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LEWIS WARNS AGAINST ANY RETREAT NOW

CIO Requests Emphasis be Put Upon Domestic Objectives of the New Deal.

Washington.—The Congress of Industrial Organizations on Monday of this week challenged the New Deal to carry forward its social-economic objectives for the nation's welfare, and laid down an ambitious four-point program of legislation for the forthcoming session of congress.

Through its President, John L. Lewis, the labor organization boldly instructed the administration that "there can be no retreat now. There must be a steady forward march to extend the social and economic program of the nation."

Breaking a silence of several weeks, in which it had ventured no declarations, on 1940 government or politics, the CIO affirmed in a public statement a constructive domestic course which will meet the country's present problems is imperative, and advanced these four fundamental assignments for the new congress:

1. Keep the United States out of any involvement in the present foreign wars.

2. Provide for immediate solution of unemployment, the Nation's outstanding internal problem.

3. Safeguard the democratic rights and the civil liberties of the American people.

4. Perpetuate the rights of labor to organize and bargain collectively.

Running the gamut from social security to foreign relations, the CIO made its stand articulate on every major issue confronting the near-at-hand session of Congress. To guarantee accomplishment of its four cardinal objectives, the organization demanded reform or extension of legislation in the following eight categories:

Preservation of peace, unemployment, the National Labor Relations Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, social security, health and industrial hygiene, government housing and taxation.

Of peace, the CIO said: "The nations of Europe and Asia are convulsed by international warfare. Democratic institutions and civil liberties in those nations have been abolished. If this country becomes engaged in war, there will be a complete blackout of American institutions. Congress must not permit any policy to be adopted which may in any way lead toward involvement in war."

Of unemployment, it said: "This is still America's No. 1 problem. The time and energy of our government for months has been devoted to international affairs at the expense of the interests and needs of the American people at home. We recommend the President immediately convene a conference of leaders from government, industry, labor, and agriculture, and commandeer them to solve this problem. Meanwhile the government must provide at least 3,000,000 public works jobs, appropriate funds for them, and aid the 4,000,000 unemployed youth in whose morale is involved the nation's future."

DONALDSON WILL BE NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF MINERS

Figures on Election Last Week Show He Was Easy Winner; Ghizzoni Returned.

Unofficial returns from the large area embraced by District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, showed Clarence Donaldson of Somerset, elected vice president by a large majority in the first election held since 1930.

In accordance with provisions of autonomy granted United Mine Workers of District No. 2, an election was held on December 12th by each union local in the far-flung Central Pennsylvania district. Although a week or more will be required to tabulate the returns officially at Clearfield headquarters, announcement was made on Monday that Donaldson will be returned a winner by a large majority. Donaldson will become vice president of James Mark district president, and will succeed Edward Sweeney of Lilly, who was named secretary-treasurer some months ago upon the death of Richard Gilbert, who held this post for many years.

John Ghizzoni of Homer City, international board member under the provisional form of government in District No. 2, was unopposed for his position at the election last week.

The election also was held to name the district board of eight members, one representing each of eight regional areas of District 2. William Parks, of Windber, appointed board member some years ago, was elected without opposition to represent that area on the district board.

Donaldson, new vice president, has been stationed at Somerset for a number of years as international representative in charge of United Mine Workers activities in that field.

President Mark will continue in his capacity as chief executive of the district, the order to restore autonomy rights not having included the election of president and secretary-treasurer.

