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ANTI-LABOR SPY BILL IS HAILED BY CIO LEADER

John L. Lewis Says That It Is Important That This Bill Be Passed Without Delay.

Washington.—Laws to curb anti-labor violence, industrial spying, murder by company guards, and the building up of huge private arsenals by labor hating corporations, were urged here by John L. Lewis in his testimony before the Senate Labor Committee on the LaFollette-Thomas Oppressive Labor Practices bill.

"It is vitally important to labor and the nation that this bill be passed without delay," Lewis said.

"The principles it embodies have been recognized by every worker and every fair minded citizen as necessary to the continued existence of our democracy. Such a law should have been on the statute books years ago.

The proposed bill, Lewis declared, would restore basic rights to American workers that automatic employers have consistently violated in their attempts to crush unions.

"It will outlaw the labor spy, the professional strikebreaker, the irresponsible private army, the private arsenals that American industry has relied upon to deny collective bargaining to its workers. It will remove a burden of violence and a fear of reprisals that hang over thousands of Americans in their attempts to organize for the improvement of their working and living conditions."

Lewis pledged the support of the CIO and pointed out that he spoke for all labor and progressives in praising the bill and the work of the Senate Civil Liberties Committee whose exposures laid the groundwork for it.

"The forces this bill will deal with are not only the enemies of labor organization. They are enemies of Democracy and of all government that is not dedicated to their profit alone.

"I know that I am not speaking only for the CIO when I urge the immediate passage of this bill. I know that I am expressing the desires of every man and woman in America who must get a living by working for it, and who must have the right to organize freely and without fear in order to make that living one fit for the American people."

CHILD LABOR ACTION RENEWED BY GROUP

The decisions of the United States Supreme Court in the cases involving the validity of ratification of the Child Labor Amendment by the States of Kansas and Kentucky in 1937 clear the way for renewed efforts to secure the eight additional ratifications needed in 1939 and 1940, according to Courtney Dinwiddie, general secretary of the National Child Labor Committee.

The court upheld the validity of ratification by Kansas and dismissed a similar appeal from Kentucky upon the ground that "after the Governor of Kentucky had forwarded the certification of ratification of the amendment to the Secretary of State of the United States, it was no longer a controversy susceptible of judicial determination."

COLUMBUS KNIGHTS ATTEND COMMUNION SERVICE AT LORETTO

More than 150 Knights of Columbus affiliated with the Cambria county councils, attended mass on Sunday morning at the St. Francis College Chapel at Loretto. Most Rev. Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle attended the mass and was honored guest at the breakfast held after the services.

Knights received Holy Communion at the mass celebrated by Rev. Father John E. O'Connor of Altoona, state chaplain.

TED LEWIS AT SUNSET

America's Foremost Entertainer Brings Orchestra and Many Entertainers to Ball Room.

Armed with saxophones, clarinets, violins, trumpets, trombones, blondes, brunettes and redheads, Ted Lewis, America's premier showman, together with his celebrated high hat and his world famous dance orchestra and stage revue, will appear in person at SUNSET on Wednesday, June 21st.

Lewis is the mood-man of contemporary American music; a sleight of hand artist, who with his little bag of tricks, can evoke sobbing syncope or crazy cacophony at will. The Ted Lewis revue, entitled a "Rhythm Rhapsody," is an entertainment fantasy from start to finish.

ROSS AT NANTY-GLO

State Treasurer Principal Speaker There Thursday Night.

State Treasurer F. Clair Ross of Harrisburg, will be the principal speaker at a dinner to be held at 6:30 on Thursday evening of this week in the social hall of St. Mary's church at Nanty-Glo.

The dinner is being arranged for the benefit of St. Mary's Parochial school and will be followed by a dance and entertainment.

Judge A. A. Nelson of Ebensburg will be toastmaster. Among the other speakers at the affair will be State Senator John J. Haluska of Patton, Assemblymen M. C. Chervenak, Jr., Portage; Dennis L. Westrick, Hastings; Albert L. O'Connor, Loretto, and H. G. Andrews, Johnstown.

A musical program also has been arranged for the dinner.

