



NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE LABOR FRONT

Notes on Illinois Labor...

By KEN HILLYER

CHICAGO — The Illinois CIO convention held in Chicago, December 11 and 12 closely mirrored the national convention held in Portland in November.

The usual line about the tremendous victory on November 2, and the horrible Communist Party (most of these people playing footsie with the Stalinists about two years ago) were the main themes.

Vote Rose—

Thomas polled 885,000 votes and exceeded the present Wallace vote in 28 states while running close to it in eleven others. Only in nine states was the Wallace vote measurably better than the 1932 Thomas vote.

this is of considerably concern to us now) many of these specific accusations regarding democratic rights can be directed against the union leadership, however much their bureaucratic acts differ in source from those of the Stalinists.

That the question of merging the FE and UAW is not as easy as may have been expected was shown by the exhibition the Stalinist leaders in FE put on this week in Chicago.

National CIO in ordering an International Union to dissolve itself, yet the merger itself would greatly strengthen the workers of International Harvester and John Deere who are split (11 FE-7-UAW, Harvester, 7 UAW-5-FE, Deere) into separate bargaining units.

Oppose Stalinist Hold in Local 601—

(Continued from page 1) membership, resulting in an extreme disinterestedness of the average member in the shop to the goings-on in the local. The membership responded quickly, however, when they saw that they could "do something," and interest in the elections has had a revitalizing effect on the shop.

FOR AN EMERGENCY LABOR CONGRESS TO WIN REPEAL OF TAFT-HARTLEY ACT

The following resolution, submitted by Local 6, UAW-CIO, was passed unanimously at the Illinois State CIO convention.

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ist forces in Huntington (W. Va.) at a local of the Sylvania Electric Corporation; here the Stalinists became so frantic after their defeat that they brought down six Stalinist District 6 organizers to bureaucratically unseat Mildred Turner, newly elected president, at her very first meeting.

Readers of Labor Action Take the Floor...

A CO States His Case on the Draft

A copy of the following letter, originally sent to General Hershey, was forwarded to us. We think it an interesting statement, though we disagree radically with the writer's act.

General Hershey, Director of the Selective Service Act of 1948 Washington, D. C. General Hershey: In the summer of 1948 the Congress of the United States created a peacetime conscription act, ostensibly as a national defense measure, which required every male between 18 and 26 to register and assume a certain classification under this Act.

sition of educators, religious leaders, union groups, and even certain military officials. External reasons were sought in the creation of a deliberate antagonization of Russia.

aggressiveness, militarism and fascism. Moreover, I shall urge all whom I am able to influence to consider doing likewise.

little bit more of it. When the evolution of things brings home to the masses that reforms are archaic, and when they will look back some years hence and smile knowingly at their own infantilism in things political, there will be a chance of their willingly grasping a socialist solution.

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