

Southern Prejudice Against Unions is Giving Way Gradually

NEW ORLEANS — "Southern prejudice against unions is giving way gradually to constructive acceptance of the basic right of workers to organize for economic security."

That is the assertion of Dr. George W. Snowden, AFL Organizing Committee coordinator for Louisiana, who addressed the first winter forum of the Cosmopolitan Club in the Central YMCA before a large gathering last week.

The South has been emerging as a powerful sector during the last decade, Mr. Snowden said, adding that all studies indicate this trend will continue and that the section

long considered the last major redoubt of open shop anti-union sentiment in this country is painfully realizing that industrial growth seem inevitably to come together.

Social Change Altering Southern Opinion.

Southern opinion, the Dillard university economic professor stated, as reflected in the daily press and employer-dominated journals, influenced by the war, industrial expansion and Federal labor policy, is not suddenly pro-labor, Southern opinion, he explained, is accepting the inevitable—though not by any means welcoming it.

Of the nearly seven and a quarter million members in AFL unions, almost two and a quarter million are in unions in the 13 Southern States—a far cry from the quarter million members 10 years ago. Since the start of the organizing drive in the South, he informed, nearly 200,000 new members have been added to the AFL rolls. The goal for the first campaign year is a million new members, it was explained.

To Concentrate in Low-Pay Industries

Special fields of organizing activity will center in some of the principal low-pay industries, such as lumber mills, paper and pulp mills, chemicals, dairy products, rice mills and laundries, Dr. Snowden revealed.

"The AFL started the campaign with the rather excellent foundation of craft unions long established in the South," the coordinator continued. "Harbor and construction workers, and some railway

brotherhoods came into existence in the middle of the Nineteenth Century. These unions have developed through trial and error, well formulated patterns of organizing that give the AFL a decided advantage in a membership drive.

"Of special importance in the drive will be the aid by District 50 of the United Mine Workers. This special division is a sort of catch-all organization and is the answer to the plea for industrial unionism within the AFL. Because of the affiliation of District 50 with the name of John L. Lewis, many workers, Negro and white, prefer it to either the strictly craft unions of AFL or the CIO industrial unions."

Dr. Snowden informed that there are a quarter million Negroes in AFL unions in the South and that the organizing drive proposes to enroll two million by 1950.

HUSBAND WIFE GET FEDERAL SENTENCES

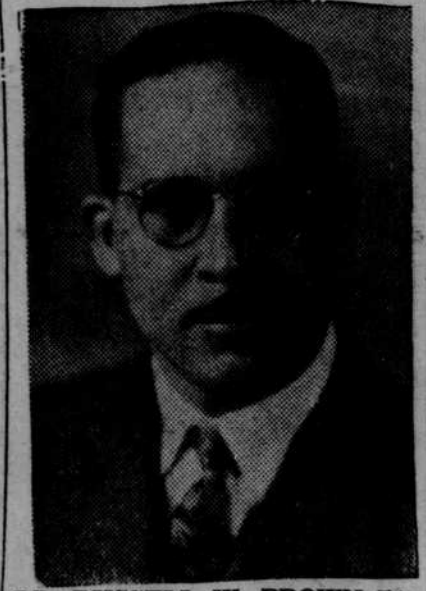
A husband and wife were fined a total of \$80 and sentenced to 120 days in jail Wednesday by Federal Judge J. A. Donohoe.

Mrs. Gladys Richardson McCray 21, of 2124 North 27th avenue was charged with forging and cashing four government bonds for a total of \$160.

Her husband, Willie McCray, 27, was charged with cashing the forged bonds for a total of \$71.

Judge Donohoe sentenced each to 60 days in jail and fined each \$40.

CARRIES ON CARVER'S WORK HEADS SPEAKERS' BUREAU



DR. RUSSELL W. BROWN Director of the George Washington Carver foundation at Tuskegee which is carrying on the work begun by Dr. Carver. He is currently spending three months visiting the most important research laboratories in the United States and Canada to observe their work and methods. (ANP)



KERMIT HANSEN, of 6221 Blondo, will head the Speakers' Bureau Committee of the 1947 Douglas County Red Cross campaign, according to E. C. Schmidt, general chairman.



Fair Play
By GEORGE S. BENSON
President of Harding College
Secaucus, Arkansas



SWEDEN does not even approximate the wealth in natural resources of Russia or America, yet her per capita income is far above Russia's and is almost as high as America's. What is the secret of this prosperity? For 20 years I have been trying to find the formula for national prosperity in observing nations all around the world. What is it that gives Sweden—a country the size of Oklahoma and Arkansas, with limited natural resources—an individual prosperity that puts her high in the ranking?