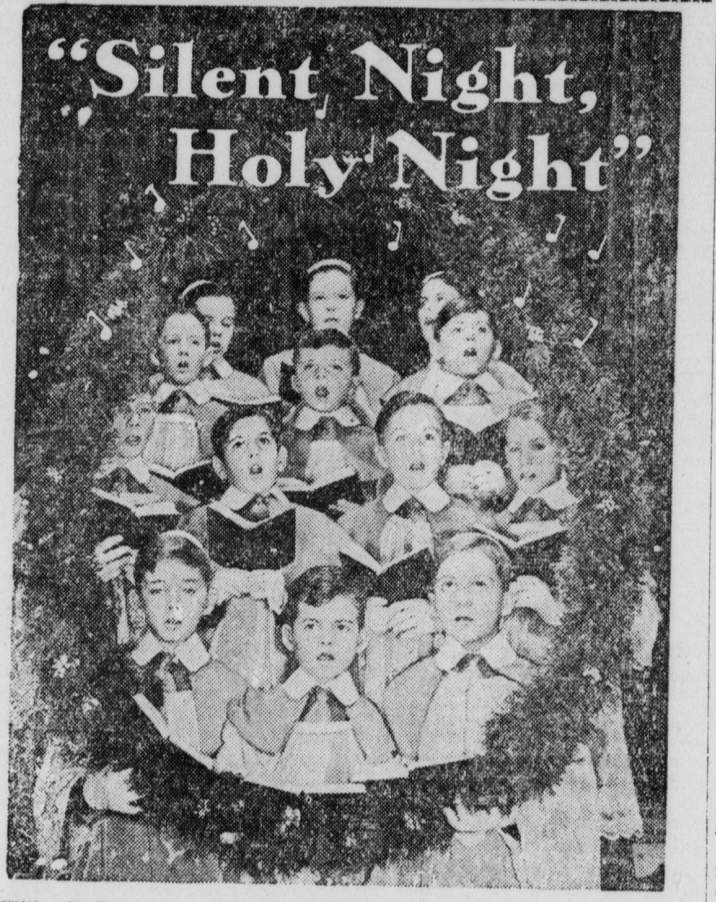
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social diseases. Establish medical care for all income groups. Authorize the labor department to set standards for control of industrial diseases."

Government and private housing. "Expand construction of houses from the present low level of 450,000 yearly to 1,000,000. Enlarge the housing program from 50,000 homes annually to 300,000, costing \$30,000,000. Government construction is the backbone of national housing. Stimulate private building from 400,000 to 700,000 dwellings a year, by lowering interest rates and extending loan repayment periods."

Taxation: "There must be drastic revision of the tax structure. The nations economy can never be healthy until a real and substantial adjustment is made. Taxes must serve two purposes—provide revenue, and readjust the flow of national income to give increased purchasing power to the great mass of people. Our present structure falls short of this. There must be no increase of taxes for low income groups; their burden must be reduced. A far greater proportion of revenue must be derived by tapping the large concentrations of income and savings through higher taxes."

SEASON'S GREETINGS!



With all the rush and bustle of business for a twelve-month, and like all the Christian world, we enter into a mood at this time of reflection and of kindly thought for all—the Spirit that wondrous Babe born in a stable nineteen hundred years ago—a Spirit that will be carried out, particularly at this season, until the end of time. With that same mood that now enthralls us anew, as it does each year at this time, the Management and the Staff of the Union Press-Courier extend to all our patrons and all our readers, the compliments of the season, and thank each and every one of you for the courtesies and favors you have accorded us in the past year. We Wish You All A Merry, Christmas, and in the year to come a Happy and Prosperous Era.

MINING BUREAU SAYS OLD MINER NOT SAFE MINER

Says He Reads Practically Nothing on Safety or Efficiency and Relies on Experience.

Washington.—The widely held belief in the coal fields that an old timer is a safe miner, was described as a "fallacy" by the Bureau of mines this week.

"The old facts," the Bureau said, in a report on safety methods "are that the usual old time miner reads practically nothing on safety or efficiency in mining, and hence knows little or nothing but what he himself has seen or what he has learned from some equally poorly informed miner or boss who has just emerged from the ranks of the miners."

The bureau reiterated its contentions that the education of miners themselves in safe mining methods is the surest way to decrease accidents and eliminate hazards in the mines.

"There is now no question but that mines can be operated essentially as safely as most of the other lines of industrial endeavor," the report continued, "and there is good reason to believe that safe operation is also economical and efficient operation."

"However, to bring about this safety will require the expenditure of not only personal thought, time and effort, not only by those who actually go into the mines, but also by those who control mine policies."

"There is another case where 'in union there is strength,' and if the right kind of cooperation is kept in effect, it is certain that the desired results will also be forthcoming in lower accident rate with correspondingly decreased compensation and kindred costs and also in decreased suffering to miners and their families."

BARGER GIVEN PROMOTION AT CONVENTION

Spangler Man Becomes State Director of Retail and Wholesale Employees of America.

