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LOOKING AHEAD

Views of the Labor Battlefront
by Len De Caux.

When the United Mine Workers and the coal operators open their negotiations, it is like a great convention. Hundreds of union representatives and employers gather together in the same hall, elect a chairman and secretary, adopt rules of procedure and listen to the presentation of the point of view and proposals on both sides. Subcommittees are then named to carry on the more detailed negotiations. But these subcommittees must report back finally to the whole assembly, and the democratic forms of convention procedure are followed through it all.

Coal negotiations have become a model of orderly and effective collective bargaining. The knottiest problems are regularly worked out with the minimum of friction and waste motion.

A huge industry and hundreds of thousands of workers are represented in these negotiations. They are collective bargaining on the largest scale ever attempted.

This type of procedure on such a scale is made possible by complete union recognition and almost 100 per cent organization throughout the industry.

The Appalachian Bituminous Joint Conference of the United Mine Workers and the coal operators began its sessions in the same New York Ho-

tel where another series of labor conferences were being held at almost the same time.

In a small suite on another floor, seven representatives of the CIO and the AFL conferred to see whether the country's labor unions could not also get together to work out the differences and problems in an orderly and democratic fashion.

Observers of both conferences noted that interests as divergent as those of coal operators and mine workers could be represented together in common conference; and they wondered why the country's labor movements could not do likewise.

That in essence is what the CIO proposes in its peace plan. The basis of common conferences in the coal industry is complete mutual recognition. If AFL and CIO are willing to recognize the rights of their respective unions in both bodies and to accord them proper representation there is no reason why CIO, AFL and the Railroad Brotherhoods cannot all sit down together in a common cause to work out their common problems.

The goal of an American Congress of Labor, or a similar body with another name, represents the fervent desire of most American workers who want to see labor really united by the bringing of all unions under one roof.

The first step in this direction is the mutual recognition and common conference with all unions represented, which the CIO proposes.

The forms of unity which are now under discussion between CIO and AFL are means to an end, rather than wholesale attack on the act itself.

united action for labor's common purposes.

Without waiting for formal unity, there are many fields on which labor can already act unitedly.

Labor's open shop enemies may try to play off one union against another. But basically they aim to cripple all effective labor organization. And right now they are concentrating on a number of legislative schemes to bring this about.

The anti-labor initiatives on the west coast were opposed by both CIO and AFL unions. A similar united front is necessary to block the other anti-union moves which are being made in the present congress.

The strength of labor's enemies in Congress is shown by the disgraceful manner in which the Barkley amendment to the National Defense Bill was scuttled.

This amendment simply proposes that government business in connection with the defense program should not go to chiseling concerns which refuse to accord to their employees the collective bargaining rights required by law.

The CIO, for its part is determined to keep up the fight until this reasonable principle is applied to all governmental contract work.

But this is not the concern of the CIO alone. It is the concern of all labor organizations, regardless of affiliation. On this issue both CIO and AFL unions can and must act unitedly for the common benefit of all labor.

Defense of the Wagner labor relations act is another issue on which united action is both possible and urgent.

Regardless of partisan claims of favoritism, the act has brought the greatest benefits to all of labor.

By encouraging short sighted and partisan amendments, the act's enemies seek to play off one section of labor against another, while they prepare a need more of it.

Many AFL bodies have already joined with the CIO in defense of the Wagner act against amendment and emasculating, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen has also taken a similar position.

This is labor unity in action and we need more of it.

Lavender Lining

By MARY WAVERLY
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WNU Service.

LOU EM shook out the fur coat almost savagely. So this was the end of her dreams of comfort. A punishment, some would say, for her ever thinking of a little home in the country, all her own, and fat little checks coming in every month to keep the home fire burning. As if she wished harm to old Aunt Louise Emeline. But dreams and wishes were done now. Charities had received aunt's money, and to Lou Em had come some boxes of ancient clothing. The coat among them. No doubt the executors thought it too frail to be worth anything, or they may have thought it was but another cracked silk dress, as it lay in a trunk with its lavender lining outermost.

