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JAMES SPURNS UNIONS' PLEAS FOR HIS VETOS

Mass Gathering of CIO and AFL Forces at Harrisburg, Prove of No Avail.

Harrisburg.—Governor Arthur H. James has asserted he will sign measures passed by the 1939 legislature amending the state labor relations act and repealing the anti-labor injunction law placed on the statute books by the 1937 legislature. He said he would make both acts law by his signature, despite the vigorous opposition from both the CIO and AFL union leaders, who marshalled an estimated 2,000 members in protest at the capitol on Monday. These amendments would outlaw sit down strikes, allow either employers or employees to appeal for collective bargaining elections, and permit craft unions to be organized separately in plants already organized under a single industrial union. Repeal of the anti-injunction law would permit courts to issue immediate restraining orders in labor disputes where it appears valid labor contracts have been violated.

Both James L. McDevitt, president of the state federation of labor, AFL, and John Phillips, head of the Pennsylvania Industrial Union Council, CIO, led their followers to the Governor's office for a conference with the chief executive. They emphasized that the rival labor organizations are "at last in agreement" on a course of action. They termed the bills, together with five others approved in the recently adjourned session, "vicious anti-labor legislation." McDevitt promised that if the Governor signed the bills, "we'll take further steps."

The Governor asked for briefs on the other five labor bills in controversy, which would revise downward the scale of compensation payments, require all able bodied persons on relief rolls to work for state grants, revise the unemployment compensation law, and permit women workers to work until midnight instead of 10 p. m.

Labor leaders said the Governor listened as long as they had anything to say. Phillips said "Organized labor in Pennsylvania is presenting a united front in this matter. We're interested in the welfare of the state and nation and are here to protest against a series of anti-labor bills passed by the general assembly."

James Mark, president of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, was among the labor leaders who discussed the matter with the Governor.

MURPHY INDORSES BILL OUTLAWING THE DETESTABLE LABOR SPY

Washington.—Legislation to restrict the activities of industrial police and forbid the use of labor spies and of strikebreakers won a hearty endorsement the other day from Attorney General Frank Murphy. In testimony before a senate sub-committee Murphy expressed the opinion that some such legislation was "greatly needed" to insure industrial peace. Senators LaFollette of Wisconsin, and Thomas, of Utah, are authors of the bill.

Bryl A. Whitney, director of the Educational and Research Bureau of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen asserted the bill should be enacted to safeguard the civil liberties of the nation's workers.

COLUMBUS KNIGHTS WILL MEET SUNDAY AT LORETTO SCHOOL

The annual communion breakfast of the Knights of Columbus of Johnstown, Barnesboro, Portage and Ebensburg Councils will be held on Sunday morning at St. Francis College, Loretto.

Most Rev. Bishop Richard T. Guillefoyle of Altoona will be guest of the K. of C. at the Loretto affair. State Deputy Leo Brown and John A. Redding, state deputy-elect, are expected to attend.

Rev. Father John O'Connor of Altoona, state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, will celebrate the mass and the sermon will be preached by Rev. Father Thomas T. Cawley, principal of the Johnstown Catholic high school.

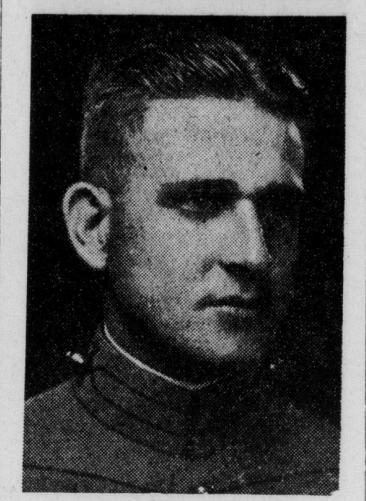
Reservations for the communion breakfast may be made through grand knights of the councils or with Dr. H. A. Scanlan, Ebensburg.

To Reopen Plant.

The plant of S. Liebovitz & Sons, shirt manufacturers which had been closed for ten days, was reopened on Monday of this week.

