

Behind world events

By Bev Finkle

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other in more than mere methods of labor organization, and in the use of labor weapons to better the status of workers in the economy.

In 1936, the Committee on Industrial Organization, representing ten industrial unions with a combined membership of approximately a million workers, broke off from the American Federation of Labor on the issue of industrial versus trade unionism. The A. F. of L. had been the most important single labor organization in this country, prior to the secession led by ex-coal miner John L. Lewis.

For some time, William Green, federation president, had looked upon the formation of a rival labor union as meaningless and remained steadfast in his belief that the departed unions would soon return to the fold. Dissident unions were first suspended from membership in the federation, then read out of the organization. Personal recriminations flowed fast and furiously between Green and Lewis and great animosity was born between them. Each distrusts the other, and arbitrating between men so violently opposed to the aims and characters of each other as are the rival labor organization heads, does not hold out great hope for future peace.

From 1929 to 1930 the American Federation of Labor was quite inactive, making little attempt at organization of workers. It relied on the strike, the boycott, and other weapons of collective bargaining but slightly and only under direst strain. With the advent of the C. I. O. labor forces became much more active, and their methods, while oft condemned, have been most effective. In 1930, the American Federation claimed

over 3,000,000 members on their both A. F. of L. and C. I. O. claim over 3,000,000 members of their respective rolls. It should be noted, however, that the great majority of workers in this country are still unorganized, particularly unskilled labor groups, agricultural workers, and the various groups of women in industry.

The past few years the Roosevelt administration has taken an active part in promoting social legislation, including some acts particularly to the benefit of the general laboring class, such as the Wagner labor relations act, N. L. R. B. decisions, and wages and hours provisions of the N. R. A. and social security laws.

It is to be hoped that for the sake of the labor groups which both Mr. Green and Mr. Lewis represent that some labor harmony and peace can be secured and then maintained. But it is quite possible that these men, each jealous of the other, and determined not to "lose face," will fail to reach some common meeting ground. American labor will never be as strong as is British labor until this harmony has been achieved, but the present leaders of rival labor organizations seem more interested in their own personal futures than in the hopes of their organizations. Peace must be had if labor is to progress, yet quite possibly some "dark horse" must arise within the labor groups if that peace is to be had. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Green may meet, but the chances do not favor their accord on how such labor harmony is to be had. It is no longer the employer class that depresses the position of labor, it is the leadership with which labor has blessed itself.

Children's theater gives 'Isle of Yew'

Walter Stroude plays lead in Saturday show

The "Enchanted Island of Yew" was presented by the children's theater in co-operation with the Lincoln Junior league yesterday afternoon in the Temple.

About 500 children attending each of the matinees responded enthusiastically to the play.

Playing the lead as Prince Marvel was Walter Stroude assisted by Yvonne Costello, Harriet Salzman, Bette Cox, Marjorie Adams and Arthur Klienhans. Director of the players is H. Alice Howell, and general chairman of the Junior league, Mrs. William Newens.

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the drum swing for the first time to Broadway to play for his 1929 review, "Strike Up the Band."

Tying up with Bennie Goodman in 1934, the crusader began to replace the saxophone, favorite swing instrument in the 20's, and the clarinet, the standby of Dixieland, with his own style arrangements on the skins.

Of special interest are his three attitudes he displays while playing. The first, his deadpan stare, resembles a poker face and is used whenever slow music is being played. His right field grimace is featured when the music begins to swing, and makes him appear like the batter squinting at the ball. His last face is a rhythmic bounce which he displays when he pounds the tones out hard and fast.

Government needs economic geographers, says Bengtson

Economic geographers are in premium demand for the new federal government projects, says Dr. Nels A. Bengtson, chairman of the department of geography, in an article published in the current number of the Business Education World. Problems of resettlement, subsistence homesteads, water power projects, shelterbelt, tree planting, agricultural control and retirement of submarginal lands are calling geographers into the government service.

Dr. Bengtson is a nationally recognized geographer, and each summer teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in economic geography at Columbia university. Geography, he says, is generally considered to be concerned with the study of areas or regions. But such study must not be merely descriptive; it must also be explanatory and interpretative.

leaves, demands an understanding of the elements and principles of such closely related sciences as geology, botany and agronomy.

"Economic geography, moreover, has an unusual function to fulfill in our present educational setup," Dr. Bengtson states. "It serves as the interpreter of the relationships existing between the natural environment and man in the production and distribution of wealth. The business man, in order to succeed in the highest degree, must learn to know the world better, and toward that end the economic geographer must devote attention to the leadership expected of him in research and in teaching."

Cornell university students have formed a tiddleywinks team.

Integration necessary.

In order to carry on investigations in this field, related sciences must be drawn upon and their results integrated into a systematic whole. Such integration, he be-

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will be announced later in the week. Eligibility requirements for those wishing to participate are the same as for athletics. The student must have carried 27 credit hours the preceding year and 12 hours during the preceding semester.

Selection of the cast will be made by Joe Iverson, director of the show and honorary member of the club, in co-operation with the

active members.

An award of \$40 was given to the authors for their work on the skit, to supplement the ten dollar award they won for play writing last year. An additional prize of \$10 to be given to the composer of the best song for the show, was announced by Don Moss, president of the club.

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