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MACHINISTS' ORGAN EXPRESSES VIEWS O.B.U. BULLETIN

Says There is Nothing New Under the Sun; Not Even the One Big Union

The idea of "One Big Union," which crops up every now and then, is again being made the subject of discussion in many parts of the country, and more particularly in Western Canada, and efforts are being made to obtain converts to this plan of organization which, in the minds of those who champion such a venture, will prove a panacea for all the ills and ailments with which organized labor is afflicted.

It is said: "There is nothing new under the sun"; neither is the idea of "One Big Union" new. As a matter of fact many of the older members of the Trade Union movement shudder at the thought of again going through experiences incident to the trials and tribulations of the ill-fated Knights of Labor, which while it served a useful purpose for a time, was destined to fail, owing to its very makeup. Others have a vivid recollection of the A.R.U., and the disaster which overtook it. Both of these organizations were founded on good intentions, and the sincerity of the leaders of either is not questioned. They were brave and courageous men who fought the battles in which their organizations engaged in an attempt to better the conditions of the workers, which while bad enough now—generally speaking—were infinitely worse in the days of the K. of L. and the A.R.U. Who can speak of "Terry" Powderly, or "Gene" Debs except in words of respect and admiration?

It is not, therefore, in a spirit of prejudice or selfishness that we approach the question, and oppose the idea of "One Big Union"; rather do we welcome a discussion of it. We do believe, however, that those who are attempting to gain recruits to this plan of organization should be fair, and honest in the matter, and not seek to accomplish their aims by making statements that are not only misleading but untrue.

Recently we have come into possession of Bulletin No. 1 entitled "One Big Union," issued by the "Central Executive Committee," of Vancouver, B.C. There is nothing to indicate who composes this committee; who it represents, or whether or not it is a responsible body. No names are signed, and the reader is left in the dark as to the authors of the pamphlet. It is addressed to the workers of North America, and the opening statement says "a new scheme of organization has emerged." We say it is not a new scheme. It is an old scheme, although perhaps wearing a new dress.

While the circular is addressed to all workers, we will discuss it from a personal point of view; that is to say, from the point of view of the International Association of Machinists. We are told our Association is old-fashioned and obsolete; that it has outlived its usefulness; that it is a narrow, petty craft Union, and cannot satisfactorily arrange wages, hours of labor, and general working conditions; that we are retarded from rendering assistance to our fellow workers. Our members—numbering over 300,000—know these statements to be untrue; they know that through our form of organization we have reduced the hours to eight and a half universally in our trade; we have increased wages; we have improved working conditions immeasurably, and have rendered assistance to our fellow workers, as hundreds of thousands will gladly testify. Through our affiliation with the Metal Trades Department—a real big union, by the way—we have secured the forty-four hour week in the Shipbuilding Industry on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, some 250,000 men being affected. Through the Railway Employees Department—another big union—we have secured an eight-hour day on every railway in the country, and committees of this Department are now engaged in negotiating a national agreement with the railroads.

The statement that our organization is not international, nor even national in character, is equally untrue, and is so ridiculous that it is a waste of time to discuss it.

Further statements are made that "whenever members of different trade unions in any industry decide to take united action in presenting new demands or calling a strike, invariably the International officers object"; that the policy of the men involved is reversed, and they are ordered back to work. This statement is not only erroneous, but absolutely false. As a matter of fact, our members—the rank and file—make the laws which govern our Association. They elect their own officers to administer these laws, and have the power to recall, if their officers prove unworthy of the trust reposed in them. Our laws provide how strikes may be called, and our officers have taken a solemn obligation to see that this law, and all of our laws, are observed.

Statements concerning the policy of the American Federation of Labor are equally untrue, and the whole argument in favor of "One Big Union" is based on a false presentation of the true facts regarding matters discussed.

We, therefore, say to those who are fostering the "new" idea that they are doing the Trade Union movement a tremendous injustice in attempting to tear down a structure that has taken years of painstaking, patient effort to build up. The American labor movement represented by the American Federation of Labor is a temple erected through the sacrifice and suffering of the toilers on the North American continent. It stands for freedom and justice, and is the one haven of refuge for the oppressed and weary workers who, having failed as individuals to obtain relief, find it through collective efforts under the banner of the A.F. of L. Those who have something worth while to offer in the way of something new—something that will add strength and dignity and greater efficiency to the Labor Movement—will always find encouragement within labor ranks, but those who speak with contempt of our splendid craft unions, and refer to them as "narrow and petty," belittling what has been accomplished, are wreckers, not builders, and will never succeed in their endeavor by using such tactics.

We say, therefore, that if those who believe in "One Big Union" will tell us their plans; what program they advocate; how they hope to accomplish the same in an orderly and constructive manner, we shall be glad to open the columns of the Journal for that purpose. We claim to be progressive and will welcome new ideas that spell improvement. Let us strive, therefore, to build rather than destroy.