Closing of the plant was the result of a desire on the part of the management to install new machinery designed to increase the production of the plant. New, high speed machines with individual motors were installed.

WEST POINT GRAD



Cadet Paul J. Long.

Paul J. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isidor T. Long, of 209 Linwood avenue, will be among the 456 new second lieutenants who will join the regular army on June 12th, when the graduating class of the United States Military Academy at West Point will be sworn into service and receive both commissions and bachelor of science degrees. The ceremonies will terminate a week of activities—traditional with West Point.

Cadet Paul J. Long, is a graduate of the Patton High School. He joined the regular army, and through merit was in attendance at the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and from there received an army appointment to the U. S. M. A. at West Point.

While at West Point he held the ranks of corporal, sergeant, supply sergeant and lieutenant at various times. He turned out for the track and cross country teams in 1936 and for track in 1937-38-39. Upon graduating, Cadet Long will receive his commission in the infantry.

(See editorial comment on page 4.)

PAVING OF TWO NEW ROADS IS SCHEDULED IN CAMBRIA COUNTY

Approval of plans of the State Highway Department for the construction of two new roads in the northern part of Cambria county, was given last Friday by the county commissioners. The roads will be built at a cost of approximately \$80,000. State funds will be used and no damage claims will be involved.

A three and one-half mile stretch, 18 feet wide, will be built from Route 11039 at Dysart to Route 221, Chest Springs, in Clearfield township, at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

The other new stretch will be 18 feet wide and will be on route 11090 from the intersection of road No. 11034 about two and one-half miles north of Ebensburg, and will continue in an easterly direction for a distance of two miles to Bradley Junction. Both highways will be of native stone with an asphalt surface. The cost of the latter project will be about \$30,000.

Both present roads are dirt, and at times during the early spring months have been almost impassable due to mud and deep ruts.

NORTHERN CAMBRIA KIWANIS CLUB CAMP WILL OPEN JUNE 25

Camp Kiwanis, located near Nicktown, will open for the 1939 camping season June 25th and will include weekly periods up until August 6th, inclusive. Sponsored by the Northern Cambria Kiwanis Club, the camp is open to both boys and girls. Thomas Hughes of Nicktown, will serve as director and has announced the following schedule of periods:

First week: June 25 to July 2—boys, high school age; second week, July 2 to July 9—boys, ages 7 to 12; third week, July 9 to 16, girls, high school age; 4th week, July 16 to 23—girls, ages 7 to 12 years; 5th week, July 23 to 30—boys 7 to 12 years; 6th week—July 30 to Aug. 6th—boys, high school age.

WPA LAUNCHES HOUSE-KEEPING PROJECT OVER IN BARNESBORO AREA

Sponsored jointly by the Department of Public Assistance and Barnesboro Borough Council, a housekeeping aid project has been started in Barnesboro. The project is for free house-keeping assistance and care of children in households of needy families, where the housewife is temporarily incapacitated by ill health or confinement or by some temporary emergency which makes the service necessary.

County Commissioner Lillian D. Keller, sustained a slight fracture of the right arm above the elbow Monday afternoon when she slipped and fell, while inspecting with other officials, the St. John's orphanage at Cresson.

NORTH CAMBRIA UNION COUNCIL FOSTERS LABOR

Meeting Next Week Will Be At Vintondale—All Unions Are Asked to Affiliate.

The last two meetings held by the Northern Cambria Industrial Union Council have been great successes. At the gathering a couple of weeks ago at Twin Rocks thirty-two delegates from various trades, representing nine locals were in attendance and some interesting discussions were held, among them being the status of the AFL truckers, No. 110, in promoting Progressive Mine Workers, and urging the haulers to affiliate with the UMWA branch; the support of merchants in a summer half holiday on Thursday afternoons, and bitter condemnation of the anti-labor legislation of the recent session of the legislature.

The next meeting of the body will be held in the Vintondale Local Union hall on Wednesday of this week, and a greater attendance is expected.

