

CIO COUNCIL TO BENEFIT LABOR AND CITY

Reo President Lauds The Health Institute

By RAYMOND W. REED
Pres. Reo Local 650

New Olds Local Office Hours

New office hours for Olds financial secretary, Bruce Trenouth, and the dues-paying window were approved at the membership meeting last Friday.

Henceforth the hours will be 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., except Saturdays, when the office will close at noon. The office will be open evenings the first Friday of the month during the regular business meeting and on the third Friday, when stewards and committeemen meet.

It gives me great pleasure to inform the members of Local 650 that at our regular business meeting held April 27, through a recommendation from the Executive Board, it was voted by the membership present to affiliate with the Health Institute of the UAW-CIO.

Visits Clinic

On April 11, I had the privilege of visiting the Health Institute in Detroit with officers from other local unions in Lansing. We were shown through the Institute and had the pleasure of meeting several members of the staff.

After thoroughly investigating the benefits that members would receive, and the services of the Health Institute that were available to members of our respective Local Unions through affiliation, there was no doubt in any of our minds that every Local Union should affiliate and give its members the opportunity to realize the benefits the Health Institute offers.

Complete Exams

Through individual examination the Institute can determine if your present job is undermining your health and if you are physically fit to do the job that is requested of you.

You will receive complete physical examinations, laboratory and X-ray services and consultation with specialists when necessary. Also lung X-ray, blood tests, urine-analysis, electrocardiograph (heart) studies, basal metabolism tests, a complete study of your case history, and such other procedures.

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State Employee Locals Taking The Labor News

Two more labor groups have voted to take the Lansing Labor News. Both are state employee locals.

State, County and Municipal Workers of America Local 276 wrote the paper advising of their participation in the publishing plan and enclosing their per capita share for the next three months. Named to serve on the paper's board were their president, H. Dean Reed, and James W. Roberts.

Louis Newmark, president of SCMWA Local 406, announced his unit's approval of and participation in the plan and said Mrs. Marion Ketchum would be a delegate to the board.

New Officers of Lansing CIO Council

President



CLYDE PERKINS

United Dairy Workers Local 93

Vice-President



STANLEY CLEEVES

Reo Local 650

Financial Secretary



WALTER (Nick) CARTER

Olds Local 652

Recording Secretary



ELIZABETH BLAIR

Nash Local 13

Others elected to offices at the meeting of the Lansing CIO Council last Wednesday, besides those shown above, were Howard Ranney of Novo Local 872, Sergeant-at-Arms; and the following trustees: William Rioux, Amalg. Local 724; Maurice MacNaughton, Fisher Local 602; and Dean Reed, SCMWA Local 276.

BOB FELLER AND HIS BLUEJACKETS

Great Lakes Baseball Team Coming June 5

Found: City's Youngest War Father—Maybe

Friends of A. R. Dobson of the Olds shell plant in Bldg. 75 claim he is the city's youngest war worker with a boy in the service. He is 36. Can anyone beat it?

Will Play Club From Nash Local

The Nash Local 13 Recreation Committee announced today that once again Lansing baseball fans are to have the pleasure of seeing the Blue-jacket Nine from Great Lakes.

Bob Feller, famous Iowa farm boy who overnight became an American League star pitcher with the Cleveland Indians, gave up professional baseball and a brilliant pitching career, to enlist in the Navy will appear here.

The former Cleveland mound star was on active sea duty in the Pacific for a long time. This spring he was reassigned to Great Lakes and was made manager of the Bluejackets.

He is to bring his team of former professional baseball stars to Lansing on Tuesday, June 5. The game is to be a twilight affair, and arrangements have been completed to play at Michigan State College.

Leading payers of the City League are being asked to compete in the contest. Further information concerning details of the game will be announced at a future date.

Apple Days Here Again For Soldiers

COLUMBUS, O. (FP)—Veterans of World War II will be permitted to peddle apples and other goods in Ohio without paying the regular peddler's license fee under a bill passed by the house. The vote was 110 to 0.

10 Births Announced

Announcement of ten births in the family of Mrs. Dolly Wilson created no little excitement at the Olds Auxiliary meeting last Thursday.

And we don't mean dogs or cats or some other animals. The little ones were born to one of her fish.

Saved Their Sanity

Labor Editor, Captured By Germans, Organized Activities in Prison

By HERBERT A. KLEIN
By Wireless to Federated Press

WITH THE 7th ARMY AT BAD ORB, GERMAN (FP)—The story of how thousands of American prisoners of war, living amid indescribable conditions of filth and starvation, were saved from plunging into complete mental apathy by the efforts of one of the prisoners—Pfc. John H. Dunn, Jr., news editor of Federated Press on leave—was revealed with the liberation of Stalag 9-B, Nazi prison camp near here.

War correspondents who arrived at the camp the day of its liberation by onrushing American forces were told by his fellow prisoners that Dunn, older than most of them, was chiefly responsible for keeping up their morale and helping them through the horrible four months of their imprisonment.

Ersatz Bread, Vile Coffee

Dunn, who has been in the infantry for two years, was one of several thousand American soldiers captured by the Nazis in the Ardennes offensive in December on the Belgian and Luxembourg fronts.

The Bad Orb prison camp, a 400 foot square barbed wire enclosure, housed 6,500 Allied soldiers, including 3,200 Americans. They were billeted in 18 flimsy, rotting wooden buildings, one of which was occupied by 160 men. The daily diet was less than 260 calories—below the starvation level. It consisted of watery soup, ersatz bread, indigestible cheese and a vile coffee substitute all served in microscopic portions.

Brought to the camp after a gruelling 2-week journey in a box car jammed with Yank prisoners, Dunn looked over his surroundings and announced: "I'm not going to just rot here." A former American Newspaper Guild (CIO) organizer, Dunn set about organizing recreational and educational activities for his colleagues.

First he started a weekly forum in which he delivered from memory 31 lectures on American history, attended by 50 to 100 POWs in an ice-cold hall. In order to heat the place endurably, POWs from each barrack contributed two sticks of firewood from their scanty stores.

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Perkins Asks That 4 Rules Be Followed

The newly elected president of the Lansing CIO Council, which represents 30,000 workers here, emphasizes some important principles in the following article.

