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MINERS CAST VOTE AGAINST AUTONOMY AT JOHNSTOWN MEET

Resolution Scores Outsiders Attempting to Interfere With Affairs of U. M. W.

Movements for autonomy in the strong District 2 of the United Mine Workers of America have faded into oblivion, at least for the present, as miners gave John L. Lewis and the present organization a vote of confidence.

Approximately 100 delegates from 30 local unions in the district, which embraces Cambria, Somerset, Indiana counties and a part of Clearfield county, at a meeting in U. S. W. A. headquarters, Johnstown, adopted resolutions which end the autonomy drive for the district for the present.

Miners adopted the resolution at a meeting called by and presided over by James Brown, Revloc, who for some time has been leading a movement for self-government of miners in the district. Faber McCloskey, of Gallitzin, another autonomy leader, was secretary at the largely attended meeting.

Resolution calling for the 55,000 miners in the district to adhere to the policies of the United Mine Workers of America and to retain that organization as its bargaining and governing agent was presented by Mike Degretto, president of the strong Local 860 of Colver, and was seconded by Louis Rovaneck, secretary of the Conemaugh Local. Practically all of the debates were said to have voted in favor of the resolution.

The meeting, described as one for the "autonomy bloc," was not attended by any U. M. W. of A. officials of District 2. However leaders said that only representatives remotely interested in the autonomy question, attended.

In adopting the resolution miners called for all members of the U. M. W. of A. whose interests are with other organizations to desist interfering with the affairs of the organization.

Complete resolution adopted by the miners follows:

"Whereas, we do not believe that these kind of meetings are for the best interest of the United Mine Workers of America, nor do they promote the welfare of the members of the United Mine Workers of America, and

"Whereas, it is our opinion that these meetings tend to confuse and raise turmoil amongst the membership of the United Mine Workers of America, and

"Whereas, we believe that any movement that tends to create and confuse and cause dissatisfaction is not for the best interest of the war effort of this country at the present time, and

"Whereas, certain parties have been directing and participating in these meetings with the deliberate intent and purpose of preventing the harmonious carrying out of the United Mine Workers of America wage agreement and constitution by its membership, and

"Whereas, we believe that the officers of the United Mine Workers of America honestly have been doing their best to carry out the wage agreement and the international constitution in the interests of the membership of the United Mine Workers of America, and

"Whereas, if this meeting, or any local union or member of the United Mine Workers of America has the knowledge and can prove that any officer of District 2 or the international organization is not doing his full duty, then they should prefer charges within the organization and prove same, and

"Whereas, we do not believe that it is for the best interests of the United Mine Workers of America for men who are not members thereof, or men who are tied up to different interests to interfere with the affairs of the United Mine Workers of America, as we are of the opinion that these men have ulterior motives and are not interested in working for the best interests of the United Mine Workers of America,

"Therefore, be it resolved that this meeting adjourn, and all of the participants return to their homes and receive the regularly constituted delegates to the international convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Tuesday, Oct. 6, legislate in the proper way as provided for in the constitution, for the things that will govern the United Mine Workers affairs in the future, and,

"Be it further resolved that this meeting earnestly request all men who are not members of the United Mine Workers of America or those who are members whose interests are with other organizations aside from the United Mine Workers of America, desist interfering in the future with the affairs of the United Mine Workers of America."

LABOR FOR DEMOCRATS

Organized labor has placed itself solidly behind Auditor-Gen. F. Clair Ross for governor as the state CIO and AFL have poined together in endorsing the Democratic candidate and the rest of the statewide Democratic ticket in the November election.

The Railroad Brotherhoods also are backing the Democrats.

BLANDBURG BRICK MEN JOIN MINERS' AFFILIATE

Both Mine and Plant of Harbison-Walker Select UMW Union at Election Monday

Employees of the Harbison-Walker Brick Co. at Blandburg voted overwhelmingly at an election Monday to affiliate with the United Construction Workers of America, District 50, the United Mine Workers of America.

The election was conducted by the National Labor Relations Board. Of 209 employees of the concern eligible to vote, 193 cast ballots. It was a "yes" or "no" vote on affiliating with the U. C. W. Two separate elections were held, one at the plant and one at the mine.