The Industrial Union Council appeals to all locals who are not represented in the body to affiliate. Stronger action on the part of all organized labor can thus be achieved. Next week we will endeavor to give you the details of the Vintondale meeting held last night.

AFL PLAN COULD SPLIT OWN BODY, EXPERTS DECLARE

Green's Stand Might Be Instrumental in Disintegrating His Own Unions by NLRB Move.

Washington.—The American Federation of Labor's craft-unit amendment to the National Labor Relations Act, if literally applied, might well work havoc with existing unions in the federation and tend to divide and disrupt them, in the opinion of some labor experts who have been examining a private study of the amendments by the economic division of the National Labor Relations Board.

The study was undertaken to answer this question, "What is a craft union?"

The conclusion of these experts, in effect, is that nobody knows what a "craft" is, that the AFL does not try to define a craft, and that if the amendment, making it mandatory upon the board to attempt a definition, were adopted, it would not only complicate the problem for the board but would also throw the problem of definition into the courts which, in turn, labor men saw, would have to define the virtually undefinable.

Investigators examined constitutions of 85 out of 102 AFL unions in an effort to determine what jurisdictions these unions claimed for themselves. The result was that only 12 of the 85 claimed jurisdiction over a single craft and these 12 covered 25,800 workers while about 73 unions with 3,000,000 members, were of different types, it was declared.

If these craft or occupational groups desired separate certification, they would be able to obtain it under the Federation's proposed amendment and thus a lot of their mostly industrial unions would be bereft of the skilled employees, according to many labor men.

The conclusion drawn in labor circles from the board's study in general, was that the amendment would jeopardize 73 of the 85 AFL unions, which were studied by the economists, leaving possible only the 12 pure craft unions with 25,800 members intact from possible breaches by the proposed procedure indicated in the amendment.

So, William Green's proposal, may if enacted, ruin his AFL.

EBENSBURG FLYING FIELD TAKEN OVER BY SKILLED LOCAL GROUP

The Ebensburg Flying Service, one of the county's newest ventures, has taken over the Keystone Airport on the William Penn Highway, 3 miles to the west of Ebensburg, and is composed of local aviation enthusiasts—Charles Feighner, Leroy Scanlon, licensed pilot, William Kessler, Paul Farabaugh, licensed pilot, and Mundy Nuss. The group has three planes, a Waco, a Taylor Craft and a Taylor Cub.

The aviation plot was formerly an Emergency Landing Field and is one of the finest in the country, and cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000 to improve. Passenger flights are solicited by the organization; student instruction is given every day; special trips to the New York World's Fair are also featured.

An air show is booked for Sunday, June 18th. Special acrobatic programs will be on the card.

LABOR LEADERS CONSIDER LEGAL MOVE ON LAWS

Plan to Continue Fight on Newly Enacted Anti-Labor Legislation in Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg.—Labor leaders considered their lawyers this week on possible legal steps to continue their fight against the newly enacted state legislation they oppose.

"Before we take any action we want to be sure we have a chance," said James L. McDevitt, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor. "We are awaiting opinions from our attorneys and will shortly reach a decision whether to appeal the cases."

McDevitt started considering a court test after Governor James announced his intention of signing the bills passed by the 1939 legislature making changes in the State's Labor Relations Act and the Anti-Injunction Law.

So bitter a blow has the legislation been to labor that both the CIO and AFL in this state have been working hand in hand in protest.

Of course it will have to be established whether or not some constitutional rights are destroyed by the bills before any decision can be made as to what action will be taken.

UMW SUPPORT IS GIVEN FEDERAL INSPECTION LAW

Spokesman Says the Bureau of Mines "Not What It Was Originally Intended to Be."

Washington.—The United Mine Workers Union has launched a determined fight for a federal mine inspection law, charging that operator interests influenced policy in the Bureau of Mines and kept safety and health conditions from the public.

A. D. Lewis, brother and assistant of John L. Lewis, told a senate sub-committee the mine accident rate has increased since the Bureau of Mines was created, that the bureau "has deteriorated somewhat" and "is not what it was originally intended to be."