By CLYDE PERKINS
Pres. Lansing CIO Council

The Council is a representative body of the CIO members in and around Lansing. There is no doubt in my mind that much good or much evil can emanate from such an organization.

Which it shall be will depend a great deal upon whether individuals, groups and the Council body as a whole will be able to eliminate all else except the one very pertinent fact, namely; that the good of the people, our people in the CIO and those with whom we are a part in the community, be forever considered in every action we take as a truly representative body.

Surely prejudices, hates, desires and so on, have no place in our collective bargaining. They must in turn have no place in our duty as representatives of those people who trust us and look to us for a large measure of leadership.

It is my request that all responsible leaders in the CIO accept and follow these principles:

1—To work always for the interests of the members of the CIO.

2—To consider all action taken in the light of "good or bad" for the community.

3—To give freely of their time and strength to the development of a real Council.

4—To grant fairly advice, criticism and impartial judgment.

The coming year will be a hard one for us all. Let's do a sincere job. Now is the time for our leaders to rise above self-interest and carry out their obligations to others as we have many times accused others of not doing.

The good that can be done for our people far supercedes the good that any individual may do for himself. I pray that our leaders shall retain their sense of justice, truth and fairness in all of their actions whether in their Locals, as delegates or officers of the Council and a citizen of a large and certainly outstanding community.

Novo Police Raises Are Agreed Upon

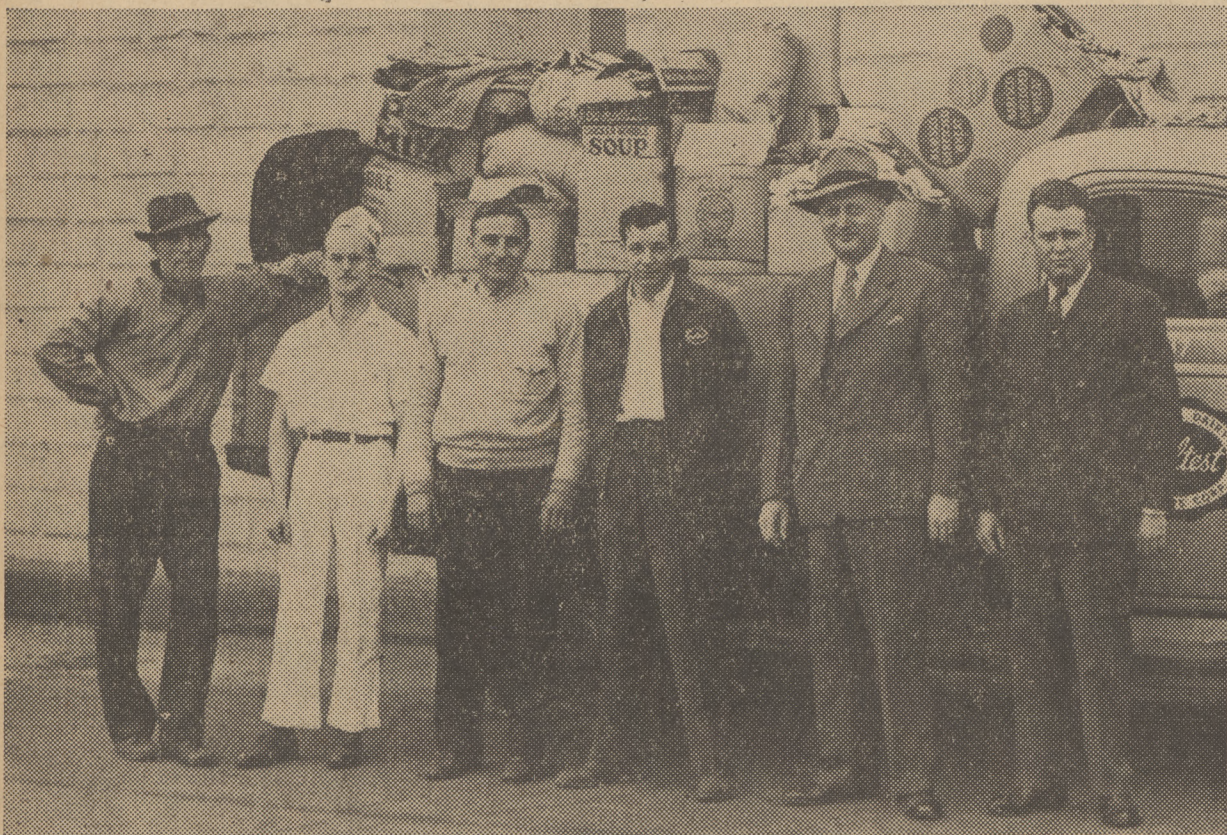
Union and management have gotten together on a wage increase that will give Novo plant protection employees a 20-cent raise retroactive to January 1.

Other benefits include furnishing of uniforms. The agreement was signed Monday and forwarded to the WLB for approval, said George Nadar, Int'l Representative.

Detroit Population

DETROIT (FP) — The population of Detroit July 1, 1944 was estimated as 1,700,000, according to local experts cited by the Detroit bureau of governmental research. The 1940 census enumerated 1,632,452.

Small Local Gets Big Results In Recent Drive for Clothing



Largest per capita contribution to the clothing drive of any union local in the city is the claim made by the Arctic Dairy unit of Amalgamated Local 93, which, though numbering only about 60 members, collected the above large load with every member bringing in at least one time for a 100 percent contribution record.

But the members refuse sole credit and point to the fact as an excellent example of what workers and management can accomplish

when they work together, for here they all pitched right in and worked together on teams—and we mean worked.

Shown above are Paul Kittle, maintenance engineer and team captain; L. D. Smith, former committeeman, also team capt.; Elmo Sherman, chief steward; Harold Valleau, committeeman and team capt.; Ed Odusky, branch manager; and Robert Fauson, sales manager. Another team captain was Bill Fudge, of the sales division, not in picture.

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Our V-E Day Sticker Campaign

The Lansing CIO had planned no plant shutdowns to celebrate V-E Day, the Lansing Labor News was told last week.

The paper carried a story, however, about a downtown program for the big day and a headline about the celebration. After the paper had gone to press, it suddenly looked as though the official announcement was practically at hand.