At the plant 122 ballots were cast in favor of affiliation, with 41 votes against, a total of 163. At the mine the vote was 24 for affiliation and six against, a total of 30 votes. As a result of the election the Harbison-Walker employees in the future will be represented by the United Construction Workers.

Alfred Schneider of Johnstown, an organizer for District 2 of the UMW, headed the campaign to organize the Blandburg workmen. He was assisted by Alfred Green of Clearfield, organizer for the United Construction Workers of District 50, UMW, and Paul Nothorn of Huntingdon, regional director.

PATTON FIRST-AIDERS HONORED AT MEETING

Nearly 70 persons who have completed first-aid training were given recognition at a civilian defense meeting in Patton Wednesday evening of last week. They were presented Red Cross certificates by John Bernard, representing the Cambria County Chapter. Raymond Buck represented the local defense unit.

William K. Daugherty, Gerald Crowell and Mrs. Mary Comets, Angeline Benco, William Crowell, Bass A. Donahue, Betty Hitch, Mrs. Eleanor Hitch and Rita Franklin.

The following persons received advanced certificates:

Bessie Adams, Elizabeth Andrews, Rene D. Benner, Helen Boback, Francis Davis, Philmeana Davis, Mrs. Sara Davis, Melvin J. Fregly, Ella Gill, Anna Hudak, Mary Hudak, Katherine Hudak, Mary Homyak, Anna Homyak, Demaris Jenkins, Hazel Brewer, Laura Lowes, Barbara Overberger, Cyril M. Senita, Mrs. Leo Donahue, Louise Dietrick, Josephine Deringer, Paul E. Hoover, Mrs. John Lantzy, Mrs. Frank Rodgers, Mrs. J. L. Snyder, Anna Rudy, Marion Commons, Melvin Scott, Mrs. John Stevens, Martha Shatrosky.

Alice M. Smale, Zetta Strittmatter, Irma Thomas, Myrtle Winslow, Margaret C. Wyse, Mary Montanaro, Austin O. Craver, Madeline Sherry, Regina Biller, Katherine Kollar, Mrs. Charles Link, Bernice Shunkwiler, Mrs. Harry Mulligan, Margaret O'Leary, Loraine Croft, Mrs. Thomas Donahue, Mrs. Bert Douglas, Madeline Fox, Mrs. Paul E. Hoover, Mrs. Bert Long, Rose Saly, Mrs. Charles Snyder, Mildred Trexler, Betty Scott Francis X. Young.

The class will hold monthly meetings to continue its study. Melvin Scott is chairman and Melvin Fregly the secretary. Thomas A. McQuillen was the instructor.

ELECTION REGISTRARS TO RECEIVE \$10 EACH

The county commissioners have agreed to pay each of 114 registrars who sat last week to register Cambria County voters \$10 each. The registrars also will receive mileage at the rate of six cents per mile for the trip they made to the courthouse to receive instructions.

Saturday is the last day to register to vote in the November election. Registrations will be accepted at the courthouse until then.

Patton Man Gets Award.

A jury in civil court at Ebensburg last Friday afternoon returned a verdict of \$5,220,550 in favor of Ernest M. Commons of Patton against the Kramer Brothers Freight Line, Inc., of Pittsburgh. Mr. Commons was injured on January 16, 1940, when his car figured in a collision with a truck owned by the freight company. The accident occurred on Route 22, near Mundy's Corner.

MARRIED REGISTRANTS MAY SOON RECEIVE NEW QUESTIONNAIRE

Financial and Dependency Status of Wife and Family Must Be Furnished Soon

Filled with questions searching into the financial and dependency status of each member of the family of 3-A and 3-B draft registrants, a new type questionnaire for these classes is being distributed to local draft boards throughout the state.

The completeness of the questionnaire, which asks the social security number of the registrant's wife, has led to speculation in some places that it may pave the way for mass reclassification of 3-A and 3-B registrants.

Registrants must specify the total amount of money which their dependents receive from sources other than employment—stocks, bank accounts, etc.—and must list the names, addresses and earning power of all the members of the immediate family circle.

If a man's wife has quit her job, he must state the date she did so and the reason for the action. Her last employer must be named and her last job explained in detail. The social security number will offer a means of checking by the government in case the draft board is not satisfied of the wife's dependency.

No one over 18 years of age may be considered as a legal dependent under the drastic regulations of the new questionnaire. A married man who has any children must list the name, sex and date of birth of each one together with the amount of money each has earned during the past year and how much each has contributed toward the family's support.

