

SOME QUESTIONS FOR PRESIDENT LEWIS TO ANSWER

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Please tell the membership, on the basis of these figures, how much it costs per member TO LOSE 129,393 members.
(3) When you agreed with the coal operators in Jacksonville, while the contract was being negotiated, that there were 200,000 too many miners in the industry, DID YOU REALIZE THAT MOST OF THE MINERS WHO WERE TO BE STARVED OUT OF THE MINING CAMPS WOULD BE MEMBERS OF THE UMWA?
(4) Why is it that the great majority of your organizers have been IN THE UNION FIELDS FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS when the union faces the expiration of the contract and every miner's child knows that the life of the union depends on organizing the non-union fields?
(5) The secretary's report shows that District 31, West Virginia, has a total of 377 members. This district is represented in the convention by 166 delegates.
Each ONE of these 166 delegates therefore represents approximately TWO AND ONE-THIRD MINERS.
Don't you think it would be better to spend on organization work the \$20,000—or more—that it cost the union to bring these men here than to spend it trying to FOOL THE MEMBERSHIP into believing that you have any more than 377 members in District 31?
(6) The secretary's report shows that District 17 has an average of 58 MEMBERS represented by 18 DELEGATES. This is at the rate of ONE DELEGATE TO EVERY THREE MEMBERS.
The secretary's report shows that District 19, Tenn., has approximately 500 MEMBERS. It is represented in the convention by 48 DELEGATES—ABOUT ONE DELEGATE TO EVERY TEN MEMBERS.
Will you please tell the membership, President Lewis, why your organizers are so successful in ORGANIZING DELEGATES BUT STILL ARE UNABLE TO ORGANIZE NON-UNION MINES AND MINERS?
(7) Why did you expel Alex Howat while he was in jail for fighting for the right to strike against the Kansas Industrial Court law?
Why have you denied him his rights as a member of the union for more than five years without ever preferring charges against him or giving him a trial in accord with the constitution of the UMWA?
Did the Kansas coal operators ever express their appreciation of your expulsion of Alex Howat, August Dorcy and other good union men?

What are you doing to help August Dorcy fight his case now that he has been sentenced to jail for upholding one of the fundamental principles of the labor movement—the right to strike?
Why did you instruct your handpicked officials of District 14 to keep Alex Howat's name off the ballot for District president in the recent election AFTER HE HAD BEEN NOMINATED BY 87 PER CENT. OF THE MEMBERSHIP WHILE WORKING AT THE FACE?
(7) Why have you not mentioned the Farrington case in the convention?
Is it because you are afraid to raise the whole question of corruption in the union?
(8) Why do you pursue the policy of signing agreements with some mines of certain companies while other mines are running non-union, as you did in the Consolidation Mine contract in Somerset county, Pa.?
(9) What is your plan for organizing the non-union fields?
Have you got one?
(10) Why are you against nationalization of the mines?
Is it because the operators are against it?
(11) Why are you against a labor party?
Is it because you support President Coolidge—the tool of Wall Street?
(12) Why did you sign an agreement in the anthracite that does not provide for the check-off?
Why did you agree to the "arbitration" clause in the anthracite agreement?
What are you doing, if anything, to combat the company unionism big operators like the Hudson Coal Company are installing in the anthracite?
(13) Did you or did you not, aid in covering up the theft of \$90,000 in District 17?
Why?
(14) How much of the miners' money did you spend to have Powers Hapgood beaten up?
(15) President Lewis, you forced over on the membership a 50 per cent raise in salary—\$4,000 per year—for yourself. Will you recommend and fight for a fifty per cent raise in wages for the miners when the agreement expires?
(16) If \$12,000 and all expenses is not considered to be more than you think your services are worth, do you think that an additional \$3.75 per day is too much for miners who are risking their lives underground, while you stay at the best hotels?

JUDGE COMMENDS OFFICIALS WHO BEAT UP HAPGOOD

Reactionary Appalled at Progressive Ideas

By JACK KENNEDY.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 30.—Progressives may be slugged at will by Emperor Lewis' plug-uglies. Open authorization has been given them by Judge William Faust of the local bench.
He told three high administrative officials, who beat up Powers Hapgood here in a hotel room Sunday before last, that they were justified. He dismissed all charges, including one against Joe Angelo for gun-toting, on the ground that murderous assaults on progressives are "internal union fights."
Patton and Turnbull, Hapgood's other assailants, denounced him to the court as a radical and a friend of the Soviet Union. Hapgood in a 30 minute speech, told the court that in his world-wide tour of the mining industry, he had found that in Russia alone do the coal diggers enjoy the six hour day, safety regulations and decent working conditions. The court, jammed with interested spectators, listened with rapt attention to the young miner's comparison of America's ruthless slaughter of miners underground, of widespread unemployment, low wages and wretched working conditions with standards in the Soviet Union.
Judge Faust saw in Hapgood's speech only justification for the pay-rollers' charge that he was "preaching Communism," and turning to them, commended them warmly for their "resentment." Even Angelo, with a gun in his pocket when he attacked Hapgood, was freed although in many states assault under such circumstances results in penitentiary sentences.