Therefore, in order to prevent the least bit of misunderstanding about the story and headline and to do everything within our power to prevent work stoppages, we ordered the printing of thousands of brightly colored notices to be furnished with the paper.

The notices, emphasizing that the CIO did not sanction V-E Day work stoppages, were signed by an Intl. Representative and presidents of locals.

Your paper will continue to do everything in its power to keep facts clear and to prevent possibilities of misunderstanding. We want this paper to be as effective as possible in your interests always, and that is one of the ways of making it so.

Those Italian partisans who tried and executed Mussolini inside 24 hours should be ashamed of themselves. The Allied War Crime Commission could have given work to 100 investigators, jailers, witnesses, judges and advocates trying Muss to see if he was guilty of anything. Now Wallace will have to create 60,000-100 jobs after the war.

We understand the auto industry has a new postwar plan that will beat the labor-industry charter all hollow. The proposal will be to cut wages so products will cost less so more people can afford to buy them. A subcommittee is working on the problem of what people will use to buy the things with.

Newspaper accounts of the San Francisco conference make it sound as if the papers and wire services had sent only their fight reporters to cover the meeting. And some of the stories are as phony as a radio account of a match between two wrestlers.

Davis Says 30 Percent More Pay Needed—Later!

WASHINGTON (FP)—Economic Stabilizer William H. Davis believes that after reconversion to peacetime economy, U. S. workers must have a 30 to 40 per cent increase in real income "or else we are sunk".

At the same time, however, Davis warned that it is imperative that the wage and price line be held steady now. He indicated that he would fight to hold controls firmly on both in the coming months.

Davis explained that the controls would not be arbitrary, saying he "didn't like the stone-wall concept." "The problem is a common problem of getting production and consumption started. The controls will be handled with that in mind, and not in terms of abstractions."

As to reconversion, Davis said "we have to reconvert somehow a \$50 to \$60 billion war economy into goods and services and we have to consume 90 per cent of it. That means you will have to raise the standard of living 30 to 40 per cent. You must have a 30 to 40 per cent increase in real income. If we don't do that we are sunk."

At one point Davis remarked that "when reconversion is accomplished we can work to-

Steward Officers Elected at Reo

At the last meeting of the Reo Local No. 650 Steward Council, the following officers were elected to serve for one year:

Wendell Thompson, Chairman; Ruth Jacquay, Vice-chairman; Dollie Fitzpatrick, Secretary.

ward wage increases while holding prices."

Touching on the postwar situation of the labor movement, he said he did not believe that the effort to destroy unions that followed World War I would be repeated this time. He commented that the destruction of unions "may not be impossible, unions "may not be impossible, sible."

Sunday Paper Funnies Back

DETROIT (FP) — Double doses of comic sections were handed to readers of Detroit's three dailies May 6 after the thirsting public had to go without the previous Sunday.

The conspiracy by the three publishers, Detroit Free Press, News, and Times, to undermine Mailers Union No. 40 of the Intl. Typographical Union (AFL), starting in an attempt to override union rules on hiring and overtime, failed. When the publishers agreed to comply, though still refusing to sign a union contract, the union reissued the permits to non-members which it had canceled and the supplements went out again.

News Suppressed

So ashamed were the dailies of having their anti-union conniving known in this strong union town that they published no word of explanation of the comic goings-on though each paper knew all the facts. The first Sunday they falsely stated that it was because of "circumstances beyond our control,"

Tradition Broken

This Painters Union Welcomes Woman Member

SAN DIEGO, Calif (FP) — An old tradition has fallen with a big bang, a couple of gee whizzes and much wagging of of gray union heads in San Diego.

Faced by a desperate shortage of manpower on urgently needed housing projects, Local 333, Bro. of Painters (AFL), for the first time in history is depending on womanpower to help pull it through the emergency.

First woman to win approval of the local's examining board is pretty 28-year-old Mabel Denham, mother of two children and eight-time blood donor, who made the eyes of old-time union members pop when she stood beside five men candidates and took the oath of obligation of the union.

She is employed as a painter on a project where her husband works as a truck driver.

Big Nash Dance Is on May 26

The Nash Local 13 Recreation Committee announced today that plans have been completed for another one of those grand Nash dances.

The dance is to be held on Saturday night, May 26, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 213 S. Capitol Ave. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

Dancing will be to the music of their own accomplished band leader of the Cedar St. plant, Ed Barry.

Ed has a fine, well-balanced band which can give out to suit the wishes of all the dancers and he is featuring the lovely-to-look-at and lovely-to-hear Betty Krest.

Our old friend, Benny Benedict, will again be ready to dish out the hot dogs, coca cola and what have you to the hungry and thirsty throng.

The affair will be open to all CIO members and friends. If you want an evening to be remembered and a load of fun, get your tickets early. People working in Mt. Hope and Cedar St. plants can obtain their tickets through their stewards.

People outside the local can get same by sending a money order to Nash Local 13 Recreation Committee, 1813 S. Cedar, or calling in person between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. Tickets will be 90 cents per person, tax included.

Dairy Men Name Paper Delegates

Delegates to the board of directors of the Lansing Labor News from the Dairy and Service Employees Local 93 have been announced as Clyde Perkins, president, and Dale Gates. The Dairy group recently voted to participate and paid up their per capita share for a year in advance.

though their control was proved the following Sunday when by their settlement with the mailers the comics appeared again.

On the second Sunday they were again mum as to reasons, simply announcing that readers would get two sets because one "could not be delivered last Sunday."

Failure to publish the news of what was going on in their own plants caused much comment among worker readers, especially as the News and Times in a kind of sympathetic lockout agreed not to send out their comics when the Free Press picked a quarrel with the ITU and found itself short-handed in the mailers department.

TO KILL THE PEACE



Stockholders Revolt Against Avery In Montgomery Ward Meeting

CHICAGO (FP) — Revolt against Sewell L. Avery's anti-labor and anti-government policies flared at the hottest temperature yet reached at Montgomery Ward & Co.'s annual stockholders meeting here.

More than 160,000 shares of Ward stock backed up a proxy statement at the meeting charging that Board Chairman Avery's management of the company had damaged not only the company but the country.