In addition the new "check-up" questionnaire asks how long a husband and wife have been living together "continuously"—a change from the information previously asked. This apparently is designed as a means of finding out whether some separated couples "made up" and went back to housekeeping when the recent marriage-deferment law was enacted.

Unmarried breadwinners must list all "living members" of the family, regardless of where they may be living, and must give their addresses, weekly earnings and size of contributions, if any, to the family's support.

The registrant must detail his own job, give full particulars as to just what kind of work he has been doing and how long he has been doing it. He must specify his employer and his own weekly earnings.

In addition to forming the basis for reclassification of men with dependents, the questionnaire will present the selective service system with an effective report on available manpower to take over war jobs and thus release additional skilled workers for the armed services.

All draft boards had been notified in a recent order from selective service that every registrant must be reclassified by October 16 in order that the state headquarters might have a check on remaining I-A registrants.

GOAL COMMITTEE BASE IN ALTOONA

The Central Pennsylvania Victory Coal Production Committee, composed of James Mark, president, and Edward Sweeney, secretary-treasurer, District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America; Charles O'Neill, president and Walter A. Jones, secretary of the Central Pennsylvania Coal Producers' Association, have established headquarters in the Lincoln Trust Building at Altoona, where they will direct the activities of the local production committees to be established at each mine in the central Pennsylvania area. Clarence Donaldson, vice president District No. 2, U. M. W. of A., and E. W. Derringer, of the coal producers association have been appointed production managers in direct charge of the work.

Local Committees are now being formed at each mine composed of six members, three representing labor and three representing management. The purpose of these committees is to assist labor and management in improving working time, increasing production, decreasing accidents, etc. in this area. Similar committees are being established in all industrial plants engaged in war work throughout the country and have the full support of the federal government in Washington.

The location of the central Pennsylvania area is close to the major industrial war centers of the country, having a short haul and rapid turnover of railroad equipment. The increased production of bituminous coal from this area is vitally important to the country's successful prosecution of the war.

PATTON RALLIED IN FINE STYLE WHEN JUNK WAS ASKED

Many Tons of Scrap Rounded Up Saturday by Volunteers of Salvage Committee.

With no exact figures available, but with an approximate judgment by men who should know, Patton on Saturday last gathered up and coordinated in a ware room in the Eagles' Building, and in a vacant lot in the neighborhood of from thirty to thirty-five tons of scrap metal and other needed junk called for by the Government.

The junk collection day was an all-out venture in Patton, and practically every family contributed what they had lying around their premises to the movement. Junk and scrap of every kind and description, from jar lids to radiators and old car bodies, all was contributory to the collection. Truck load after truck load came to the depository throughout the day, and an energetic group that assisted the local salvage committee, composed of the local air raid wardens and school children "manned" the job with neatness and dispatch.

The local salvage committee, composed of W. E. Noonan, Charles A. Snyder, Raymond J. Buck and Harry O. Stoltz, are gratified with the co-operation given by the citizens, and want to particularly thank truck owners, the air wardens and the children who helped with the voluminous amount of labor entailed.

The fact that Patton has had an all-out rally for junk doesn't mean that you must let down on the saving of scrap. Keep incessantly at it. Junk will help win this war.

EAGLES WANT NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Patton Aerie No. 1244, Fraternal Order of Eagles, recently sponsored a series of three dances to raise funds to purchase smokes for the boys in service from Patton and vicinity that are served from the Patton Post Office. The net receipts from these dances amounted to \$191.50.

The Eagles will make up the additional amount necessary to mail each boy a carton of cigarettes.

It is the desire of the Eagles to mail these cigarettes as soon as possible, and they request that relatives of the boys in the service mail their addresses to the Eagles' Club, Drawer R, Patton, Pa. Print or write the address plainly and mail as soon as possible.

The Eagles have made arrangements with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company to take care of the mailing and this will include boys in the foreign service.

NEXT WEEK IS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week throughout the nation will be observed from October 4 to 10.

James Blake, chief of the Patton Fire Co. has sent notices to citizens of Patton to this effect, and is asking their cooperation in keeping Patton's fire losses for 1942 as low as it is—\$25.