Lewis Jams Thru His Policy of Expulsion

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Bittner's plea for the salary grab when Emperor Lewis quelled the demonstration against him by introducing Green, former secretary of the miners' union.
BEGS OPERATORS TO BE FAIR.
Green denounced the violation of the Jacksonville agreement by the operators in West Virginia and Pennsylvania as the most glaring piece of perfidy and dishonor since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. "We maintain our dignified position and honor our obligations," he added, and called upon the operators to do likewise. He restated the A. F. of L. position that workers' wages are dependent, not on their degree of organization, but on their willingness toward self-exploitation through more intensive productivity and efficiency. He cautiously advocated a shorter work week when public opinion accepts it but failed to commit himself on the five-day week and six-hour day in the coal industry.
"BE CONTENT."
Advising the anthracite miners to be satisfied with their wretched five-year agreement, Green passed on to a condemnation of Communism. "We will drive the Communists out of the needle trades in New York," he shouted, "just as the United Mine Workers will deal with them here. Hitherto they have carried the battle to us but I intend to reverse the order and carry the battle to them until they are wiped out of the labor movement. Administration delegates were worked to a frenzy by Green's melodramatic appeal for the extermination of the left wing. A howling turbulent mass rose to acclaim him. Adjourning followed with payrollers clustering on the platform to shake the big boy's hand.
Grab Succeeds.
After this, the fight went on. When the vote came, the opposition roared as loud as that of the administration, but in a demand for a roll call, the tellers counted only 262 votes, less than the required number. The salary grab became an accomplished fact.

Blame Late Secretary Of State Knox for Nicaragua Intervention

WASHINGTON (FP).—Scandal touched the name of the late Secretary of State Knox and Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher, formerly stationed at Mexico City but accredited to Rome, when testimony as to the secret of American armed intervention in Nicaragua in 1909 was given before the Senate foreign relations subcommittee on Jan. 26, by Thos. P. Moffatt.
Moffatt was American consul to Nicaragua when Knox was overthrowing liberal presidents and setting up Adolfo Diaz as dictator. In the official record of the calling of American warships to the coast of Nicaragua to overawe the liberal majority, his name frequently appeared.
Moffatt, promoted to the Nicaraguan-American Mixed Claims Commission, was ousted by Franklin M. Gunther, a political henchman of Knox, secretary of legation at Managua and recently chief of the division of Mexican affairs in the state department.

Labor's Inactivity Ally of Employer Vengeance on Sacco and Vanzetti

By J. LOUIS ENGDHAL.

THE Massachusetts supreme court has taken the appeal of Nicola Sacco and Bertolomeo Vanzetti for a new trial under advisement. It promises to bring in a decision within a month.
Attorney William G. Thompson told Judge Webster Thayer, at Dedham, Mass., that the case is so simple it ought to be possible to reach a decision in five minutes. Thayer took several months to deny the new trial demanded. Now the state supreme court says it needs a month. For what? Perhaps to hand down another false, vicious document excusing the putting to death of these two militant workers.
These facts are sufficient in themselves to reveal the real nature of the frame-up against Sacco and Vanzetti that has the approval of the Coolidge regime in Washington in that the capitalist government refuses, thru its attorney-general, John Garibaldi Sargent, to reveal the contents of files of the department of justice containing all the facts damning this case as one of the worst frame-ups in the whole history of the employers' war against the working class.
I have never seen Judge Otto A. Rosalsky, who has just sentenced nearly a score of garment strikers to jail and prison. But I imagine he is the same type of employer's judicial lackey as Judge Thayer up at Dedham, Massachusetts. Rosalsky does the dirty work of clothing bosses, while Thayer is the lick-spittle of the shoe and textile baron, both just as servile and slimy. There is no doubt that there are Rosalskys on the Massachusetts supreme court bench. They wouldn't be there if they were not the obedient creatures of the master class.
It is claimed that this affair of humanity, clothed with the authority of the capitalist law, has a so-called "code of honor." Attorney Thompson, in reviewing the nature of the frame-up, advised the Massachusetts high court that:
"The canon of the American Bar Association is plain on this point. It reads, 'The primary duty of a lawyer engaged in public prosecution is not to convict, but to see that justice is done. Suppressing facts or secreting evidence which might be of assistance to the accused is highly reprehensible.'"