Lewis' statements appeared in a transcript of testimony heard recently by a mines and mining sub-committee, considering the mine inspection bill of Senator Neely (D-W. Va.).

"The mine organizations" said Lewis, have requested the bureau to make investigations in the mines concerning accidents and disasters, and the answer by the bureau to our organization has been that they had no authority to make these investigations except at the request of the coal operator and not at the request of the employee, or the person most directly interested.

Senator Davis (R-Pa.), a member of the sub-committee, remarked, "I cannot quite understand that the law should be made to give them that power."

"We have tried that for years," Lewis replied. "The Bureau of Mines has refused consistently to seek such authority, because of the fact that certain operating interests in the industry did not desire it. In other words, the operating end of the industry does not want this information made public. They will regret exceedingly to hear this particular statement that 58,600 men were killed in the industry in the last 30 years. They will feel very bad about that, but nevertheless it is true."

LAWYERS OPEN A WAR ON SQUIRES PRACTICING LAW

Prosecution of aldermen, justices of the peace and others engaging in the unauthorized practice of law was urged on Monday afternoon at the annual meeting of the Cambria County Bar Association held at Ebensburg. As a result a committee of five members of the association were appointed to "take what action deemed necessary" to end the practice.

The restriction on the association indorsing any person for official position was amended at the meeting so that the organization can indorse "any person who is a resident of Cambria county for the position of the appellate courts of Pennsylvania." Following passage of the amendment, the members voted unanimously to indorse the candidacy of Judge McCann for the State Supreme Court.

Raymond-McCombie.

The marriage of Miss Mary McCombie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCombie of Spangler to Dr. Joseph Raymond, of Johnstown, took place at a ceremony performed last Thursday in Holy Cross Catholic church, Spangler. The day was also the occasion of the thirtieth wedding anniversary of the bride's parents.

WINS TRIP TO FAIR



George C. Hoppel, Jr.

George C. Hoppel, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Hoppel, of Magee avenue, Patton, is numbered among twelve cadets of the Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pa., to be given a trip by the Academy to the New York World's Fair, as a reward for earning the highest averages in Scholastic, Athletic and Military Tactics throughout the school year. While in New York City, Mr. Meyers, president of the R. K. O. Motion Picture Corporation extended an invitation to the boys to attend a buffet luncheon at his home.

Cadet Hoppel completed his high school course at the Valley Forge Institution last year, and this past term has been taking a preparatory post-graduate course. We congratulate him on his attainment.

BIG BEND MINERS CALL OFF STRIKE OF MORE THAN THREE WEEKS

Idle since April 1st, approximately 300 miners of the Big Bend Coal Company at Twin Rocks went to work on Monday morning and ended an industrial dispute which continued to wage for three weeks after the general resumption of bituminous mines in the district.

Twin Rocks miners did not return to work on May 15th, following an agreement between operators and the UMWA. A decision of the company to reduce the number of its "day men" was said to have caused the difficulty.

368 SEEKING FINAL PAPERS IN CAMBRIA

One of the heaviest terms in the history of naturalization court was on at Ebensburg this week with 368 men and women making application for final citizenship papers. Presiding in the court were Judges Ivan J. McKenrick and Charles C. Greer.

Examinations were conducted by Milton F. Buschek, examiner of the Bureau of Naturalization, U. S. Department of Labor. Naturalization court is to continue until Friday afternoon.

CARROLLTOWN YOUTH COMPLETES STUDIES

Robert L. Arble, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Arble, of Carrolltown, graduated last week from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy at the 47th annual commencement exercises there. Rex Beach was the principal speaker at the commencement exercises.

STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE.

John R. McCall, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCall of Spangler, was injured on Sunday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile while crossing a street.

Fred A. Williams, Spangler, who Chief of Police Michael Whalen said was driving the car, took the injured lad to the Spangler hospital where he was treated for lacerations of the chin and face and possible internal injuries. Williams said the child darted directly into the path of his machine and he was unable to avoid striking him.