HYPOCRISY BARED IN 'FOREIGNER' CRY

If Aliens Are Not Hired Then They Will Not Bring Strikes

Great emphasis is laid upon the fact that a laborer or group of laborers, skilled or unskilled, when on strike are foreigners when such individual or individuals are native of other than the country in which they are working. Having acquired naturalization previously does not deter them from being called foreigners and aliens. So long as such foreigners are working away and raising no protest against the wages paid and working conditions, never a word is said about them. Whenever big moneyed and industrial interests of this country take exception to "foreign element" precipitating a strike, all necessary to prevent that condition would have been to have hired at the onset English speaking labor. Regardless of what the job may be, if the price is paid the labor will be found. If the "alien" should be kicked, jailed and generally abused for protesting against the conditions under which he was forced to work, what should be done to the man who hires him and places his employment under such conditions?

This whole cry about "alien" agitators is premeditated malice cooked up to engender popular prejudice against the efforts of labor to push along the necessary economic changes in the country. The "alien" cry was used to the limit at Winnipeg when actual facts proven time after time showed that the percentage of people of foreign birth was very small. One of the "aliens" arrested and jailed and denied bail served in France, was wounded there. His loyalty, his citizenship is impeached by individuals largely who stayed at home and profited, and judgment will be passed upon his alleged sedition by those whose contribution to win the war was nil.

Included in the ranks of the Winnipeg strikers, in the ranks of strikers all over the country for that matter, have been, and are, men who have proved their citizenship, their loyalty to British institutions that defies all impeachment. When a body of men like the committee of 1,000 Winnipeggers composed to the tune of 99 per cent of safety-frists, slackers, evaders, profiteers step out and cry sedition they should be jailed for slander.

Register at the Civic Block.

Are you on the Voters' List? COMPULSION ALWAYS WORKS ONE WAY, AND AGAINST LABOR

The executive board of the State Federation of Labor asks the trade unions in this state that have supported the Waco central labor council's position for compulsory arbitration as applied to public service corporations to rescind their action.

The Waco trade unionists are petitioning the governor to call a special session of the legislature to pass a compulsory arbitration act. This is opposed by state federation officials, who call attention to the opposition of the American Federation of Labor and to the fact that "any attempt to inaugurate compulsory arbitration has always resulted in a one-sided affair—compulsory as to the wage worker only."

In saying this we do not desire to be placed in the position of censuring the Waco Central Labor Council, but we do express the hope that no further approval will be given to this resolution and that if any labor organization has inadvertently petitioned the governor to favorably consider said resolution they will hasten to recall said petition.

Are you on the Voters' List? PREFERENTIAL SCHEME THING OF THE PAST

The preferential union system in the cloak and suit industry in New York City has practically disappeared before 100 per cent unionism, says President Schlesinger of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

The preferential union system was established several years ago and was widely proclaimed by those elements who would compromise their opposition to the union shop. The system provides that trade unionists shall be given the preference in employment. "It has been in vogue," says President Schlesinger, "in this city for a number of years, but partly through our recent trade union agreement and partly through the general growth of strong union sentiment it has been practically done away with."

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JAILED FOR PICKETING, AND PICKETING AGAIN TO BE JAILED AGAIN

An injunction judge sentenced eight striking iron molders of Detroit to jail for five days each because they violated an anti-picketing order. When the men were discharged, after serving their sentences, they headed for the picket line.

UNITY WITH FARMERS.

Galveston, Texas.—Officers of the Farmers' league have arranged with the State Federation of Labor to deliver addresses before Texas central labor bodies advocating closer co-operation between farmers and trade unionists.

The workers say that the spirit of organization and co-operation between producers is the strongest at the present time in the history of this state.

Are you on the Voters' List? OIL WORKERS UNITING.

Oil Workers of West Virginia are conducting a vigorous trade union organization campaign.

MACHINISTS RAISE WAGES.

Machinists of Peoria, Ill., employed in contract shops won a strike that lasted but a few hours. Wages were raised from 80 to 92½ cents an hour.

CLERKS JOIN UNION.

Retail clerks and railway clerks of Grafton, W. Va., have organized and affiliated with their respective international.

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MAYOR ASKS FOR CO-OPERATION IN RIGHTING WRONGS

In a signed statement Mayor Charles F. Gray, of Winnipeg, pleads for labor, employers, returned soldiers and civic governments to co-operate "in making an earnest and determined effort to right any wrongs" which gave rise to the general sympathetic strike just ended. "We must face the serious facts with some intelligent solution of the alien labor, high cost of living, and excess profiteering and revolutionary propaganda problems," concludes the statement.

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