Feeling Growing

Last year only two stockholders with 300 shares of stock voted against the resolution which approved the Avery management. This year the protest group voted more than 110,000 shares and management itself was compelled to cast about 50,000 shares in favor of the motion condemning Avery, under instructed proxies.

Two resolutions backed by the protest proxies were presented by Frank W. McCulloch of Chicago, industrial secretary of the council for social action of the Congregational Christian churches, and Miss Zara duPont of Cambridge, Mass., rebellious member of the powerful duPont munitions family.

A duPont Protest

The McCulloch resolution directed management "to cease their defiance of and non-compliance with the orders of the Natl. War Labor Board." The duPont resolution asked the shareholders to "condemn the policy and conduct of the management, and especially its chairman, Sewell L. Avery, in its dispute with the WLB." The

resolutions were lost but the strength of the protest definitely made management uneasy.

UAW Aids Vets In New Contract Signed in Kansas

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (FP)—The United Auto Workers (CIO) has obtained seniority credit for veterans who have never held jobs before in renewing an agreement with the North American Aviation Co. The agreement covers the plants at Kansas City and Dallas, Tex.

The provision is the first of its kind ever incorporated in a union agreement. For every month of service, the veteran will be credited with one month's seniority. Only veterans who have never held a job prior to their entrance into the armed forces are covered. Credit will be given for all service since May 1940. All veterans will pass through a 30-day probationary period before being assured of a place on the seniority list.

The new contract provides for maintenance of membership without the usual 15-day escape period, improved grievance procedure and regularly scheduled policy meetings between the union and management.

Fishing Is Fine, Writes Soldier Who Caught 45-Pounder in Burma

Cpl. Grant W. Miles, former Fisher Body employee before Army induction, now serving with the Medical Corps in Burma, writes that fishing there is "tops, having caught several big ones, one weighing 45 pounds."

As evidence he mailed home several fish scales measuring one and three quarters inches long and an inch across.

Corporal Miles praised labor for its loyalty and says he feels confident labor will furnish all the weapons of war needed to bring about a complete victory over Japan — or any other na-

European Workers Celebrate May Day

NEW YORK (FP) — Joyous and triumphant, millions of workers throughout liberated Europe celebrated their first May Day in freedom after six years of Nazi bondage with hope of peace in their hearts, dispatches reaching here revealed.

The traditional workers' holiday was celebrated in Berlin as the Red army stormed the last line of defense in the very heart of the German capital. Red colors flew in labor's honor on the buildings in which Hitler mapped orders that meant death and slavery to the workers of Europe.

Paris workers, 500,000 strong, marched in their first May Day parade since 1940, shouting death to Petain and the Vichy traitors who collaborated with their conquerors. In Rome a huge crowd of 100,000 staged a May Day celebration in the Piazza del Popolo only a few days after the execution of their one-time dictator, Mussolini.

In Moscow's Red Square, thousands shouted in thunderous triumph as Marshal Stalin proclaimed the imminent end of Nazi Germany and vowed the destruction of fascism by the United Nations.

Chicago CIO Wins Election

CHICAGO (FP) — Overcoming stiff opposition from management, Local 758, Intl. Union of Mine Mill & Smelter Workers (CIO), won a NLRB election at the Precision Scientific Co. by a vote of 190 to 31.

tion or groups of nations who threaten the peace of the world in the future.



By JOHN PAINE
Federated Press

"Well, I see that Argentina is a democracy at last," said Mr. Dilworth suspiciously. "I hope they don't carry it too far."

"You don't need to worry, Pop," said little Luther. "They'll carry it about as far as a pallbearer carries a corpse."

"You have an exceedingly rude manner of talking about our new ally, Luther," his father remonstrated. "There is something peculiar in your attitude."

"There's something exceedingly peculiar about our new ally," retorted Little Luther. "They remind me of the gents who used to run the old shell game. They swear up and down they've got a democracy but when you guess which shell it's under, it isn't there. And they laugh so hard..."

"There are a number of genuine democrats in Argentina," Mr. Dilworth began.

"And I bet they could tell you exactly the number," Little Luther said. "They've got them all in jail where it's easy to count them."

"Those men they arrested were simply agitators who wanted to distract the populace with celebrations when Germany collapsed," Mr. Dilworth explained.

"Celebrate the collapse of Germany? What a shocking idea!" exclaimed Little Luther. "Why, that's as bad as the people want to see the San Francisco conference succeed."

"I'm afraid you're being sarcastic, son," the father said. "Argentina has a seat at San Francisco, don't forget."

"They should disinfect it before anyone else sits in it," said Little Luther.

"Luther, are you intimating that the Argentine colonels have lice?" demanded his father.

"No," said Little Luther, "but I once heard of a perfectly respectable louse who had Argentine colonels. They had to shoot him, poor fellow."

Company Denies Editor a Leave

Odsmobile denied a request of V. E. Vandenburg, timekeeper, for a month's leave of absence to work full time on the Lansing Labor News, of which he has been editor on a part time basis.

Action of the paper's board of directors in enlarging the paper and authorizing full time work prompted the request for the leave.

The company said a scarcity of workers and a newly installed system in the time department requiring extra work made it inadvisable to grant the leave for another job.

Postwar Work

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (FP) — Representatives of all branches of the labor movement and Memphis industries sat down together to put into effect the postwar industrial peace charter drawn up by the heads of the AFL, CIO, and U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Buy War Stamps

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

BROWNING automatic 12-gauge shotgun. Reo Local 650 office, between 8-5 p.m. Phone 9-3916.

TRAILER CAMP

LAKE ODESSA trailer camp will open between June 1st and June 15th. All modern conveniences. Watch for opening date. H. Wouters, Nash Local 13.

FOR RENT

PUBLIC address system. Will cover large outdoor gathering. Joseph Leys, 128 Milford, Ph. 8-2110.

Union Demands Action For Unemployed As Ford Demobilizes Bomber Plant

By CARL HAESSLER
Federated Press

Rapid demobilization of war workers at Ford Motor Co. plants finds the authorities in the Detroit area virtually helpless while members of the United Auto Workers (CIO) are demanding swift action to forestall mass unemployment.

