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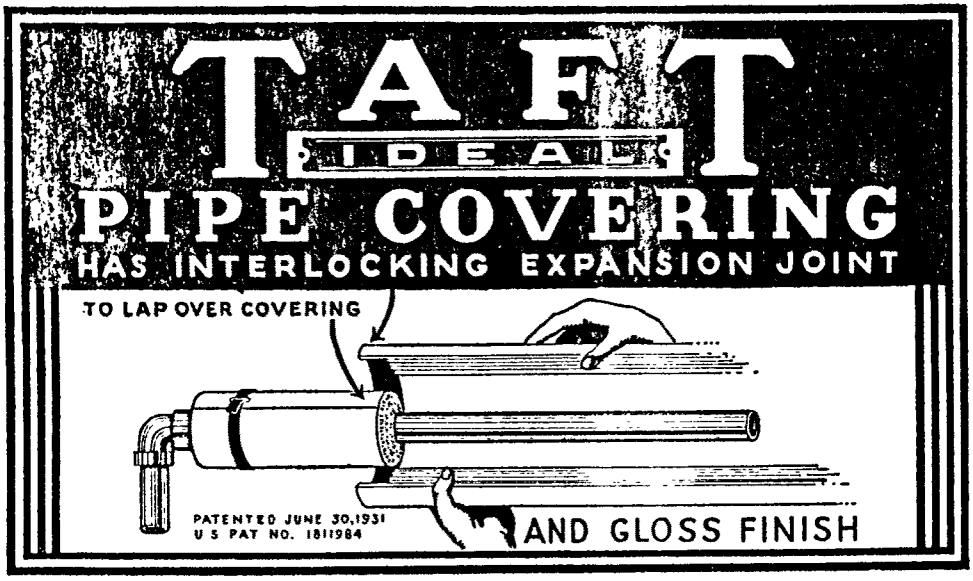
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THE CONVENTION

Of the American Federation of Labor was called to order in the Civic Auditorium, Tampa, Fla., 10 a. m., Monday. November 16. It held morning and afternoon sessions and adjourned Friday evening November 27.

It held no session Thanksgiving Day. It was composed of 493 delegates representing 87 National and International Organizations, 4 Departments, 35 State Bodies, 125 Central Labor Unions, 83 Trade and Federal Labor Unions, in addition to 2 Fraternal Organizations.

The speakers who, in addition to President Green, addressed the Convention were Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor; Harry Colmery, National Commander, American Legion; Major George L. Berry, Co-ordinator for Industrial Co-Operation; Claude Pepper, U. S. Senator from Florida; James M. Mead, Congressman, Buffalo, N. Y.; James Wilson, Representative Labor Office, Geneva; J. Hardin Peterson, Congressman from Florida; Spencer Miller, Jr., Director Workers Education Bureau of America; James Moriarity, Commissioner of Labor, Massachusetts; George Gibson, Fraternal Delegate British Trades Union Congress; his co-delegate, William Kean, George R. Brunet, Canadian Trades and Labor Congress; David E. Lilienthal, Director Tennessee Valley Authority; Susan Jenkins, Consumers Union; Sol Rosenblatt, Impartial Chairman Suit Manufacturing Industry; Joseph Padway, Attorney Wisconsin State Federation of Labor; Cesar Vilar, President Cuban Federation of Labor; Paul Scharrenberg, International Seamen's Union; A. J. Altmeyer, Acting Chairman, Social Security Board; Donald Wakefield Smith, National Labor Relations Board; E. N. Bowen, Secretary Co-Operative League; Judge W. H. Byrnes, of New Orleans; Miss Hilda Smith, Workers Educational Department, W. P. A.

The Convention, among other actions, upheld the Executive Council in its suspension of the organizations comprising the "C. I. O." The vote was 21,679 in favor, 2,043 against;

Made the Child Labor Federal Amendment its chief legislative objective;

Declared for the 30-hour workweek as the only real remedy for unemployment;

Declared against Fascism;

Petitioned for unconditional pardon of Thomas J. Mooney;

Declared against the formation of a Labor Political Party;

Declared in favor of Federal and State legislation for protection against silicosis:

Declared for Organized Labor representation on the Executive Committee Puerto Rican Reconstruction Administration;

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Declared for Committee to draft and sponsor uniform State Laws on Workmen's Compensation;

Declared for Labor Representation on Federal Reserve Board and Regional Boards and on R. F. C. Boards equal to that accorded Agriculture and Industry;

Protested against policy of Bureau of Federal Prisons in employing prison labor to work with free labor on construction;

Denounced fraudulent year books, alleged labor papers, souvenir books, etc., and urged support of legitimate labor papers;

Favored Scott Housing Bill (H. R. 12835) for enforcing the Tenement Laws to force slum elimination and for the establishment of Local Co-operating Committees to support Scott Bill;

Pledged its support to all loyal Atlantic Coast members of International Seamen's Union who refused to join outlaw strike;

Pledged support to Wagner (S) Housing Bill with effort to secure labor representation in administration;

Declared that hereafter all resolutions, petitions, appeals must be filed at A. F. of L. headquarters thirty days preceding Convention with exception that where a National, International or State body has held its Convention within the thirty-day period prior to A. F. of L. Convention, its resolutions may be presented to A. F. of L. officers up to five days before A. F. of L. Convention.

All resolutions, etc., received after thirty-day limit shall be referred to Executive Council. Latter shall refer them to Convention with understanding that acceptance by Convention is dependent upon unanimous consent.