I found everywhere in Sweden a spirit of wholesome living and fair play, and I discovered also that these things were based upon the strong religious foundations of the people. During the week I spent in the heart of Sweden's largest city, I saw not a single drunk nor any indications of lewdness, things which are rampant in the parks of London and New York.

Typical THE SPIRIT of fair attitude play and honest competition is manifest in every quarter in Sweden. People count more on it and talk more about it and mean it more sincerely than any people I know. For example, the man who is responsible for running the affairs of Sweden's trade unions wants industrial corporations to make a reasonable profit.

He wants to maintain private ownership and management. He wants fair play between labor and industry. He wants wages kept at a level that will assure a market for the greatest volume of goods. He wants cooperative understanding between labor and

industry. His attitude, I was told by everyone, is typical of the Swedish labor leader. He shuns Communism or state socialism. He wants individual freedom, not regimentation of people's lives.

Fair Play HONEST-TO-GOOD is the key NESS fair play, manifested through a spirit of fine cooperation on the part of every group that competes in the game of economics, is the key to the prosperity of this small but great country. The people think of competition—real active competition—as the basis of prosperity. None of them suffer the illusion that state management of industry could provide effective competition or the prosperity equivalent to that of private enterprise.

There is much that we could emulate in Sweden. This fair play and competitive spirit goes right down to the shops and factories, 85% of which are operated on incentive plans based on piecework, or on bonuses paid for certain achievements. There are floors for wages, but no ceilings. This means that those willing to work harder may earn more than the minimum. This rule rightly belongs in our own American traditions, but let us not forget it.

A Swedish labor leader told me: "Piecework is the chief means of increasing production. That's why most of our industries have it. This enables a good worker to earn more than a lazy worker. Our workers all agree to it, so it is a happy situation. We realize that high productivity offers the only means of sustained high wages. I am amazed that people everywhere do not recognize this principle."

The Waiters Club

By H. W. Smith

Blackstone hotel waiters in the front line on service.

Regis hotel and White Horse Inn waiters going good at all times.

Fontenelle Hotel waiters on the improve on service in a very fine way.

Paxton Hotel headwaiter and streamlined crew of waiters on the up and go on service at all times with a smile to all guests and their friends.

George Lipton and H. W. Smith on a shopping tour in the Central Market.

Musician headwaiter and quick stepping crew at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce very much out in front.

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OUR GUEST Column

(Edited by VERNA P. HARRIS)

JIMCROW HOUSING STARTS IN WALL STREET

By Cana Lee
Star of Stage and Screen

In "On Whitman Avenue" I played the part of a Negro unable to find living quarters in an overcrowded ghetto and yet barred from living in a white section. It is a part which each Negro in the United States is compelled to play for his entire life.

The play describes how Jimcrow housing is enforced on a typical street of a typical midwestern town by a typical real estate operator. Actually the Hitler-style housing pattern, which is also applied to Orientals—and to lesser degree to Jews and persons with foreign-sounding names—does not originate on our Whitman Avenue. It is not inspired by the small landlord or agent who follows the pattern because he fears the economic consequences of breaking away from it. The policy of racial segregation in housing is dictated from above by the nation's biggest banks and insurance companies, who are the bigtime real estate operators.

I recently had the opportunity of publicizing this fact by picking the Mortgage Conference of Greater New York, located in the heart of the Wall Street financial district. The Mortgage Conference, the Savings Bank Trust Co. of New York through which it operates, and its 37 member banks and insurance companies, representing the most powerful interests in the country, have been charged by the United States Department of Justice with conspiracy to control mortgage lending in violation of the anti-trust laws.

One section of the federal complaint charged that the defendants "prepared, published, kept current and distributed maps of each section of New York City showing blocks in which Negroes and Spanish-speaking persons resided; refrained from making mortgage loans on properties in such blocks, and induced owners of real estate in certain sections of New York City to refuse to permit Negroes and Spanish-speaking persons to move into such sections."

Whether or not the Justice Department obtains a conviction, it has at least served to make public the names of the banks and insurance companies which enforce Jimcrow housing in our biggest city. They include the National City Bank, Chase National Bank, Prudential Life Insurance Co. and Guardian Life Insurance Co. It is similar big money interests which enforce the same pattern from coast to coast.

Another indication of how Jimcrow housing is backed by these big interests is a recent United States Chamber of Commerce pamphlet which singled out "On Whitman Avenue" for attack. Citing a story I wrote in the New York Times about our successful promotion of the play, the Chamber of Commerce objected that "the promoters turned to unorthodox channels," appealing to "union weeklies, the press serving minority groups and to scores of organizations of every type."

