

LEAD

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Today begins what looks like one of the bitterest fights in the history of union labor in America. The Convention of the C.I.O. in Cleveland, continuing the business of ousting the Communists, has expelled the United Electrical Workers Union. That's one of the biggest, four hundred and thirty thousand members - long notorious for its Left Wing leadership.

Yesterday the C.I.O. Convention tossed twelve Leftist unions off its Executive Board, and now carries on by throwing the most important of the twelve right out of the C.I.O.

But that was only a ~~beginning~~^{er} beginning in the proceedings against the United Electrical Workers Union today, - the C.I.O. immediately establishing a rival organization to take over the membership of the ousted union. The Convention chartered what is called - the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers. So the prospect is one of bitter battle - as the new union seeks to take over the membership of the old. The Left Wing organization will fight it out to the bitter end, -

(and what are the prospects?)

This afternoon there were immediate reverberations

inside the Leftist outfit. In Pittsburgh, Right Wing leaders of thirteen thousand workers of the Westinghouse local announced plans to stay inside the C.I.O. The same news from ^{the} ~~a~~ local in St. Louis and in the Ohio-Pennsylvania region - indications of a nationwide ~~xxx~~ swing to the new union established by the C.I.O. today.

It has been rather remarkable all along that so live and competent a ~~a~~ group as the Electrical Workers should have submitted to a leadership so vigorously denounced as Communist. The purge of the Reds in the C.I.O. had been accompanied by reports that Left Wing unions ^{would} ~~form~~ a federation of their own, openly Communist. But that, apparently, is too much for a lot of ^{the} ~~a~~ electrical workers.

Later news is that the C.I.O. has ousted the Left Wing Farm Equipment Union - which adds another battle ~~xxxx~~ to the conflict brewing in the world of labor.

STEEL

This afternoon C.I.O. President Philip Murray declared that the steel workers Union has offered to the strikebound Companies what he called "tentative agreements." The Bethlehem Steel Company has signed up with the Union, ending that angle of the strike. But the great majority of the steel workers are still out, so now the other Companies are offered temporary arrangements for them to return to their jobs, while details of welfare programs are worked out.

STRIKE

In the coal strike, John L. Lewis made a sudden move today - agreeing to negotiate a separate wage contract with coal operators in Indiana. The industry in that state is hard hit by the strike, and today Governor Shricker of Indiana issued an appeal for a settlement, an appeal echoed by Governor Stevenson of Illinois.

The reply of the Union is - okay; John L. Lewis notifying the Indiana Governor that the United Mine Workers are willing to make an independent settlement with the Indiana coal operators. But later news is that the Companies have refused to go into separate negotiations.

Admiral Sherman took the oath of office today, sworn in as Chief of Naval Operations. Beside him stood his predecessor, Admiral Denfeld - who was ousted in the bitter row over unification.

~~Taxi~~

But all was peace and harmony today - no sign of the anger and rancor surrounding the removal of Admiral Denfeld.

The oath was administered by Secretary of the Navy Matthews, who states that he has offered Admiral Denfeld the post of commander of ^{our} ~~United States~~ Naval Forces in European Waters. This would enable the Admiral, in the ^{words} ~~words~~ of the Secretary - "to round out his naval career as a statesman as well as a distinguished naval officer." But Admiral Denfeld still wants time to decide whether he will take the appointment or resign from the Navy.

RETAKE

CRASH

Yesterday's mournful air disaster in Washington brings immediate demands by Congress. There's talk of an inquiry, but mostly the call is for new regulations at the Washington airport - which is described as badly over-crowded. Congressman Hinshaw of California, a member of a committee on aviation, says that military planes and private aircraft should be kept out of the Washington airport. And, indeed, from all other great flying fields which accommodate large numbers of passenger planes. ~~This is echoed on all sides yesterday's tragedy following from the arrangement that permits military and private planes to wheel in with airlines flying regular commercial schedules.~~

The Bolivian pilot who drove his P-38 into the crowded airliner ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ about to land, was still unable to give an explanation today. In a hospital with spinal and head injuries, he has improved, but has been able to mutter only fragmentary statements about the accident. He still does not know what he did. He has been asking if his crash injured anybody but himself - but they have not told him.

ADD CRASH

Later news from Washington states that the Civil Aeronautics Board is appointing a commission of ^{aviation} ~~aviation~~ experts to study the disastrous crash and officially fix the blame. This board of inquiry will consist of - big names, top figures in the world of aviation.

INDONESIA

A new nation was born today - ~~a kind of~~
~~international Blessed Event that the news has had occasion~~
~~to report more than once during these post-war years. This~~
~~time~~ - Indonesia. At The Hague, the capital of Holland, they
signed a formal proclamation establishing a sovereign state
out there in the ^{tropic} islands of the ^{Fabulous} East Indies. We've been
hearing about the Republic of Indonesia for some time, but
until now it has been a revolutionary affair, not recognized,
a regime of insurrection. But now the government of the
Netherlands has followed the example of Great Britain, in the
case of India, and establishes what is called - "a Republic
of the United States of Indonesia."