RED CROSS WORK

In Cambria County Lauded at A Recent Meeting.

"The past year has been one of marked service to Cambria County by the American Red Cross."

This statement was made by Miss Anne L. Gallagher, executive secretary of the Cambria County chapter of the organization, at the annual dinner held last Thursday night at the New Ebensburg Inn. More than 100 attendees, Charles W. Davidson, chairman of the chapter, acted as toastmaster. Miss Elizabeth Brunner, assistant director, volunteer service of the national organization, spoke of the different types of services rendered and with the aid of models showed the uniforms worn in various phases of work. Rev. Father William Griffin, director of Catholic charities, diocese of Altoona, offered the invocation.

Miss Gallagher pointed out that the disaster relief committee has been reorganized under the leadership of Percy Blough and that it will in the future hold semi-annual meetings so as to be prepared for any emergency.

Owing to new legislation affecting veterans, the chapter, Miss Gallagher said, has found new opportunities to serve disabled men and widows, children and elderly persons in filing their claims with the Veterans' administration. The chapter has also assisted veterans in obtaining hospitalization. It has also given aid to men discharged during the past year from the Nation's military and naval services.

Dr. Arthur M. Stull, county superintendent of schools, and many high school principals became interested in the home hygiene and care of the sick, "through efforts of Mrs. John Foreman." Standard course was given to girls in the junior and senior classes in the Cresson, Barnesboro, Carrolltown, and Beaverdale high schools, while junior courses were given to girls in the eighth grades at St. Benedict and Bakerton.

PLAN FOR FIRST AID MEET AT PHILIPSBURG

Mine Workers in Central Pennsylvania are preparing for the central Pennsylvania First Aid Meet which will be held on Saturday, July 29th, at Philipsburg. Winning teams will be eligible to compete in the annual first aid meet of the state which will be held this year in connection with the Cambria County Fair at Ebensburg.

BARNESBORO LEGION WILL SPONSOR ENTERTAINMENT FOR ASPINWALL VETERANS

The Barnesboro American Legion Post is sponsoring an entertainment for veterans at the Aspinwall Veterans Hospital on Thursday, June 29th. Fred L. Soisson, well known Hastings marksman, will entertain with an exhibition of rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting. The following members of Barnesboro post are now patients at the Aspinwall hospital: Dick Scollon, Jack Ellis, John Beck, and Jack Welch. The public is invited to attend the entertainment.

GALLITZIN MINER HURT

Caught under a fall of rock Monday morning while at work in No. 10 mine of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company at Gallitzin, John Greene, 50, Gallitzin, suffered a compound fracture of the right knee and lacerations of the head.

He was taken to the Memorial hospital, Johnstown, and his condition is listed fairly good. Greene is president of Gallitzin Local 1056, United Mine Workers of America.

The fall of rock occurred after a mine car jumped the track and crashed into several props, dislodging them

LABOR ACT GETS CREDIT FOR GAIN IN UNION FIELD

But Survey Discloses Other Factors Likewise Had Something to Do With "New Spirit."

Washington.—David J. Saposs, chief economist of the National Labor Relations Board, declared this week on the basis of a survey that since the Wagner Labor Relations Act went into effect there had been an extraordinary increase in the number and scope of agreements made between employers and employees.

While the extension of collective bargaining might be ascribed to many factors and not wholly to the Wagner act, the report stated it indicated the effectiveness of the act and "the new spirit engendered by its operation."

The survey, in which Sarah Gamm, associate NLRB economist, assisted, showed, according to the report that the "most spectacular gains" were in the mass production industries "where there was little or no collective bargaining."

These industries were listed as steel, rubber, flat glass, automobile, and electrical manufacturing, but equally significant gains were made in other industries, the report asserted.

The survey showed also according to the report many industries in which written agreements had been introduced almost for the first time, these industries including aluminum, cement, canning, petroleum and metal mining. Examples of large scale production units covered only recently and for the first time by collective bargaining agreements were given as the Aluminum Company of America, Sinclair Oil Company, Anaconda Copper Mining Company and American Smelting and Refining Company.