Unconcerned

State Director Edward L. Cushman of the war manpower commission airily dismissed the whirlwind tapering off of the huge Willow Run bomber plant, expected to close down this month, as the natural end of what he termed a "glamor plant." He lightly said:

"Workers, especially women, should be impressed with the fact that similar jobs are not available."

Thomas Speaks

More seriously UAW Pres. R. J. Thomas told a huge mass meeting of Ford workers May 5: "Unless more adequate planning is done we are facing unemployment for everyone in Detroit. Let the government put up these plants for sale and

we'll find out if the manufacturers want the plants scrapped or are trying to get a good bargain by waiting."

This was a slap at Exec. Vice Pres. Henry Ford II of the company who had said Ford has no plans for Willow Run and tossed the tremendous plant on the scrap heap with the remark, "If this plant has hastened the end of the war, it is as expendable as a battleship and no more expensive,"—in other words, sunk. But the rumor that Ford will concentrate tractor operations there persists, with the added wrinkle that the plant will lie idle until Ford can exercise his option at bargain prices.

Passes Buck

Ford says congress is to blame because it has delayed reconversion legislation. He thinks the company can offer lots of jobs if and when civilian production resumes.

On the constructive side Thomas demanded abandonment of the Little Steel formula so that take-home pay will not shrivel disastrously as more plants go on the 40-hour week with loss of overtime pay and as second and third shifts are dropped with loss of nightwork premiums.

Walking Streets

At Murray Corp., a parts plant which has lived on aircraft contracts until now, men with seniority dating back to 1935 are out on the street. One oldtimer, who helped to unionize most of the Detroit east side shops, went to the U. S. employment service from Murray and was offered two jobs, one in Pearl Harbor and one in Alaska.

Seniority tangles are snarling up many plants as layoffs pile up. At Packard the management is stirring up trouble by picking people for transfer to other jobs regardless of seniority and threatening to fire those who fight this violation of the UAW contract.

At Ford Lincoln upgraders (trained in one specialty only) threw a picket line around the gates when regular tool and die-makers, laid off at other plants, came to claim their rightful seniority. At Ford Highland Park women workers distributed leaflets saying:

"The company is laying off women union members in violation of seniority. Will veterans be pitted against non-veterans? Foreign born against American born? It's the old Ford game. Don't be sucked in by company tricks."

An echo from the 1940 CIO convention was heard at the Ford mass meeting when UAW Ford Director Richard T. Leonard asserted, reviving the famous phrase of John L. Lewis: "You are faced with the prospect of a shrunken belly, with enslavement like that which we had here before the days of the CIO."

Premium Pay Case Is Won By Reo Local

By RAYMOND W. REED
Pres. Reo Local 650

All employees working on Monday July 3, 1944 who worked right through and completed the work week, except last July 3 and 4 when the plant was down, will receive premium pay for the sixth day worked due to a decision granted us by the War Labor Board on March 31, 1945.

Employees who worked the week of July 4th last year no doubt recall receiving straight time for Saturday because it was management's contention that Monday, July 3 could not be counted as a day worked for the purpose of identifying the sixth day of that particular week.

Due to differences in opinion as to how this rule complied in computing the sixth and seventh day worked in a regular work week, it became necessary for us to make a dispute case of it and bring it before the War Labor Board.

It gives the officers of your Bargaining Committee pleasure to inform the members of Local 650 that the case was settled in our favor and that you will receive the difference between straight time pay and time and one-half pay which you were entitled to for the respective Saturday worked, on approximately May 25, 1945.

If you worked Sunday of the same week you will receive your premium pay for both Saturday and Sunday, provided you worked the full week with the exception of July 3 and 4 previously mentioned.

Management agreed that these checks should be ready for you on May 25, 1945, unless some unforeseen reason should make it impossible for them to issue the checks at this date. You will receive this money in a separate check.

News from the AUXILIARIES

Olds Aux. 76

Proceeds from a dinner and card party held in April, along with all money making projects for May will go to the Disabled Veterans Fund drive.

The auxiliaries of this region have been asked to aid in this worthwhile drive. Through combined donations it is hoped more can be accomplished for the veterans fund toward furnishing a room at the Percy Jones hospital.

There will be a card party at the Olds local hall at 8 p. m., Saturday, May 12, with prizes and refreshments. Admission, 50 cents per person.

Chairman is Mrs. Onahlee Loe, with Mrs. Hazel Bentley, Mrs. Lucy Kring and Mrs. Mae Hamilton assisting.



OLOFSSON 728

My friend Bill Watt received greetings from the president, doctors found his heart, etc., ok., and so unless something happens the whole 200 pounds this is Bill will be utilized against the Japs.

REO 650

There is a fellow at Reo whose sincerity and good intentions were rewarded by his election to vice-president of the Lansing CIO Council. Congrats, Stan Cleaves... Seems funny not to argue with Helen Moore. Can hardly believe it but we seem to agree. Helen is one girl you have to give a lot of credit to even when you disagree with her... Noticed Sister Fitzpatrick, Brothers Reed, Mallet were among the new delegates to the Council.

NASH 13

Hear where former President Don Hackett is chief steward. Congrats, Don. Once active, always active... Getting good reports on the job E. Stingley is doing on the price panel. She is active there too... Silent Brown was at the Council meeting. Wonder if he still has dogs to let? Brownie, as you may not know, used to trade horses.

AMALGAM. 724

The boys and girls representing 724 at the Council were STANDING at the back... yes, the Council would seat them but maybe Brother Moran wanted to stay poised for a pep talk.

CHAARD LAB

Some of the girls at Chaard are having difficulty convincing some of the girls at Chaard that a union is what you make it... Back pay issue is about finished and now we'll be able to concentrate upon other things—we hope... Congratulations to D. Smith for 21 new members, to R. Van Camp and her team-mate for the 20 odd new members. Keep up the good work. Some of the others should get in and help.

I want to give full credit to Charles Rawley, president of the company, for working out issues and improvements for the lab. When management is cooperative they should be complimented and I take this opportunity of doing just that.

If a recent story in this paper implied that management had no share in working out improvements the story unintentionally gave the wrong impression. In fact, Mr. Rawley had some improvements planned even before the union was organized there.

If there was a false impression, we want to correct it. That is the CIO way of doing things.