Blake urges residents to keep their attics, closets, cellars and unused corners of their homes clean and neat and not to permit waste or junk to accumulate. "Special precautions," he states, "should be taken in regard to electrical wiring, electrical connections and appliances, gasoline, kerosene, matches, hot ashes, exposed furnace pipes, and waste paper."

Thirteen fire alarms have been answered by the local company so far this year with damage amounting to less than \$25. Patton Fire Co. asks all of us to help maintaining this excellent record.

SEES NEW WAR VETS GLAD TO JOIN LEGION

Indianapolis—Roane Waring, the newly-elected commander of the American Legion, has expressed confidence that the great majority of the soldiers in the present war will want to join the Legion.

"We have what they want—a sound and solid patriotic organization," the leader said as he assumed his duties at the Legion's national headquarters. Admission of present soldiers into the veterans' organization was approved in a resolution adopted at the Legion's recent convention in Kansas City.

BARNESBORO ROD AND GUN CLUB WILL MEET ON SUNDAY

There will be a very important meeting of the Barnesboro Rod and Gun Club on Sunday, Oct. 4th, at 2:30 P. M., in the Moose Building at Barnesboro. All game hunters welcome.

ROSS' RADIO PROGRAM

Democratic headquarters have announced that Auditor-General F. Clair Ross, the party's candidate for Governor, will have five radio speeches, beginning Thursday of this week at 6:15 p. m., and continuing on Thursdays. They will be carried over stations WCAU, Philadelphia; WHP, in Harrisburg, and KDKA, Pittsburgh.

ARMY WILL INSPECT AIR OBSERVER POSTS

Officers to Spend Four Days in Section; May Relocate Some of Cambria County Posts

Cambria's 17 observation posts of the Aircraft Warning System will be inspected by ground observation officers of the Army Signal Corps on October 19-23, according to word received from the regional headquarters at Buffalo, N. Y.

Louis A. Sheehan, district director, says he was informed that an Army car bearing four officers would arrive here on October 19. The officers will inspect the posts, discuss additional training for "spotters" and consider the relocation of some of the posts.

In conjunction with the inspections, three meetings will be held for the observers and general public. The schedule of inspections and meetings follows:

October 19—Johnstown's three posts, Conemaugh and South Fork; meeting in Johnstown.

October 20—Portage, Cresson, Gallitzin and Blandburg posts; meeting in Cresson School with S. T. Cawley, deputy director, in charge.

October 21—Nanty-Glo, Ebensburg, Carrolltown and two Patton posts.

October 22—Spangler, Barnesboro and Hastings posts; meeting in Barnesboro Legion Home, with Bernard Shortenear, deputy director, in charge.

The observation posts are maintained and operated by the American Legion under the direction of the U. S. Army.

LEGION AUXILIARY CHAIRMEN NAMED

Appointment of Committee Chairmen for the coming year featured a dinner meeting of the Cambria County Council of the American Legion Auxiliary on Tuesday evening in the Spangler American Legion Home.

In a brief talk, Mrs. John J. Whalen, newly elected president, outlined the activities of the council for the coming year. The following presidents of auxiliary units in the county were honor guests at the dinner: Mrs. Arch Kuhn, Johnstown; Mrs. C. H. Ladenberger, Barnesboro; Mrs. L. J. Kelly, Spangler; Mrs. Margaret Eiler, of Cresson; Mrs. John J. Haluska, Patton; Mrs. Iva Bowser, South Fork, and Mrs. Daisy Kaiser, Portage.

Mrs. Whalen announced the following committee chairmen: Community service and music, Mrs. T. Leroy Beideman, Johnstown; poppy, Mrs. rank Ling, Johnstown; press and radio, Mrs. William Hartman, of Johnstown; membership, Mrs. C. Eves of Barnesboro.

Legislation, Mrs. Clara Bostrum, Barnesboro; music, Mrs. Bernard Shortenear, Barnesboro; coupons, Mrs. Thomas A. Owens, Carrolltown; Scotland School, Mrs. Anna Whalen, Spangler; finance, Mrs. Levi Kelly, Spangler.

Child Welfare, Mrs. Gretta Kuhns, Cresson; Aspinwall Veterans' Hospital, Mrs. George Beisinger, South Fork; national defense, Mrs. Anna Jacobs, Patton; Americanism, Mrs. Theresa Schryer, Conemaugh; news letter, Mrs. Helen Kline, Portage; and junior baseball, Mrs. Florence Green, Portage.