In fighting for rights of racial minorities these "unorthodox channels" are usually the only ones open. An example was our Mortgage Conference picketing. A picket line in Wall Street is certainly unusual enough to be news—and particularly one directed against Jimcrow housing. Yet no New York dailies carried a story about the demonstration, even though they covered it. Only the Negro papers gave it publicity.

It was wrecked on January 19 near Bakersfield, Calif.—7 persons were killed.

E. N. Peterson 40 years old of 4336 Oakwood avenue, Chicago, left his apartment for the first time in three and a half years—an eviction notice was served on him.

A southern Pacific RR. train

Are you a subscriber of the Omaha Guide—if not, why not?

Your Dimes Helped Us



From boxing ring at Oakland, California, these victims of infantile paralysis appeal for support of the March of Dimes, January 15-30, annual fund-raising campaign of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Jewel
4 Vitality
7 Body of water
8 Praise
10 Wan
11 Separated
13 Shepherds
14 Indian
15 Weakly
15 Vexation
17 Evening (poet.)
18 Electrical Engineer (abbr.)
19 Pole
20 Honey insects
21 Man's nickname
22 God of underworld
23 Bang
25 Snare
26 Public notice
28 Ineffectual actor
29 Thoughtful
31 Increase (radio)
33 To study
34 Affrays
35 Quarrels
36 Dispatched
37 Bogs
38 Beam
39 Donkey

DOWN
1 Part of calyx
2 Piece out
3 Personal pronoun
4 Unadorned
5 Merit
6 Galters
7 Form of potter's wheel
9 To seek in books
10 A color
11 Remunerated
12 Colors, as cloth
14 Of
16 Unit of weight
20 Morsels

Solution in Next Issue.

No. 30

Answer to Puzzle Number 29

Beer Retailing Attains Higher Standards

When the Soil Conservation specialist goes to a farm he goes as a friend, and often makes helpful suggestions.

Nebraska beer retailers also have a "helpful advisor"—the Nebraska Committee of the U. S. Brewers Foundation. This agency works constantly to help retailers avoid law violations and had practices which are against the public interest. They are helped to be a credit to themselves, to the beer industry and to the community.

When conditions in a tavern are found to be unsatisfactory a Nebraska Committee caution usually brings a quick correction. If some persist in bad practices the Committee submits the facts to legal authorities for action.

Self-regulation thus keeps Nebraska taverns operating in the public interest.

NEBRASKA COMMITTEE
United States Brewers Foundation
Charles E. Sandall, State Director
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THE ARMY OFFERS NEW HIGHER PAY TO MEN WHO CAN QUALIFY

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- 114 Machinist
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- 514 Radar Crewman (Designated Set)
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- 683 Bombight Mechanic
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Temperatures
12:30 p. m. 25
7:30 p. m. 25

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LUCY CRAFT LANEY
BRAVE FOUNDER OF GEORGIA'S HAINES INSTITUTE
Continental Feature

Army and Navy officers were in a meeting on January 19 in Washington, DC, to make an explanation of the merger of the A and N.

U. S. Congress OK's the Extension of the Luxury tax on Jan. 18.

AME, Bishops have a scuffle in a contest meeting in a court room in Philadelphia, Pa., on January 17, Bishop Sims and Bishop Green were involved.

A 14 year old boy told police of San Francisco, Calif. of the stick ups he made in Missouri. He was traced by the FBI.

SOME SERVICES LARGER NOW THAN IN WAR, RED CROSS SPOKESMAN SAYS

Although the Douglas County Red Cross chapter and the national organization have reduced war-inspired programs and wartime budgets, pressing needs for funds to amplify other services, particularly in relation to veterans calls for the full attainment of the 1947 financial goal.

"It is true that our operating expenses for services to the armed forces have taken a drop in keeping with the reduced size of our Army and Navy," according to Ed Schmidt, campaign chairman, in a message to the campaign workers. "It is also a fact that we are using cash reserves on a local and national basis. But at the same

ARE YOU JUST A PLAYTHING OF NATURE?

Nature may endow you with breathtaking beauty, a lovely curvaceous figure. She may bestow gifts on you that make you a brilliant actress, a leader in your class at college, sought after at dances, or a charming wife and mother.

Yes, Nature may do all this. And yet you may find your face mockingly slapped if you suffer these distressing symptoms, which so many unfortunate girls and women do.

Something You Should Not Joke About!

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