But that is evidently intended merely for consumption by the gullible. It doesn't apply to workers, whether they appear before Thayer, in Massachusetts, the unspcakable Rosalsky, in New York, or the infamous "Dennie Sullivan, in Chicago. For workers there is only one question on the lips of the capitalist courts and that is, "How can they be railroaded the quickest and easiest to jail, to prison or the death chair?"
Assistant District Attorney Dudley P. Ranney, who seeks the lives of Sacco and Vanzetti, declares that use of underhand methods by the police are necessary and justifiable "as one way of disposing of radicals who they could not deport."
There speaks the capitalist "justice" that is seeking to murder our two comrades.
When the working class begins to realize this condition under the capitalist system, then there will be hope for Sacco and Vanzetti, thru the aroused mass protest of labor, and for the prisoners of the class war here in New York and in other sections of the country. If it is not aroused in time Sacco and Vanzetti will die, the victims alike of working class inactivity as well as of ruling class determination to rid itself, even by judicial murder, of its most courageous foes.

CONVENTION SIDELIGHTS

No free speech in the Miners' Journal. This is the ukase of the Lewish crowd. A mild resolution asking journal space for discussion of political and economic ideas held by the minority and condemning the paper's practice of chucking critical letters into the waste basket was defeated. John W. Hindmarsh denounced the use of the journal as an exclusively Lewis organ, containing long eulogies in the recent campaign while Brophy was unable to get the simplest statement in its pages. On the other hand Lewis expelled editor Ellis Searles of red scare fame as a Christian gentleman and a man of high ideals and unexcelled character.
Lewis snorted against requests from the anthracite miners that the international enforce the check-off clause in the 1926 agreement. It's a dead letter, they claim.
The resolutions committee substituted a pious expression of opposition to child labor in place of a vigorous demand for an anti-child labor apparatus in the union to carry on unremitting warfare against the cure.

KELLOGG OFFERS CHINESE PARLEY, NOT RECOGNITION

Borah Approves New Nationalistic Spirit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Conflicting reports are current here as the exact meaning of Kellogg's memorandum on the Chinese situation. Kellogg speaks of being willing to negotiate with representatives of the various factions, knowing quite well that oil and water mix better than could the elements supporting Chang-Tso Lin, the former Manchurian bandit and the revolutionary Cantonese forces through the Koumintang party.
No Encouragement.
Kellogg refuses to recognize the Cantonese government which controls over two-thirds of China, the only power that is capable of unifying the nation. Despite the outward appearance of friendliness to China that characterizes the document, the fact remains that Kellogg offers no practical encouragement to the Chinese revolutionists outside of his refusal to make a united front with Great Britain in crushing the movement.
Withdrawal of Warships.
At the same time it is reported that the state department is in full agreement with Senator Borah's demand that the United States withdraw its warships from Chinese waters and that Americans leave China at once.
One excuse given by the state department for its refusal to recognize the Cantonese government is the fear that the northern forces would then begin to commit outrages on Americans.

Coming Into Their Own.
"The most magnificent scene in the world is to see a great people after years of turmoil and strife and oppression by outside powers coming into their own," said Borah. "The nationalistic spirit, in my judgment, is using these people and I look to see them ultimately accomplish their complete redemption as a great power and take their rightful place among the family of nations. I thoroughly sympathize with what they are doing."
"Part I see every indication upon the part of the Chinese at the present time to protect the lives and property of foreigners to the utmost of their ability. The only thing which, in my judgment, may change that program will be just such things as the sending of fleets and armies to China with a view of crushing this spirit through force."
Entitled To Tariff Autonomy.
"China is entitled to be rid of the old antiquated, unjust and unilateral treaties. She is entitled to enjoy tariff autonomy. She is entitled, in my judgment, to be rid of extraterritorial rights. I venture to express the belief that she will achieve these things. If the nations do not assist, do not voluntarily aid, in bringing it about we shall likely see the same thing accomplished through the decree of the Chinese people."
The United States should not hesitate to announce her own policy, if it be necessary to do so. Our interest and the interest of justice demand a free and disenthralled China and our policy should look to that achievement."

British Troops in Shanghai.
SHANGHAI, Jan. 30.—Four hundred and thirty-three Punjab troops, the first contingent of the 16,000 to 20,000 British troops which Britain is sending to China, arrived today from Hong Kong aboard the S. S. Glenloch.
Except for the legation guard maintained at Peking and Tientsin since the Boxer rebellion, these were the first British troops to be landed in China since the Boxer uprising.
A message from Calcutta announced that the second battalion of the Durham light infantry sailed from there today for Shanghai.

