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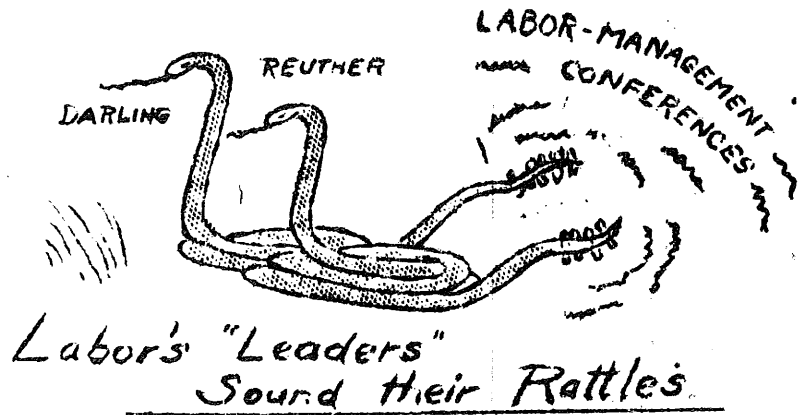
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LABOR HAS ITS JUDASES

M. DARLING (A.F.L.) TELLS BOSSES 'MAKE 'EM WORK OR FIRE 'EM'

Michael F. Darling, business manager of Local 1031-B Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) told the bosses of 34 Chicago plants how to get a "full day's work for a full day's pay" from his union members. He told the employers that the union "won't contest the discharge of any worker who is less than 80% efficient on a fair, standard production rate." At a special meeting with employers he further stated that "in the 2½ years he had been business manager, there were no work stoppages." To the foremen he said, "We believe in discipline....no worker should disobey his foreman!" On the question of absenteeism he urged bosses to fire workers for repeated absences.

It is evident that Mr. Darling is certainly a darling of the employers. He is a refugee from the bosses pay roll. Mr. Darling is still peddling the same old bunk that Gumpers did in his time. He calls for "a fair day's work for a fair day's pay." But what is a fair (To page 2)



Labor's "Leaders" Sound their Rattles

REUTHER (C.I.O.) PROMOTES BETRAYAL IN LABOR-MANAGEMENT MEET

At a time when he should be participating in working-class meetings on spiraling living costs and in preparation for coming strike battles, Walter Reuther, pres. of UAW-CIO has instead invited all the big automobile manufacturers to a conference. Reuther, who oozes over with ideas on how to make capitalism work more efficiently, said that the object of the conference would be to "get the industry into maximum production."

This is Reuther's program in face of the fact that on Tuesday and Wednes-

day (July 30 and 31) the Hudson Motor plant and the Studebaker plant were forced to shut down because of UAW strikes in factories supplying these plants with parts. At the same time Ford has announced that his plants will have to halt production in five days unless Reuther does "something" about the strikes in 16 auto suppliers plants.

Studebaker president Hoffman has eagerly accepted the conference "because our pressing need is for quick action" and Ford has replied that the auto industry doesn't need a con- (To page 2)

LABOR'S JUDASES

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REUTHER (C.I.O.)

ference but just an end to the strikes. And, indeed, this is the simple purpose of such a conference: To put an end to strikes - to squelch worker militancy.

At one time the problem of breaking strikes was considered the province of management. Now according to Reuther's new "labor statesmanship" (?) this job is to be done in joint "labor-management" conferences.

Truly, the treachery of the labor fakery knows no bounds. Automobile manufacturers are losing the full service of Reuther by not having him on their payroll - or is it that Reuther is a little on the stupid side for sellint out the rank-and-file free of charge?

STAGE UNION SEES A SHOW

At the Stevens Hotel on July 23, the delegates representing 27,000 members of the AFL Theatrical Stage and Moving Picture Machine Operators union took in a novel little show of their own. It was a "sister act" with Richard Walsh, president of the union, and Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Pictures Producers association playing the starring roles.

Mr. Johnston, the movie magnate spokesman, was brought to the union convention to endorse the union leadership of Mr. Walsh! But this industrialist was allowed to do even more than simply praise the union leadership. He also laid down what should be the union's program in the future.

He noted that the country may be on the verge of another round of rough and rugged

DARLING (A.F.L.)

day's pay in view of the fact that historically the working class has received only enough to hold on to life and produce a second generation of wage slaves. What is a fair day's work considering that the capitalist class always increase the productivity of labor thru speed-up, increased mechanization, and increasing the working day. Without going into any greater detail we believe it is clear that the slogan - a fair day's work for etc., etc. is a cover up for a profit system which fattens up on working class per spiration.