More than 250 delegates from 37 states in the union were in attendance at the second biennial convention of the United Retail and Wholesale Employees Union, CIO, on several days of last week in Detroit, Mich., and from this section of the county, it was represented by International Vice President Elmer Barger, of Spangler, and by delegates Meade Retallick, of Colver, R. G. Davis of Spangler, and John Fresh of Nanty-Glo.

At the final session Mr. Barger was signally honored for his fruitful activities in the Pennsylvania field of the union and was unanimously given a promotion by the delegates to the position of Pennsylvania State Director of the Wholesale and Retail Employees' group. He will enter upon his expanded duties with the beginning of the New Year.

A lively convention throughout, it was addressed by R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers, who said that "the man who is doing most for peace in the labor movement is William Green, because at every convention he kicks out some of his unions from the AFL. If he kicks out a few more, we shall have peace. The locals he kicks out will eventually join the CIO."

Evidence that the high command of the CIO is attempting to eliminate Communists from responsible positions in member unions was given by John Brophy, personal representative of John L. Lewis, at the convention, who assailed the Soviet union for its invasion of Finland and denounced "imperialistic" Russia in the same breath with the brutality of "Nazi Germany."

Sidney Hillman was a speaker. The growth of the United Wholesale and Retail Employees of America is substantial and 1940 gives promise of a great expansion of the union.

EMEIGH MAN HURT WHEN HIT BY AN AUTOMOBILE Martin Koverletsky, 58, of Emeigh, was injured on Tuesday night when he was struck by an automobile while walking along the highway near Emeigh. He was taken to the Spangler hospital where he is being treated for a bruise wound above the right eye, a burn of the right leg and contusions of the face.

FIRE CHIEF WARNS ON SAFETY FOR HOLIDAY PERIOD

Local Volunteers Also Extend Greetings of the Season to the Townspeople.

The Holiday period is one that is wrought with fire hazards. Most of them are unnecessary. After all it is possible to have just as good a time without forgetting the simple rules dictated by common sense. There is an old saying that "it is better to be safe than sorry," and this applies with particular force on holidays. This is the thought of Fire Chief James Blake of the Patton Fire Company, No. 1.

At this Christmas season the officers and members of the Patton Fire company desire to thank the local public for their cooperation during the year soon to close; likewise they thank the borough council for their different lines of help during the year, and they wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your holidays won't be happy ones, however, if you have a fire. And to prevent such calamity, Fire Chief Blake has the following Safety Rule Suggestions:

1. Do not take foolish risks.
2. Do not use paper or cotton for decorative purposes. You invite fire by going so. Use only metallic tinsel or asbestos material.
3. See that the Christmas tree is firmly fastened to the floor so that children cannot pull it over.
4. Do not permit the use of mechanical toys that require alcohol, gasoline or other dangerous oil to operate them.
5. Do not permit the use of cotton beneath the tree to give the appearance of snow. If the appearance of snow is desired use mineral wool asbestos; it will not burn and gives a better effect than cotton.
6. Keep matches in a metal receptacle far out of reach of children. Constantly be on the watch for anything that might cause a fire. Strive by every means possible to do this and at the same time be prepared for an emergency by having convenient for use either fire extinguishers or buckets filled with water.
7. Caution visitors who smoke to avoid throwing lit cigars, cigarette stubs, or matches about in a careless manner.
8. Teach the danger of fire. Have drills at home for the children; they will enjoy it and enter into the spirit of the training. Nothing appeals to them more than playing soldier, and when the knowledge of protection against fire is instilled into their minds they will be better able to care for themselves in times of danger from other sources.
9. The Yuletide season is, and by all rights should be, a time of joy and gladness. It is looked forward to year by year, and hearts should not be saddened at this time by the destruction of homes or by injury to loved ones through carelessness and neglect.
10. Have merriment and plenty of it and avoid mourning by sensible precaution.

PAST COMMANDERS OF LOCAL LEGION POST HAVE DINNER MEET

On Saturday, December 16th, at the Commercial Hotel, Patton, a dinner was tendered by the Walter McCoy Post, No. 614, to its Past Commanders. Since the organization of the post in 1921, all Past Commanders were present, being active members of the post, and residing locally, with the exception of A. A. Jacobs, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Charles Blatt, East Berlin, Pa., who drove in for the occasion.