ATLAS

The case on wages, retroactive pay, etc., will be up for a hearing within the next week or so.

LANSING STAMPING

The committee has been going to come in for the past few months but just don't seem able to make it.

LANSING DROP FORGE

The drive is going strong. Jack Crump reports. It's about time those boys got smart and got organized. They realize that no protection from the whims of management is not healthy. Anyone who knows anyone at

L. D. F. should get them to sign up and help others.

OLDS 652

Whoever told the boys in the gauge crib that Nadar signed an agreement on rates, classifications, etc., is either trying to do a job on me or kid someone... John Osborn is losing weight, especially around the waist... Ray Sherman is chain smoker of cigars... Saw Leon Zimmerman in a gas station. Farm life seems to agree with him. Sure wish he'd get back into the harness... Barnaby is having difficulty with his OPA appointment. The Eaton folks apparently don't want to put

him where he can do a job for labor or anyone else.

LANSING TOOL & DIE

An agreement completed by the union and signed May 1 makes the employees part of the Amalgamated Tool and Die Local 728. Negotiations on wage adjustments will commence Monday.

Reo Man's Son Named Captain

William J. Berglund, son of Henry J. Berglund, group leader of the oilers at Reo, was promoted in April to Captain of Combat Engineers. He is now in Germany.



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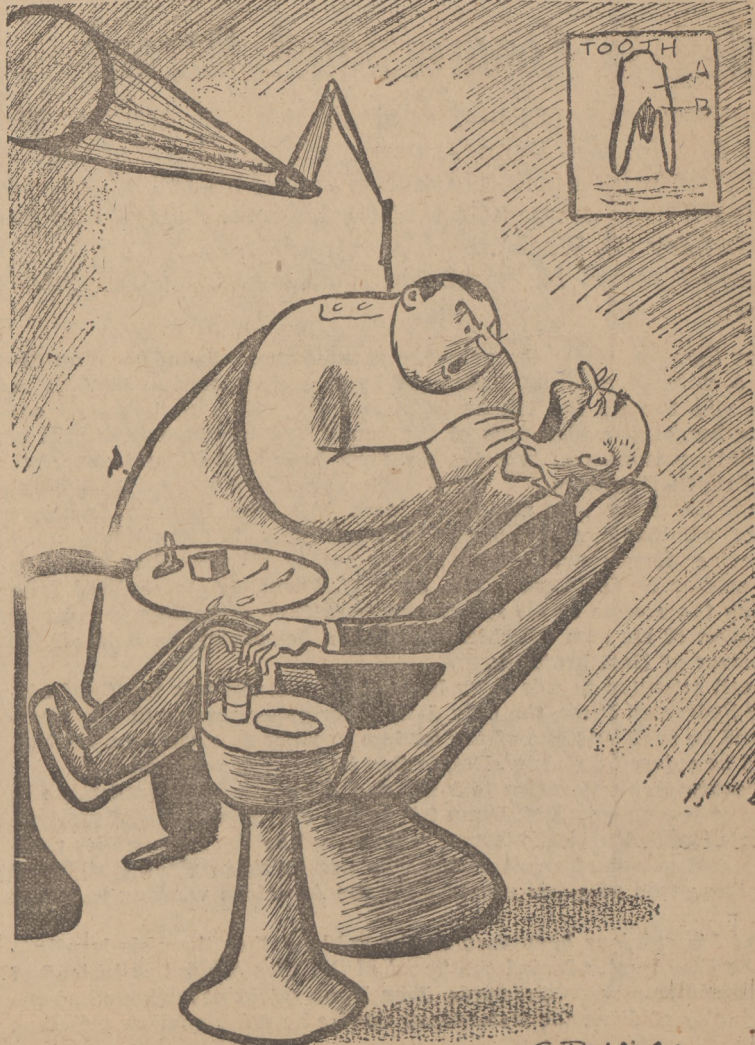
"THESE BEEFSTEAK TOMATOES ARE A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT. ALL THESE WEEKS AND NOT A SIGN OF ANY BEEF!"



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"YEAH, BUT WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT'S GROWING ON THE BACK STRETCH!"

HOUR OF RECKONING



"So you're the senator who voted for price increases, eh?"

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PAC Here to Stay Says Local Director

By H. DEAN REED
Lansing PAC Director

When Philip Murray and the C. I. O. Executive Board organized the Political Action Committee in July, 1943, no time limit was set for its existence. They intended PAC to endure until it's clearly defined objectives were realized.

Anyone who has troubled to acquaint himself with the C. I. O. - P. A. C. objectives knows that we are still quite far from their realization. That is why P. A. C. is here to stay.

Last November at the Seventh Annual Convention of the C. I. O. in Chicago, a resolution was passed declaring that the committee's effectiveness in the recent national election justified its continued existence as a means by which the C. I. O. and all progressive Americans may attain the great goals to which they are dedicated.

The original objectives of the P. A. C. can be summed up in one sentence: *To awaken American people to their full responsibilities of citizenship that we may safeguard democracy against all evil.*

The objectives are simple, but not easy to attain. It is generally conceded that the foundation of "our democracy lies in our right to vote and our responsibility to use that vote for the good of the nation. Men will die to obtain that

right, but unfortunately when the right is theirs, too many tend to neglect it, and let others decide their current destiny.

In presidential elections, even when the voting is very heavy, more than one fourth of the eligible voters do not participate. The picture gets gloomier as one examines the percentage of eligible voters participating in gubernatorial elections, city elections, county elections, and township elections.

Less than 30 per cent of eligible voters usually participate in the election of mayors and other city officers. Often fewer than 10 per cent participate in county or township elections.

This situation — bad enough in normal times — might prove disastrous in trying times such as these, for if this apathy continues, or is deliberately encouraged to continue, a pernicious minority might quietly usurp the power belonging to the people through the election of their candidates to all government offices.

P. A. C. is dedicated to the task of preventing such usurpation of power violently accused of attempting to "capture" the democratic party, and of attempting to "capture" the government for labor. P. A. C. has also been accused of trying to foist a "foreign" conception of government on the American people.

Anyone who followed P. A. C. through its utterances and printed programs knows that our basic aim was and is merely to awaken the American people — labor, businessmen, small farmers, housewives — to the urgent need of participating in the affairs of the nation through political action.

