



In the Trade Unions

By B. J. WIDICK

Conspicuous by their absence from the C.I.O.'s proposals to the A.F. of L. were two important considerations.

In the first place, the C.I.O. proposals threatened to create a new "forgotten man" in the labor movement.

However, Dubinsky and the I.L.G.W.U. cannot be counted out as easily as Lewis would like.

Lewis did not leave that out because he is going to give up industrial unionism.

The C.I.O. wants equality with the A.F. of L. in the new union movement.

Of course, the A.F. of L. leaders also want to control the united labor movement.

Keeps Faith with Stalinists

It is tragic that the C.I.O. was not able to sweep forward to greater victories after the auto strikes and the signing of the steel contracts.

Lewis proposes the inclusion of certain C.I.O. craft unions in the new set-up.

Only Labor Can Achieve Its Own Unity

Perhaps the most popular and most dangerous part of the C.I.O. proposals was that President Roosevelt be chairman of the unification convention.

Lasting labor unity with benefit to the workers can come only through the unions ironing out their own differences.

AFL Balks at CIO Unity Proposals

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was much milder than the statements he actually made.

If the present unity conference fails, it is very probable that the President will take drastic steps in the direction of restrictive labor legislation.

Green's Plan

That the A.F. of L. top bureaucracy fears unity proposals of any kind except on their own dictatorial terms was clearly shown by assertions of William Green at a Washington D.C. banquet last Saturday.

The A.F. of L. plan for unification of labor is the return of the original A.F. of L. unions now in the C.I.O.

Went Liquidate AFL

We find men who propose that this organization be wiped out overnight—liquidated, destroyed.

It remains to be seen whether the President's open threat to take drastic action against unionism will succeed in composing the jealousies and the thirst for power among the labor bureaucrats.

By GRACE SAUNDERS

NEW YORK—New York State's vitally important housing program is in imminent danger of being shelved.

The proposal to do precisely nothing about housing, despite the crying need, is not new.

This effort on the part of the realtors and the moneyed interests who grow fat at the expense of human misery must be stopped.

Use of the entire fund for low-cost housing, and for nothing but low-cost housing.

Realtors Urge Senate to Act Against Crying Need of Workers

SWP AIDS GUILD PICKET HEARST

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

CHICAGO—Over 100 workers marched in the ranks of the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Peoples Socialist League on Saturday, March 11 in a protest demonstration before the Hearst Building.

After marching for more than an hour in a drenching rain, the demonstrators paraded down the streets shouting slogans in favor of the strike and denouncing the Hearst thugs and the injunction.

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