Which makes the seventh birth of a nation in the past
few years - the other six new sovereign states being the
Philippines, India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon and Israel.
Except in the case of Israel, each represents a break-down of
the great colonial systems established during recent centuries.
The Dutch Empire in the East goes back to the days

when the navigators of Holland took over the conquests of the Portuguese in the region of the spice islands, and for several hundred years those East ~~India~~ Indies were a fabulous possession with scores of millions of people ruled by the little nation in Europe. But the days of the colonial system have passed. The British Empire in the East has broken up - though both India and Pakistan are staying within the British Commonwealth, on a voluntary basis. Today's establishment of Indonesia follows that same pattern - the new Republic remains affiliated with the Netherlands, through the crown ^{of} Queen Juliana, the sovereign of both. The Dutch are to take out all their military forces, but their rich investments are safeguarded. ~~The arrangement took long months of difficult negotiations at The Hague, but now are successful.~~

The seventh new nation established since the Second World War includes ~~Borneo, Celebes,~~ ^{Borneo, Celebes,} ~~Lesser~~ ^{Lesser} Java, Sumatra, and myriads of ~~the~~ islands of the archipelago. - ~~all with a~~ ^{The} total population of ~~the~~ ^{the} Dutch East Indies is around seventy-two million.

GIRLS

Here's news about - wallflowers. It comes from Anne Heywood, described as an adviser to girls who seek careers in such professions as modeling and television. She says she has a hundred and eighty-three on her list - and everyone used to be a wallflower. What a fresh high school boy would call - a creep. ~~A wallflower, she explains, really has all the advantages because, instead of primping and preening in the social limelight, she has time to learn things and develop her mind and personality.~~

An investigation of all this was conducted by United Press Reporter Claire Cox, who began with the case of Nancy Andrews. Nancy used to be, what the news dispatch calls - "a dateless wonder." When she went to high school in Beverly Hills, California, she was voted the girl least likely to be taken to the dance on Saturday night. Today, she is a star in a Broadway musical, and can have a date every night if she wants one - or two, or three.

"Wallflowers," explains Nancy Andrews, "have a better

chance of getting along in the world - because they go to work on themselves. I got myself thin. I became a clown to attract attention. My comic antics," she explains, "helped a lot - ~~in~~ because I am now a professional comedian. I want people to laugh at me now."

The case of Jean Eyres was entirely different.

She was really in trouble. Jean was a wallflower - because she was so beautiful. But she was bashful and shy. When people told her she was pretty, she didn't believe it. The compliments merely made her self-conscious, and she wouldn't talk to anyone. Pretty soon nobody would talk to her either, and to the boys she was - a champion creep. ~~She was a flower all right, but she was nearly buried in the wall.~~ But Jean got over her difficulties by learning how to take a compliment without becoming all flustered, dumb and speechless. She had to work hard at that. Today she is a New York model, engaged to be married - and she doesn't care how many people tell her she's beautiful.

INTRODUCTION TO L.T. JR.

These last couple of days I've been answering letters. Many of them have nice things to say, for which I'm grateful. Of course, you don't repeat favorable opinions, but there's one I'd like to mention - because it describes so aptly what we were trying to do in Tibet. Leo Jager of Seattle sends a postal card saying: "It was radio's first truly recorded adventure."

Well, we did try to record, as well as we could, our trip to the far off city of Lhasa. We tried to make it a day-by-day diary, a spoken diary for radio - together with on-the-spot recorded sounds. The sounds of far off Tibet.

But let me turn this over for a moment to Lowell, Junior, who handled most of the recording of the songs and other sounds on the roof of the world. For example, he did the job at the great Serra Monastery, and can tell us about that. Help me out on that, will you pardner?

L.T.JR.

That particular recording was done in the main prayer room, a huge hall, with delicate carvings and frescos - and its high roof on tall decorated wooden pillars. All around us were images of Buddhas, before which yak butter lamps were constantly burning. This was the place where the lamas of this huge monastery gathered at noon for their lunch. There before us were more than five thousand monks at their midday meal of barley and buttered tea.

Seated close together in long rows, in their red robes, feet tucked under, they held out their wooden bowls to be filled from earthen jugs that were brought in from the kitchen - brought in on the dead run by young monks. The meal was followed by a religious song, in which the entire gathering took part. Five thousand red robed monks, heads shaven to the skin, ~~swung~~ swaying and singing.

(20 SECONDS OF SOUND)

How was that recorded? With the portable tape-recorder slung over my shoulder, I held the microphone out in front as I walked along the rows of singing lamas. I was a bit nervous about how they would take the strange goings-on, which must have seemed to them like some sort of lunacy. But they took it all with patient good nature, realizing, no doubt, that we were there by order of the Dalai Lama. Anyway, they were serene with the wisdom and peace of Buddha, and it didn't bother them in the least.

(20 SECONDS OF SOUND)

FOLLOW RECORDING

I'll never forget that scene. It was out of this world. You in your Western clothes from Pawling, New York, moving in and out among the singing lamas, holding that mike up to them! They not knowing what it was! Fantastic! I should say! East and West meeting before a microphone in a Tibetan monastery, for the first time.

And now Nelson — anyone before your microphone you want us to meet? Do you know any singing lamas?