For the first time in the history of the men's garment industry a national agreement was signed in 1937. Substantial union progress was made in the textile industry and in the shoe and leather industries.

TWO TRAFFIC DEATHS IN MAY INCREASE COUNTY TOTAL TOLL TO TWELVE

Two traffic fatalities recorded in May increased to 12 the highway fatality toll in Cambria county for the first five months of 1939, according to the monthly report of Coroner Patrick McDermott.

The two deaths in May marked a reduction of one fatality from the preceding month when three occurred, but represented the same number of fatalities as was recorded for the corresponding month in 1938.

The 1939 highway fatality toll at present stands the same as the 1938 record, 12 deaths having also occurred in the first five months of last year.

According to the coroner's figures, the 12 traffic deaths this year were fairly well divided over the 5 month period, whereas last year seven deaths were recorded in one month.

In addition to the two highway fatalities, eight other violent deaths occurred in Cambria county during the month of May, the coroner's report disclosed. This was four fewer than in April, when 14 violent deaths were recorded.

Violent deaths last month include two mine fatalities, one railroad fatality, two suicides and two fatalities resulting from injuries suffered in falls at homes. There were 32 sudden deaths from natural causes investigated by the coroner.

INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL HOLDS IT'S REGULAR MEETING

The regular Semi-Monthly meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held in the Vintondale Dance Hall on June 7th. Mr. R. G. Davis presided in the chair. The roll call was read and answered by the following local unions of Cambria county, Revloc, U. M. W. of A., Emegh U. M. W. of A., Moss Creek U. M. W. of A., Benedict U. M. W. of A., Vintondale U. M. W. of A., Colver Clerks, Barnesboro Clerks and the Truckers, U. M. W. of A.

A letter from the Barnesboro Clerks Union was read and discussed for a lengthy period; the clerks were appealing for the assistance of the Trades and Labor Council. A motion was recorded in the minutes of the meeting that the Council lend their moral support to the clerks' organization and that all delegates present would go back to their respective local unions and notify their membership to refrain from buying any products that were made by the Home Baking Co. of Ebensburg until the management recognizes the clause set forth in his contract for Collective Bargaining for Arbitration.

The discussion on H. R. Bill 6471, dealing with wages and hours for relief workers. It was recorded that the Council wire our congressman not to vote for the bill.

PRINCE GALLITZIN CENTENARY WILL BE OBSERVED

Loretto Will Commemorate 100 Years Since Death of Pioneer Priest of Alleghenies.

One hundredth anniversary of the death of Prince Gallitzin will be observed next May in Loretto with a program that will stamp the celebration as one of the outstanding Catholic activities ever held in the United States.

First announcement that the centenary of Father Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin, revered prince-priest of the Alleghenies, would be observed in a manner to attract national attention, was made on Sunday at Loretto by Most Rev. Richard T. Guilfoyle, Bishop of the Altoona diocese.

While the celebration will not approximate in importance or attendance such Catholic events as the annual Eucharistic Congress, it was revealed that preliminary plans call for the presence of many Catholic dignitaries and prominent laymen from all parts of the country.

Prince Gallitzin, born of noble ancestry in Russia, spurned the purple and the marble halls of Russia for the rigorous work of missionary in America. He arrived in Cambria county in 1799, and established St. Michael's Church at Loretto, first Catholic church in the vast domain between the Susquehanna and Mississippi Rivers.

St. Michael's Church pre-dates all Catholic houses of worship west of Harrisburg. There were no other churches in the wide expanse of land until the Mississippi river was reached, where French missionaries had worked their way north from the Gulf of Mexico.

Father Gallitzin, revered as the "Apostle of the Alleghenies", died at Loretto on the evening of May 6th, 1840. Activities planned for the one hundredth anniversary next year will pivot around this date, Bishop Guilfoyle announced.

MINE SAFETY GROUP ANNOUNCES AWARDS AT EBENSBURG MEET

Awards for safe mining practices for the month of May went to Sonman Slope of Koppers Company and C. A. Hughes Coal Company, Cresson, at the regular meeting of the Holmes Safety Council of the Tenth Eleventh District on Friday evening at Ebensburg.