But the people need some organization to gather facts, compile records, and present them in a manner the people understand. They need an educational institution for political action. They need P. A. C. And that is why P. A. C. is here to stay

Klein Wires Warning From Europe About Anti-Russian Rumors

By HERBERT A. KLEIN
Federated Press

FROM PARIS HDQ. — I feel compelled to warn labor people and progressives everywhere in the U. S. against a flood of Russian atrocity stories which will unquestionably start flowing shortly in the reactionary press. It will come ostensibly from the Soviet-held German areas but will actually be inspired and whispered by German burghers and hidden Nazis, of whom there are still plenty around.

Propaganda Already Getting Started

Repeatedly, well-to-do German civilians, no longer afraid that the easy-going Yanks will harm them or deprive them of their profitable possessions, have begun taking the verbal

offensive with such questions and remarks as: "Do you feel proud, having the Bolsheviks as allies?" "How long do you expect it will be until you'll be fighting the Reds?" "Better not crush Germany — you'll need us to help you against the Russian hordes from the east."

That line made this war possible.

Will British Press Push War With Russia

Sickeningly, the day of the juncton, I heard a British newsman just arrived from London report that some British journalists, with Germany hanging on the ropes and ready to drop, were speculating on how soon a conflict will develop between the Anglo-Americans and the Russians.

Captured Writer

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Starts Quiz Program

Dunn then branched out and established a forum program attended by as many as a thousand of the prisoners. Deep in Naziland, the half-starved men discussed such issues as the post-war world and the GI bill of rights. A quiz program was arranged with the winner getting two cigarets, worth 200 francs or \$4 each at Bad Orb rates. The winner was Pvt. Kachedar Arezizian of Pawtucket, R. I., who evchanged both cigarets for one slice of saw-dusty black bread.

Dunn also set up an English reading corner in which the only 18 English books in the entire camp were carefully guarded and rationed out so that all the Yanks could get a chance at them.

They "Publish" Newspaper

Together with two other newspapermen, Ed Uzmak of the Chicago Times and Dennis Murray of the Chicago Tribune, Dunn got out a wall newspaper written in pencil and with hand-drawn maps. They got their nes from a radio smuggled into the camp by British prisoners piece by piece and successfully concealed from the Nazi guards.

Howard Byrne, Stars & Stripes reporter and a member of the Newspaper Guild of New York, devoted a big part of his report on the Bad Orb camp to praising Dunn, who he said had lost a good deal of weight and "looked like Lincoln." Other correspondents who inspected the camp agreed that it was one of the worst hell-holes the Nazis devised for Allied prisoners.

400 Prisoners Died

Four hundred of the Bad Orb inmates died before the camp was liberated. Among them were 36 Americans. Those who survived were virtually skin and bones, clad in rags, many of them too weak to walk. There were only two American doctors to care for them with hopelessly inadequate medical facilities. Sanitation facilities in the building which housed 160 prisoners consisted of one rusty water tap. The toilet was a hole in the floor. There were no soap and towels.

Dunn, a charter member of the Guild, worked on every important daily paper in northern Ohio and was responsible for organizing many of the papers there. He became an international representative of the ANG in 1938 and in the early part of 1939 became assistant editor of The Guild Reporter. He joined the FP staff in April 1942.

Labor Editor, a German Prisoner, Lauded in Congressional Record

WASHINGTON (FP)—The above story by Herbert Klein of how Pfc. John H. Dunn, Jr., news editor on leave of the Federated Pres, helped maintain morale among his fellow prisoners in a Nazi terror camps was told to Congress April 30 by Rep. Hugh DeLacy (D. Wash.).

DeLacy inserted his speech in the Congressional Record as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, under the privilege granted me, I include in The Record a news story from Federated Press Correspondent Herbert A. Klein who is with the 7th Army in Germany. This story is only one among hundreds which tells of the brutal and inhuman treatment of American prisoners of war by the most brutal of all systems, Natl. Socialism in Germany.

"Yet, this story tells something more. It relates how an American private, who has devoted most of his adult life to fighting tyranny and preserving democracy, became a hero among all this Nazi brutality. This soldier of democracy, Pfc. John H. Dunn, Jr., is credited with keeping the morale of his fellow prisoners from crumbling. Armed by the power of his own enlightened belief in democracy, he held off the full terror of Nazi brutality.

"I call attention to this story because John Dunn was the chief editor of Federated Press, the only daily labor paper service in this country, and as such was one of the leaders in labor journalism in the U.S. before he entered the army. Before that he was a labor organizer.

"Because of his devotion to labor and his positions of leadership in the labor movements, Pvt. Dunn fell within that great body of patriotic and intelligent Americans termed 'subversive' by the former Dies committee and others of small minds who are quick to place that brand upon those who advocate progress for the American working man and woman.

"Had his opinions been used as the guide, rather than his loyalty—had the War Dept. adopted the 'tests' of the Dies committee instead of its own common sense standards, John Dunn might never have had the opportunity of doing the tremendous service he did his fellow prisoners of war.

"For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, and because of the great service Pvt. Dunn has rendered his fellow American prisoners, I include the following FP news story in the Record:"

He then read the above story about Dunn, written by Klein.

HEALTH

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Macy Workers Win Contract In New York

NEW YORK (FP) — CIO department store employees of R. H. Macy & Co., who determined not to let management's anti-labor policies provoke them into striking but took their case to the customers instead, won out with substantial improvements in wages, working conditions and union security as well as 1,500 new members.

Members of Local 1-S, United Retail Wholesale & Dept. Store Employees, had used their lunch hours and days off to make every customer entering the word's largest department store familiar with its sweatshop wage policies.

That brought management together with the union and the New York State Mediation Board fast and resulted in an agreement ending months of balking and delay.

The agreement increases union membership from 3,500 to 5,000 by extending the union shop provision to every selling and non-selling department except office workers and provides portal-to-portal pay for 500 restaurant workers who must spend a half-hour daily preparing to go on the job.

Other provisions include a straight 8-hour day with overtime pay for work after eight hours in any one day, where formerly it was on a weekly basis, and a severance pay clause.