"It's not really worn. She must have had it made just before that accident that kept her bedridden afterward. But how old-fashioned! Look at those huge sleeves! Enough to make two coats. And that's an idea—"

Lou Em's pale cheeks flushed as she pulled out the sleeves and straightened the collar of the rich garment.

"Genuine mink, for aunt would scorn imitation. And with my hair—" She held a sleeve up against her face. "I am not so ugly after all, with something beautiful on me. I'll just try that plan I thought of; I can only be laughed at, and maybe it'll work."

Swiftly she bundled the coat into the box in which her marked-down suit had come, and, leaving the old silk and cloth frocks of her legacy on the floor, hurried down the boarding house stairs. Saturday afternoon was not a good time for her experiment, but business girls cannot choose times.

The splendor of the new furrier's in the new building on the avenue of fashionable shops almost dighted Lou Em, but she would not give up, now that she was started.

"I have here a coat—" she stammered to the attendant.

"For the remodel, yes? See Mr. Moon."

Mr. Moon proved to be a young man with the most wonderful eyes and manners that Lou Em had ever approved of.

"How much will it cost?" she asked anxiously, trying to hide her foot with its cracked shoe. "Not too much, and could I—?"

"New lining, of course. Something neat in beige. And recut to fit you. Something smart. Say, a \$150."

"Dollars?" inquired Lou Em faintly. He might as well have said kingdoms. She had as many as she had dollars.

"But the extra fur. There's a lot of that. Look how long and full the coat is, and those sleeves—couldn't you—that is—surely it's worth something, that fur."

Young Mr. Moon raised his eyebrows, and then he took a good look at Lou Em. He saw the cracked shoe and the too-much washed crepe blouse and the last year's hat. He saw something else, too, for Mr. Moon was really an observing as well as a good young man.

"Most unusual, Miss—Healy, was it? But I'll ask the boss. He's in, I think. Can't promise, though."

Lou Em sat in the pale-gray reception room then and prayed for the five minutes that seemed five hours until Mr. Moon returned, followed by a human volcano, carrying the mink coat.

Mr. Schonbrunn of Schonbrunn Furs, Inc., was not ordinarily an excitable man, but now he appeared to be one huge sputter.

"You get this, where? This—this—I myself make this complete, the first work I do when I finish the apprentice. The lining, how I fought the old lady about that. But she beat, and for doing as she said I got \$50 extra.

"Ah, ah—the good old days when I was a young feller, them was. It makes me cry—"

Mr. Schonbrunn's eyes indeed were tearful.

"You want a coat? I'll make you a coat of good mink, a grand coat, lining the best I got, but this coat I don't cut. No. This coat hangs in my office in a glass case, as long as I got it an office. You know why? That \$50 started me up. I traded a bit in small skins till I could leave the boss and start for myself. I come here—now look!"

Mr. Schonbrunn waved a prideful hand about the pale-gray salon, with its one priceless sable scarf on display.

"The lavender lining that made my fortune—" He stroked the silk caressingly. "Yes, you take the order, Moon. A mink coat of the best for the young lady. And you see to it person'ly. See that she's suited."

Mr. Moon would do that. Certainly he would. And there was much to talk about, Aunt Louise Emeline and the charities that probably needed her money, and Mr. Schonbrunn and his romantic streak, so that Mr. Moon came the next evening to Lou Em's boarding house parlor. And kept coming and taking her out to get the good of the new coat.

He really was such an understanding young man that when his salary was raised Lou Em consented to give up the boarding house and as Mrs. Moon live in the dearest little flat where the new mink coat would be more at home.

PASSENGER INJURED AS SLUG SHATTERS WINDOW OF TRAIN

Harold Goldstein, 32, is convinced "anything can happen anywhere." Goldstein was struck by a bullet that crashed through a window in a railroad passenger coach near Altoona last Thursday.

The injured man, whose home is in Pittsburgh, proceeded to Johnstown where the slug was removed and the injury dressed in Memorial Hospital. He was permitted to leave after treatment.

It was believed the bullet, from a 22-caliber rifle, was fired by boys shooting mark Goldstein was hit as the Pennsylvania Railroad train, traveling west, passed through Coburn, near Altoona.

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WOMAN IS BURNED, CRESSON ACCIDENT

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