ELLIS SEARLES

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total membership participated in the voting or that so big a total vote was cast is obviously impossible. It is just as obviously impossible and a fake that Lewis got as many votes as he claims. It is, of course, obviously impossible that Lewis has magnified Brophy's vote. Every miner knows that Lewis' generosity stops at John L. Lewis himself and goes no further. The fraud perpetrated by Lewis & Co. in re-electing themselves to office is plain and clear even to the blindest.
(3) An unrestrained use of force, violence and terrorist methods against the progressive.
The reported cowardly assaults against Powers Hapgood, one of the finest and outstanding leaders of the progressives at the convention, is typical of the Lewis machine thugery.
(4) Widespread, wholesale disfranchisement of progressive delegates. Here the cases of Alexander Howat, Powers Hapgood and Pat Toohy stand out clearest as most flagrant types of such wanton recklessness by the reactionary machine against the most constructive elements in the union. In the cases of Howat and Hapgood the Lewis machine did not even amass enough guts to report their disfranchisement to the convention. That Lewis wouldn't take a chance even with his padded delegations in these instances is the best proof of the raw deal he is handing out.
(5) Flagrant misrepresentation, lying and bogey-raising in order to bedevil the real, pressing issues before the union.
As usual, the threadbare bogey of Communism is being continuously dragged before the convention. Red scares galore are being manufactured by those labor lieutenants of American imperialism now infesting the U. M. W. of A. The sole purpose of this red-baiting is to misinform, mislead, cajole and terrorize the delegates so that they will not get wise to the black crimes committed by Lewis and Co., to the serious hardships to which this union-wrecking crew has forced the United Mine Workers of America.
But when Lewis raises the red-scare he lies, and he knows he lies.
Here are some facts which we challenge Lewis and Co. to disprove:
(1) In the late summer months of 1923 the Lewis machine published a series of articles supposed to be an exposure of "nefarious Communist activities."
(2) Ellis Searles, editor of the U. M. W. of A. Journal, bought these articles from a notorious open-shop lobbying agency in Washington, D. C.
(3) Ellis Searles contracted to pay for this open shop bunk \$25,000 in good, cold cash coming out of the treasury of the United Mine Workers of America, coming out of the pockets of the hard-pressed, underpaid miners.
(4) When Lewis heard of Searles' agreement to buy this bunk at the fancy price of \$25,000 he was as sore as a boiled pup. He knew that the whole "exposure" was a fraud from A to Z. Lewis, then, did not think that that stuff was worth so much cash.
(5) Lewis then rushed Van Bittner, one of his most trusted lackeys, to Washington with orders to have Searles call off the whole deal, with instructions not to invest such a big pile of money in such evident lies, in such outright nonsense.

MASSES OF MINE WORKERS TO REPUDIATE LEWIS

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 30.—The miners' convention enters its second week here with fundamental problems as far from solution as ever. No program has been worked out for the organization of West Virginia, the key to the union's critical condition.
The Lewis gang with its fatal record of losing 200,000 members to the union in two years, has a firmer grip than ever on the machinery thanks to its stuffing of the convention with payroll delegates from dead or moribund locals. The progressives, with their practical program to save the union, have been savagely assaulted and beaten down by ruthless machine tactics.
Emperor Lewis has cut the heart out of the Miners' Union by banning the most militant elements from membership. In a black attack on the miners' best fighters, he has carried out the dictates of the National Civic Federation, the National Chamber of Commerce and their servants in the A. F. of L. bureaucracy.
But Emperor Lewis has stirred the rank and file into open warfare by depriving them of all voice in the union's financial affairs. From now on they are required to stand by while the administration plunders their pockets to build up Lewis' personal machine of a hundred organizers averaging \$5,000 a year. Even such a cautious progressive as John Hindmarsh declares the miners will not tolerate such unbridled autocracy and will demand a housecleaning.
The fight in the mine workers has now crystallized itself into a struggle for democracy in the union against the dangerous centralization imposed by Emperor Lewis. The second struggle will be for more autonomy in the districts. The Miners' Union was great when it drew its strength from a score of powerful dynamic district organizations. Now with Lewis dominating every district with his own high-paid international representatives, undermining union strength, expelling left wingers and deliberately taking over entire districts which disagree with him, the Miners' Union is being sapped at its roots.
Progressives are rallying for a desperate fight to save the union from extinction in the central competitive field. They see that Lewis has succeeded in breaking the union in West Virginia and the south. Now they are witnessing his steady progress in weakening the union dangerously in Pennsylvania, with Ohio the next stronghold to fall. During this week they will fight stubbornly and with all the resistance a powerful minority can exert to save the union.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—China views with suspicion the action of the powers, particularly Great Britain, in sending large detachments of troops to China to protect foreign lives and property. Dr. Alfred Sze, the Peking minister, declared today.