Judging from the fact that Darling saw the need to give advice the managers and foremen on disciplining workers and excessive absenteeism we'll bet a cooky that there is plen-

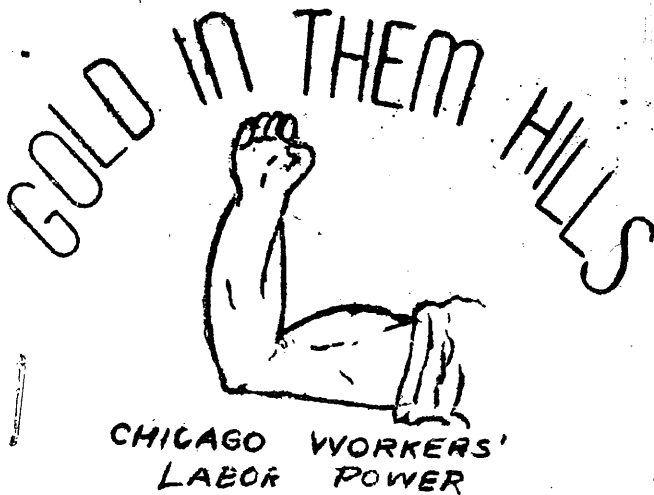
ty of discontent among electrical workers. Absenteeism is a time-honored form of unorganized rebellion against poor working conditions and a domineering foremen.

Now we too would like to give some advice but not to the foremen and managers but to the workers of local 1031-B. Since Mr. Darling has arranged this conference (probably under pressure of these same managers) in order to more completely harness the workers to company rule, we believe that it is in order for the workers not only to defend their present working conditions but to improve them.

Obviously their first need is to get rid of "Judas" Darling and to elect representatives who will represent the men of local 1031B rather than the electrical industry.

strikes and that the last one was "unprofitable" and "dangerous". He urged that arbitration must replace strikes. He concluded that labor and management must "pull together" for full production;... the elimination of feather bedding;... the elimination of work stoppages, slowdown, and the elimination of strikes."

The last strike wave most certainly was an unprofitable one for the capitalists, for as long as they can't produce anything they can't make any profit. To them full production means higher profit. But what especially worries Mr. Johnston, the capitalist class and the fake union bureaucracy is when hundreds of thousands of workers go out on strike at one time. When workers unite on the picket line to fight for a decent standard of living. They are afraid that these workers might get some "bad" ideas about ridding themselves of these leeches, and running the country for the workers and by the worker under a workers council government. That is "dangerous"...indeed!



You've probably heard about the gold rush of '48 into California and the one at the end of the century into Alaska. Well, another rush is on, and it's headed straight for Chicago. This too is for gold but in a somewhat different form than that precious yellow stuff that is dug out of the ground. Without it kings would be paupers; billionaires, beggars. Labor's the thing. A large, plugging pool of Chicago workers. That magic slot machine of flesh, bone and muscle in which the capitalist puts \$1,000 and hits the jackpot for \$2,000, puts \$1,000,000 and gets \$2,000,000.

According to records of applications for factory sites here, over 300 large firms and an undetermined number of smaller ones cannot even find space for factories or offices. The expansion of manufacturing has been so great that practically all the war plant facilities have been converted to peace-time production. The reasons for Chicago's attraction have been openly expressed by many of the firms that are angling to get into the city.

Chicago has a very large labor market, about 2,000,000 employed in the area.

Chicago's record of strikes and work stoppages has been relatively less than other cities.

When strikes occur the Police here have succeeded in keeping picketing on the peaceful side.

The trade union leadership have kept, by and large, labor-management relations

CAPITALISTS SEE HUGE PROFITS IN CHICAGO'S LABOR MARKET

pretty quiet, making for stable production.

In other words the manufacturers are staking a claim right on the back of Chicago's workers. Kelly's Administration with Barnes' police squads have furnished the force and the treacherous trade union bureaucrats have supplied the persuasion to keep the Chicago workers subdued.

This is not a reputation for the Chicago working class to be proud of. By their enemies so shall you know them. And the industrialists seem to feel rather content with the workers here. Let the Chicago workers destroy this record. Let their militant deeds prove that they are not a capitalist profit mill.

Worker's sweat paid for this...

370 Dinners, 86 bottles of	
Bourbon mix.....	2,541.35
Orchestra.....	114.00
Picnic caterer.....	1,784.00
Decorations.....	1,194.00
Announcements.....	1,384.00
Q. Reynolds (appearance).....	2,000.00
Broadcast and copies.....	384.25
Photographer.....	715.50
610 miniature 8" shells...	6,146.00

This is one of the menus featured at food and bourbon orgies held in the Drake and other hotels in the Chicago area by the Batavia munition profiteers. It figures at \$43.95 per plate. At one such affair 500 guests received silver and gold compacts and cigarette cases.

U.S. Employment Service reports that during the time of this ruling class merry making - the war years - workers took a cut in real wages: from \$35.00 per week in March 1945 to \$31.00 in March 1946.

LABOR VIEWS ANSWERS THESE QUESTIONS !!

WHOSE GOVERNMENT?
UNION LEADERSHIP?
HOUSING?
RISING COST OF LIVING?
WHAT PARTY?
DRAFT?
POLITICAL ACTION?



LABOR VIEWS is issued by the Chicago Committee of the RWL to further the struggle of the working class against the constant attack of the industrialists and bankers.

We propose independent working-class action beginning at the shops, mines and mills against this ruling-class and its government - its police forces, its courts and laws - operating as its "big stick".

LABOR VIEWS recognizes that although today the working class fights to defend its living standards, tomorrow it will face the task of abolishing this rotting system of capitalist slavery, and creating a government which will organize society for the welfare of all who labor. The chief instrument needed for achieving this goal is a Revolutionary Workers Party.

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