President Ira Bradley announced that the Class A banner for May had been won by the Sonman Slope where 30,027 tons of coal were produced with one lost time accident. Class B banner went to C. A. Hughes company which finished its fifty month without an accident with an accumulated production of 15,675 tons.

Holmes Safety Council Certificates of Merit were awarded J. Hugh, Portage; Michael Seabolt and W. Abernathy, Lilly; Louis Cornell, Douglass McClelland and Clarence Butterworth, of Cresson. Speakers Friday evening was C. O'wings of Pittsburgh office of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, who reviewed recent mine accidents in the United States.

Members of the council will motor to Pittsburgh on June 24th, for an exhibit of the use of explosives at the U. S. Bureau of Mines Experimental Station. Reservations for the trip may be made with District Mine Inspector W. H. Filer, Ebensburg.

HIGH SPEED PRESS

And Other New Equipment Will Be Installed By Our Shop.

It is with no little pride on the part of the staff of the Union Press-Courier that we will within the next ten days enter the high class modern job printing field, with the installation by that time of a number of costly improvements, for the better and more serviceable requirements of our patrons.

Heading this list of improvements will be a new and complete unit of the largest type of Kluge Automatic Job Printing press, capable of printing everything in the line of fine job printing, at a speed ranging from 3,000 pieces an dup per hour. This press is completely automatic and will give us the advantage of greater production, and the very finest of completed work. The press is not to be confused with the feeder type on a platen printing pieces and up per hour. This press is new unit conceived for better printing.

In addition to this a number of other improvements in our job department are contemplated at once, including new and modern type faces, and the Union Press-Courier will appreciate a continuation of the printing of its present patrons, and solicits that of all others.

DRUNKEN DRIVERS

Would Get Stiffer Penalties If Rose and Mayer Get Bill.

Action to have the state law amended so that leaving the scene of an accident where a death is involved would become voluntary instead of involuntary manslaughter, was promised the other day by Assemblyman Walter E. Rose of Johnstown.

Mr. Rose will act on a request made him by District Attorney Stephens Mayer. In event Mr. Rose's proposal would become law the statute of limitations would be for five years in an automobile hit and run case instead of two years as at the present.

District Attorney Mayer cited to Mr. Rose the case of Cal Reindfleisch, 24, of New Florence, who, following his arrest recently on the charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, admitted that on December 24, 1934, he had struck and fatally injured Stuart W. Johnston, 50, in Johnstown.

Although Reindfleisch confessed to Johnston officials that his car was the one that struck Stuart, prosecution on a charge of involuntary manslaughter was precluded because the statute of limitations in that type of case runs for only 2 years. Mr. Mayer pointed out, however, that if the crime is made voluntary manslaughter under the law that the statute would run for five years and that anyone committing such an act could be arrested at any time within five years following the date of the accident.

Assemblyman Rose declared that he believes the proposal "a most sensible one" and that it would be one of which the public would approve.

GOVERNOR PUTS HIS SIGNATURE ON 3 BILLS THAT LABOR OPPOSED

Harrisburg.—Three labor bills passed by the 1939 legislature, affecting thousands of Pennsylvania men and women workers, became effective last Friday with Governor James' signature to them.

The bills, opposed by organized labor leaders, revised the state's "Little Wagner" Labor Relations Act by sharply defining the rights of employers and workers, extending from 10 p. m. to midnight the permissible working hours of women in industry and relaxed the anti-injunction law to permit courts to issue restraining orders in labor disputes under certain conditions.

James McDevitt, head of the AFL Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, and John A. Phillips, president of the CIO Pennsylvania Industrial Union Council, opposed the measures as "vicious anti-labor legislation."

They carried their fight to Governor James in asking him to veto the bills. The Governor refused.

McDevitt said, after the Governor announced his intention of approving the legislation, that labor leaders were discussing with their attorneys possibility of testing the new laws in the courts.