Is Honor Student.

David J. Lieb graduated last Thursday from St. Vincent's College, Latrobe with the bachelor of science degree. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lieb of Carrolltown, and ranked among the first five high honor students. He was enrolled in the chemistry course.

Appoint Adjusters.

David W. Burkey of South Fork and John A. Poole of Johnstown, have been appointed adjusters of the State Workmen's Insurance Fund. They will be stationed at the Johnstown office. They succeed John J. Kovalik of Lloydell and Harry P. Quinn of Mundy's Corner.

SHARP CUT SEEN IN WPA HIGHWAY FORCE BY JULY 1

Area No. 11 Road Employees Slated to Be Reduced from 5,071 to 2,130.

The announced intention of state officials to reduce to 38,000 from approximately 90,000 the men employed on WPA operated highway projects will mean a reduction of nearly 3,000 men in WPA area No. 11, if the same percentage of dismissals is carried throughout.

A formal announcement issued by E. C. Smith, Jr., acting WPA state administrator, reveals that the size of the WPA highway program will be determined by the amount of state funds made available. According to the present indications the state will make available \$8,000,000—a sum said sufficient to provide project employment sufficient for 38,000 men for 12 months when used as the 20 per cent sponsor's contribution.

The retrenchment program, if made, will be the most drastic single step yet effected in the four year history of the Works Progress Administration. Local WPA officials who requested that their names be withheld, declared that the state's sponsor policy of cutting the WPA's sponsor's fund is an "extremely shortsighted" one.

"WPA will have its hands tied in this matter," one official said. "We're willing to put up the money, but if the state will only furnish \$8,000,000, we can only furnish \$32,000,000."

"What will happen," the WPA official declared, "is that these thousands of men will be laid off and will go directly into the Department of Public Assistance rolls. The state will be paying them just the same as if they had put a larger sum into the highway pool—only the men will draw those funds and sit at home instead of building and improving roads."

A week-end check-up revealed that of the 13,985 persons employed on the WPA projects in the four county area, 5,071 are engaged in the highway work which is to be affected. On the basis of the 58 per cent reduction slated in the state, the area force would be reduced from 5,071 to 2,130—meaning the dismissal, in all probability, of 2,941 men.

The present number employed in Cambria county is 1,346, which would be cut to 568 under the new order.

PROTHONOTARY HITE TO LEAD AMERICANISM PARADE ON 13TH OF JUNE

Cambria County Prothonotary John L. Hite will head the mammoth Americanism parade to be staged in Johnstown next Tuesday evening. Approximately 10,000 marchers are expected to participate in the parade to be held prior to a pageant at the Point stadium, during which some 400 aliens will receive citizenship papers.

As prothonotary of Cambria county John L. Hite is in charge of issuing citizenship papers and therefore will lead the parade. The first division in the long line of marchers will be the 400 to receive papers.

59 Men Ordained.

Latrobe.—Fifty-nine candidates for the priesthood, deaconship were ordained Friday at impressive ceremonies conducted by Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese, at St. Vincent's Archabbey. All candidates for the ordination prepared at St. Vincent's seminary and Arch Abbey.

ATTEND COMMENCEMENT AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Mrs. Joe Wilenzik and son, Marian, of Barnesboro, have gone to West Lafayette, Indiana, to attend the commencement exercises at Purdue University. Mrs. Wilenzik's brother, Jack L. Marcus, is one of the graduates.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. William Gregory and family wish to thank the friends and neighbors for the cars, floral offerings and sympathy shown them during the period of their recent bereavement, the illness and death of husband and father, William Gregory.

Tripp-Miller.

Miss Ruth Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Miller of Spangler, and Charles Tripp of Barnesboro, were married on May 16th, in the rectory of St. Patrick's Catholic church at Spangler.

MINER IS INJURED.

Eugene Hanzie, 21, of Marsteller, suffered the loss of the second finger on his right hand on Friday night when he caught the member in a cog wheel of the coal conveyor at the Marsteller mine of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corporation. He was taken to the Spangler hospital.