wants our Christian living to remain on the child level, without any initiation into the mysteries of the adult world where we do our business and carry on our concerns of living—where, it is said, the 'children—Christian children—should be seen and not heard.'

Let us remember these two sentences from our New Testament: And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. When I was a child I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

A friend told me that some years ago he saw two advertisements next to each other in the 'help wanted' columns in the New York World. The advertisements were these: 'Wanted—a man to impersonate Santa Claus.' 'Wanted—a man for a blood transfusion.'

The world stands in need of something far more fundamental than a Santa Claus, a Christmas dinner and a Christmas stocking. This world of ours is ill—desperately ill. More than anything else it needs a blood transfusion—a blood transfusion from the vigorous life of the Man of Nazareth, particularly after it has been trying to commit suicide with wars, and ill regulated, wasteful, commercial strife, and racial conflicts and social struggles.

Blood transfusions must come from the Man of Nazareth, not from the Babe in the cradle. And our world needs, too, blood transfusions from the followers of the Man, followers who are full grown, mature Christian individuals, and not children of the faith still carried in arms. But as long as our society keeps the child in the Bethlehem cradle, as long as we deny the child a chance to grow to maturity, as long as we remain children in the faith ourselves, just so long will there be no healing, no final recovery from the ills that beset us in our world.

While at the Christmas season we may bring our adoration to the Babe of Bethlehem, let us never forget that that adoration is as nothing unless we bring a full measure of service to the Man whom we call Christ.

E. J. FARABAUGH ELECTED CHAIRMAN 1939 FARM PROGRAM

E. J. Farabaugh, farmer of Loretto, Pa., R. D., has been reelected chairman of the Cambria County Agricultural Committee for 1939. The election took place at the county convention of delegates recently selected by the various agricultural conservation community committees of the county. The meeting was held in the offices of the Association in the court house at Eb-

ensburg. In addition to Chairman Farabaugh the following other officers were selected for the coming year:

W. H. Fyock, of Johnstown, R. D. 2, vice chairman; C. J. Bearer of Hastings, member of committee, and Galen Metzger of Johnstown R. D., and Raymond Niebauer, of Ebensburg R. D., alternates. Katherine D. McCoy of Loretto, R. D., was chosen secretary-treasurer.

The County Agricultural Conserva-

tion Committee is in charge of the local administration of the farm program. The committee is an important factor in its success, for in addition to other duties, the county committee establishes soil building goals and acreage allotments; they supervise compliance and certify records that show the payments the farmers have earned. Further, they maintain complete office records of acreage and yields of various farms in the county participating in the program.

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American Diva Returns From Vienna

Jean Tennyson, soprano, termed "America's streamlined diva," shown with the famous tenor, John Charles Thomas, as she arrived in Chicago for an appearance in the Chicago City Opera company's presentation of "Tosca." Mr. Thomas is holding Miss Tennyson's Irish terrier.