Changes in the Labor Relations Act include those giving employers as well as employees the right to petition for a collective bargaining election; declaring as unfair labor practices sit-down strikes and intimidation either by employer or labor organization and permitting a "check off" of union dues only after a secret vote of the employees.

Another provision prohibited a member of the board from engaging in other activity. It was aimed at one of the members of the present board, Patrick T. Fagan of Pittsburgh, who is president of District No. 5 of the United Mine Workers of America.

Shortly after signing the bill, Gov. James appointed Harry Gifford of

CONGRESS AND INDUSTRY GIVEN BLAME FOR ILLS

CIO Rallies Forces At Washington This Week For New Organization Campaign.

Washington.—John L. Lewis, rallying his CIO forces for a new organization campaign, Tuesday, denounced industry, congress and the government in general on the ground that they had failed to cure economic ills which breed "black reaction" and "Fascism."

Declaring the "11,000,000 able bodied workers" are unemployed, he said the congress had done "worse than nothing" to solve this problem. He asserted that agencies of congress had been busying themselves "tearing the vitals" out of measures for the unemployed.

In a keynote speech to a session of the CIO Executive Board, he declared: "I do not think the people will much longer have patience with the nostalgia and the powers of corporate business."

"Nor will they be content with the timid solutions offered by government, solutions fearfully withdrawn before they can be really tested."

Lewis told his leaders that the nation needed courageous leadership to ward off the "danger of being engulfed by a wave of despair and 'black reaction.'"

In taking of the unemployment of eleven million workers, Lewis said: "The slow undermining of the faith of these people in the ability of our nation to provide them with a job constitutes an ever growing menace to the stability of our form of government."

Prefacing the discussion of a new campaign for CIO membership, Lewis told the board that "progressive labor is not retreating."

"There are still in this land 20,000,000 unorganized wage earners," he said. "In many important measures, such as the rapidly expanding aircraft and shipbuilding operations, we have only begun the job of organization."

The executive board, summoned to Washington to prepare for a new organizing drive, in the nation's big industries, was asked to authorize the use of injunction and damage suits in the war against the rival American Federation of Labor.

Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel, said such legal actions would be aimed at AFL boycotts against products manufactured by CIO workers and "collusive contracts" signed by employers and AFL unions to freeze out the CIO.

The proposal to carry on the labor war through the courts was made in one of a series of reports to the board. Another report urged that congress amend the Social Security Act to pay a maximum of \$60 a month pensions to persons 60 years of age and older, with supplementary allowances for wives which would increase the maximum to \$90.

NEW YORK YOUTH DROWNS

Lure of a swimming pool in the mountains of Pennsylvania ended fatally on Sunday for a New York City young man who was spending the summer on a Cambria county farm.

William Chort, 21, of New York, was drowned in Clearfield Creek, near the Flinton bridge between two and three o'clock on Sunday afternoon. He had arrived a few weeks ago to work on the Joseph Monahan farm in White Township, three miles out of Fallen Timber on the St. Augustine road. He went to Coalport on Sunday to visit Harry Monahan, son of Joseph Monahan, and husband of a sister of Chort's mother. In company with the young Monahan Chort went swimming.

Harry Monahan told Coroner Patrick McDermott that Chort had been disporting in the ten foot deep hole and was able to swim. He dove from a board and came to the surface only to disappear. Other swimmers at the pool told the coroner that not much time elapsed before Chort was brought out of the water. Coalport doctors reported that in all probability Chort was seized with cramps.

Reiffont, Berks county, was Fagan's successor. Gifford has been general organizer for the American Federation of Labor in Eastern Pennsylvania.

The amendments to the present anti-injunction law relaxed the statute to permit courts to issue restraining orders in labor disputes in case of a sit-down strike; violation of a "valid labor agreement;" where the court finds a union sought to compel an employer to have his employees favor a particular labor organization and in cases of enforced violation by an employer of the Labor Relations Act.

Governor James advocated enactment of the new Women's work law, which permitted two shifts a day in a plant from 6 a. m. until midnight. The Governor and other Republican leaders claimed it would attract new industry to the state. Democratic opponents and labor leaders contended it would permit men drawing higher wages to be replaced by women workers.