Only Past Commanders being present, the committee in charge announced a two dollar fine imposed on a member saying nice things about any one in attendance, and three dollars if complimentary remarks were personal.

With this rule prevailing, it turned out to be a ribbing party at which all participated in the sniping. Chas. Swab's introductory remarks of each individual; Eddie Rounsley's vocal rendition of the ever popular "Ole Mamie Reilly," and a skit of "Sweet Alice" by Andy Jacobs and Ralph Litzinger were received with hisses and boos.

Plans were formulated to hold an affair each year, adding the name of the commander of the past year.

LIQUOR PURCHASERS TOLD TO SHOP EARLY Harrisburg.—Customers of state liquor stores were reminded by the Liquor Control Board during the week to "shop early" before Christmas and New Year week ends.

1940 CALENDAR SHOWS ELECTION AROUND CORNER

Looks As Though We're Going to Get Into A Primary Campaign Next Month.

There just doesn't seem to be any end to elections.

Barely less a six weeks ago, Cambria county was all "het" up about the 1939 municipal election. Without waiting to get the Christmas shopping over the politically minded gentry has started to talk about next year's election.

There are some choice and select offices to be filled in 1940. For instance, there's a position down at Washington which isn't a bad one from the standpoint of salary and prestige. One Franklin Delano Roosevelt is the incumbent. And while the business of electing a president is the major assignment for voters next year, there's the job of vice president which is going to be open in 1940.

Coming down the line a little Pennsylvania will name a United States Senator next year to succeed Joseph F. Guffey. If there are aspirants for public office who prefer to have their offices at Harrisburg, there will be a matter of naming a state treasurer for Pennsylvania to succeed F. Clair Ross or the office of auditor general now held by Warren R. Roberts.

Bringing the 1940 election closer home, the 27th district will name a congressman to succeed Harve Tibbott of Ebensburg. To win this office a candidate must campaign in four counties—Cambria, Indiana, Jefferson Armstrong and Indiana.

For a campaign restricted to Cambria county the office of state senator will be vacant next year with the expiration of John J. Haluska's four year term.

Cambria county will also elect representatives in the general assembly. In the first district (Johnstown) voters will name successors to Assemblymen H. G. Andrews (Dem.) and Walter E. Rose, Jr. (Rep.) while the second district voters will elect successors to Albert L. O'Connor, Dennis L. Westrick and Michael C. Chervenak, Democrats.

While numerous names already are being mentioned for both houses in the Legislature and for Congress, the law gives voters a breathing spell until early in February. The 1940 election calendar, as announced by the state bureau of elections.

February 3rd—First day for circulation of candidate's nominating petitions for the primary election.

February 22nd—Last day an elector may move from one election district to another in order to be eligible to vote at the primary election.

March 4th—Last day to withdraw nomination papers.

March 9th—Last day to withdraw nomination petitions. Last day to file objections to nominating petitions.

March 23rd—Last day to register before the primary election.

March 25th—Last day to change party enrollment except in the cities of Scranton and Pittsburgh.

April 3rd—Last day to file nomination papers nominating independent candidates.

April 8th—Last day to change party enrollment in the cities of Pittsburgh and Scranton.

April 23rd—Primary election. Polls will be open continuously from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.

April 29th—First day to register after primary election.

May 23rd—Last day for candidates and treasurers of political committees to file expense accounts.

September 2nd—Last day for withdrawal of candidates nominated at the spring primaries or by nomination papers.

September 4th—Last day an elector may move from one election district to another in order to be eligible to vote at the general election.

September 16th—Last day to file substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by withdrawal of candidates nominated at the primary election.

October 5th—Last day to register before the general election.

October 7th—Last day to change party enrollment except in the cities of Pittsburgh and Scranton.

November 5th—General election. Polls open continuously from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.

December 5th—Last day for candidates and treasurers of political committees to file expense accounts.

December 6th—First day to register after the general election.

After the holidays will not be set back, the board said. The stores have been open till 11 p. m. in recent years. The time for closing will be 10:00 p. m.

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