Truman Backs OPA Control of Prices

WASHINGTON (FP) — A documented plea to hold present price ceilings on meat at retail, to coordinate the entire food program under one agency and to break up the black market was contained in the report of the special House committee to investigate food shortages May 2.

Chairman Clinton P. Anderson (D. N. M.) submitted the report a day after Pres. Harry S. Truman had given his strong support to the OPA and its chief, Administrator Chester Bowles.

Truman's statement said he recognized that no other government agency "comes into such intimate contact with every citizen during war-time," and declared that "naturally, things must be done which displease many people. No businessman, no farmer, no merchant likes to be told how much he can charge for his wares. No housewife likes to be told that she may have only a limited supply of meat, or sugar, or canned goods with which to feed her family."

After pointing out the need to supplant the destroyed economic resources of our allies and to help the liberated peoples, Truman said that although OPA "has made a few mistakes, I think that our price control and stabilization program has been one of the most remarkable achievements of this war."

Photo Flashes of the News

Belgian Landscape, 1945



WHILE AMERICAN RED CROSS TRUCKS rumble to the front, these two Belgian refugees walk slowly back to Bastogne. (United Nations Photo)

They Fought For This



—Federated Pictures

Two wounded veterans, both casualties of Iwo Jima, look hopefully at the meeting place of the San Francisco Conference. With their comrades on every front of this war, they look to the conference to achieve what they have sacrificed so much for—a world security organization which will enforce justice and found a prosperous, lasting peace.

Union Gals Learn How



—Federated Pictures

The CIO Canteen in Chicago has sponsored a new idea—the Canteen College. There, the girls who work in the city's war plants and offices can take a course that qualifies them to be hostesses at the canteen. Evelyn Gender of the United Federal Workers, pins a graduate hostess button on Ruby Roos, of United Farm Equipment & Metal Workers while Helen Thomas of United Auto Workers looks on.

Over 4,000 CIO Bowlers Entered Detroit Tourney

DETROIT (FP) — The third annual bowling tournament of the United Auto Workers (CIO) in Detroit attracted 4,709 en-

tries from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois unions of CIO auto workers, rubber workers, steelworkers, retail and wholesale workers, utility workers, and state, county and municipal workers.

UAW Recreation Director Melvin West announced \$25 war bond prizes to Robert Ewart (UAW Local 250, De-

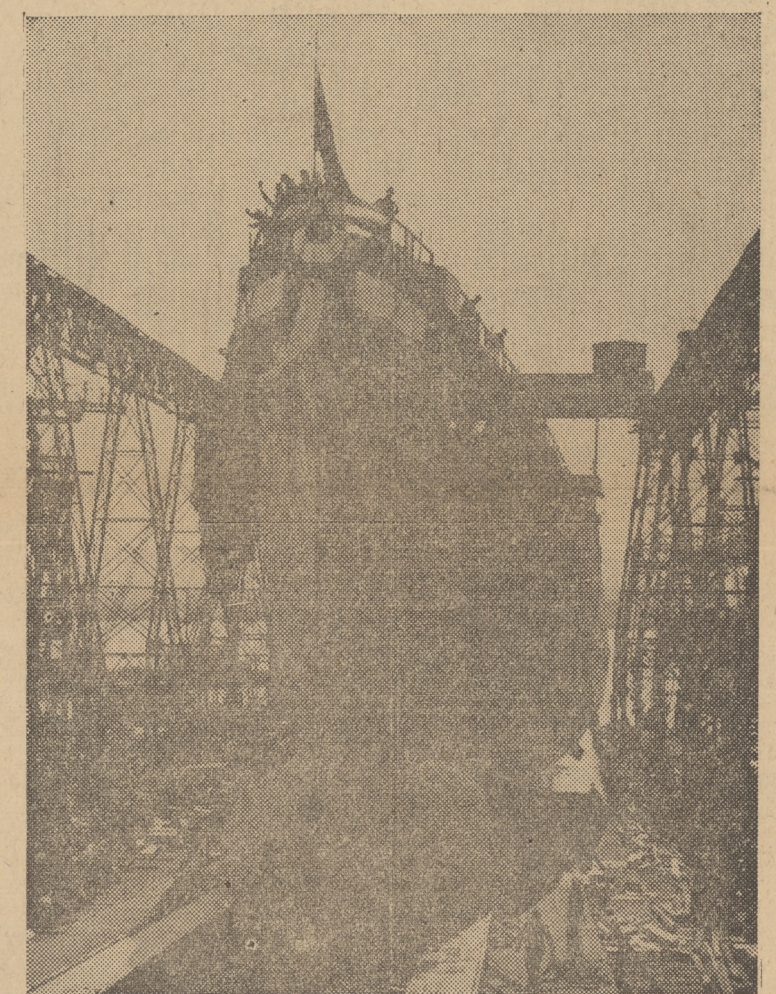
Macy Workers Win Fight



—Federated Pictures

Pledging that they would not strike, workers at the R. H. Macy & Co. in New York, world's largest department store, took their fight for higher wages and improved working conditions directly to customers for support—and won! They are members of Local 1-S, United Retail, Wholesale & Dept. Store employees (CIO). Above, a union official and a few of the Macy girls pose with the leaflets they distributed to the public.

New Union Cruiser Launched



—Federated Pictures

The work of union men and women, members of the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers (CIO), the light cruiser USS Galveston slides down ways of the Cramp Shipbuilding Co. yards in Philadelphia on its official launching. The cruiser is one of the newest additions to the U.S. Navy.

But the Guns Remain



(United Nations Photo)

WHEN THE FRENCH AND AMERICANS liberated Strasbourg, the Germans left in such haste that they abandoned tons of material. Here these two French children—too young to have ever known anything but invasion and occupation—play with a Nazi light machine gun in a Strasbourg square.

Factory Workers

LANSING (FP) — Women were 28.9 per cent of all persons employed in making durable goods in Michigan in December 1944, the state department of labor and industry reports. In October 1942 they were 8.5 per cent.

troit) for individual high game of 270 in Class A and to Larry Nowakowski (UAW Local 735, Detroit) for 260 in Class B. Leo Galfano and Joseph Morin, both of UAW Local 600, Dearborn, won \$50 prizes for 276 points over average in Class A and 269 in Class B respectively — all events.