EMEIGH MINER FATALLY HURT WHEN STRUCK BY CAR; SITTING ON ROAD

Reported to have been sitting in the middle of the highway during a heavy downpour of rain early Sunday morning, John Kuldick, 53-year-old Emeigh miner, was killed instantly when killed by an automobile.

State Motor Police and Coroner Patrick McDermott listed Ira K. Baum, Hastings, R. D. 1, as driver of the machine that hit the man who died of a fractured skull, broken neck and fracture of the left leg.

Police quoted Baum as saying that he was driving at a moderate rate of speed between Barnesboro and Emeigh during a heavy rainstorm when he saw a man sitting in the middle of the road. He said he made every possible effort to avoid striking the man but was unable to swerve the machine in time.

Authorities said the man's clothing was soaked and that he probably had been out in the rain for some time before the accident. The coroner said indications were that the man had been drinking heavily during the day.

GASOLINE RATIONING IN CAMBRIA IS SEEN BY MID-NOVEMBER

35-Mile Speed Limit In Effect on Thursday; Extreme Penalty Given for Violations

Washington—A nationwide speed limit of 35-miles per hour will be enforced by state police, beginning on Thursday of this week, to save the automobile rubber of the country.

Heavy penalties of two years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine are expected to aid in its enforcement. These developments are preliminary to national "gas" rationing which is to begin about November 22.

Under the new ration set-up, unessential car users will be granted approximately enough gasoline to drive 2,880 miles per year.

County Plans Advancing

Ebensburg—Each Cambria ration boards will be supplemented with two panel boards of three members each very soon, Wilbur Wright, county war price and rationing administrator has stated.

Names of 22 persons, men and women from all walks of life, have been submitted to the state OPA office for approval, and another list is to be forwarded soon for approval.

These panel boards will be known as A, B, and C and first will act in handling appeals of applicants holding gasoline rationing books which will be distributed in the near future. Thereafter members will act as boards specializing in governing the appeals made on any future commodity to be rationed. Their decisions will be final.

Even the county board, Wright points out, will act as a local board during the coming rationing of gasoline. It will not decide any appeals unless needed by local boards as a "reserve" board.

The county board will be maintained primarily to enforce uniformity of appeals among local boards. Steps are to be taken to see that all appeal decisions are uniform in nature.

A member of the existing three-man board will become chairman of the panel because of his acquaintance with rationing procedures. All chairmen will become members of a district executive board which will be responsible to the county board and county administrators, the OPA official explains.

Persons "drafted" to serve on the boards will not be permitted to decline from accepting the position unless a substantial reason can be given by them.

Mr. Wright and John Gerhardt, assistant county administrator, are now visiting the present gasoline rationed area to observe the present system used in order that ways may be devised to step up the appeals of "gas" consumers.

"Regulations are rigid and strict," the county administrator says.

"No. 2" stamps of ration books in Blair and other neighboring "gas" rationed counties expires on the 21st of November.

James Sets 35-Mile Limit.

Governor James Tuesday proclaimed a 35-mile Pennsylvania speed limit for the duration of the war. He invoked a section of the motor code to declare operation of vehicles in excess of 35 miles an hour to be speeding with violations subject to \$10 to \$25 fine and suspension of their licenses. It is effective on Thursday of this week.

ALTOONA TO HOLD FARM SHOW IN GABLE'S STORE

The Blair County Farm Products Show will be held in the Arcade of Gable's store in Altoona from Oct. 16 to 22, inclusive, this year, it has been announced.

All entries are free to the Farm Products show. \$500 in cash prizes will be awarded to the exhibitors who win first, second and third places in entry fee for rabbits and bantams, however, set by the clubs, with prizes for them amounting to \$50.

The show will be open each day except Sunday from 9:30 a. m. to 10 p. m. Persons desiring special information may make application to the farm agent or Stanley Troby, care of Wm. F. Gable Co., Altoona.

NOTICE

The School Board will receive bids for the furnishing of coal for the term of 1942-43 at its meeting on October 5, 1942. A weigh-bill must be submitted with each load as delivered.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

ELLEN C. DEITRICK, Secy., Patton Borough School Dist.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

Masquerade, round and square dancing at St. Augustine Hall by Blessed Virgin Sodality on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 9 to 12. Admission, 25c. Come masked.