All proposals coming from Locals and Federal Unions directly chartered by A. F. of L. go to Executive Council for consideration and disposition. Council shall advise Convention on same.

Proposals from State Federations must first have been approved by previous Convention of said Federation. Ditto Central bodies.

No Central body shall have power to originate a boycott, nor place on unfair list name of any firm having Agreements with any national or local union until such union is informed and has had ample time to intercede. Must be agreement between union seeking boycott action and union or unions having agreements, lacking which matter must be taken to Executive Council for ruling for or against boycott.

Hereafter representation to Central Body shall be unions with fifty members or less, two delegates; fifty-one to one hundred, three delegates; one hundred and one to two fifty, four; two fifty-one to five hundred, five; one additional delegate for each added five hundred or majority fraction thereof.

Departmental Vice Presidents in future shall number nine instead of seven.

Chose James J. Ryan (Sheet Metal Workers), William C. Birthright (Barbers) to represent the American Federation of Labor at the next session of the British Trade Union Congress and R. A. Henning (Machinists) to do likewise at the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress;

Chose the City of Denver, Colo., as the Convention City for 1937;

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Elected as its officers President William Green (Mine Workers), First Vice President Frank Duffy (Carpenters), Second Vice President Thomas A. Rickert (Garment Workers), Third Vice President Matthew Woll (Photo Engravers), Fourth Vice President John Coefield (Plumbers), Fifth Vice President Arthur O. Wharton (Machinists), Sixth Vice President Joseph N. Weber (Musicians), Seventh Vice President G. M. Bugniazet (Electrical Workers), Eighth Vice President George M. Harrison (Railway Clerks), Ninth Vice President Daniel J. Tobin (Teamsters), Tenth Vice President Harry C. Bates (Bricklayers) Eleventh Vice President Edward J. Gainor (Letter Carriers), Twelfth Vice President W. D. Mahon (Street Railway Employees), Thirteenth Vice President Felix H. Knight (Railway Car Men) Fourteenth Vice President George E. Brown (Theatrical Stage Employees), Fifteenth Vice President Edward Flore (Hotel and Restaurant Employees), Secretary-Treasurer Frank Morrison (Typographical Union).

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Mullaney

Convention Delegate.

THE THIRTIETH

Annual Convention of the Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor was called to order 10 a. m., November 11, in the ball room of the Floridan Hotel, Tampa, Fla., by President J. W. Williams. It held morning and afternoon sessions and adjourned Friday evening.

It was one of the most harmonious conventions ever held by the Department. During its sessions it was addressed by Dr. John A. Lapp, its referee in future jurisdictional disputes, who made a very favorable impression.

There was nothing enacted or proposed out of the ordinary that would in any way affect the interests of the crafts in general or our craft in particular.

President Williams and Secretary McDonough, as already selected, remain in office. The Vice Presidents unanimously elected to serve with them were John J. Hynes, First Vice President; John Possehl, Second Vice President; L. P. Lindelof, Third Vice President; Richard J. Gray, Fourth Vice President; P. J. Morrin, Fifth Vice President; D. W. Tracy, Sixth Vice President; Wm. J. McSorley, Seventh Vice President, and Herbert Rivers, Eighth Vice President.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Mullaney

Convention Delegate.

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REPORT OF THE
GENERAL PRESIDENT

Elmhurst, L. I., December 31, 1936.

To the Officers and Membership, Affiliated Locals:

Greetings:

The activities of your President during the past quarter began with a trip to Detroit. A conference with Business Agent McElroy, followed later by a Joint meeting of the Employers and Local's Joint Trade Agreement Committee reached a settlement that was ratified by special meeting of Local No. 25 the same evening. It carries a 12½¢ hourly wage increase with transportation and board on out-of-town work.

Then to Rochester, N. Y., and a meeting of Local No. 26, where your President advised the membership on a local shop Trade Agreement issue.

Next to Syracuse and attendance at the quarterly session of the New York State Conference of Asbestos Workers.

Philadelphia was the next jump. Your President took the chair at a conference he called to consider the question of "territory jumping" by approved contractors. This conference was attended by representatives of all Philadelphia and Baltimore shops in addition to Secretary Sickles, Business Agent McGann, Secretary Ryan, of Local No. 11, and Business Agent Hunter and Secretary Ricot, of Local No. 14. Your President protested the action of the Standard Asbestos Company, a non-Union shop of Kansas City and Oklahoma City, an approved K. & M. contractor, "territory jumping" across the country into the city of Baltimore. This shop secured and operated a refinery contract after all other employers, including the Baltimore K. & M. approved contractor (Livezey) had figured the job under Union wages and working conditions. After fully agreeing with the protest of your President, the conference adjourned. The Employers then went into session and appointed a committee to confer with the Magnesia manufacturers in an attempt to prevent any future "territory jumping" on the part of the non-Union approved contractors. As we go to press, all the information we have by way of progress is the assurance that the K. & M. contracts with their approved contractors are being revised so as to prevent "territory jumping." We trust the other Magnesia manufacturers will do likewise. If not, our coming Convention must revise its Trade Agreement form so as to prevent any material outfit getting "two shots at the one target."

Next came Baltimore with Secretary Sickles and a meeting of Local No. 11. Then to Washington and work at the General Office.

Philadelphia followed, and a conference with Business Agent Hunter and Secretary Ricot and a visit to the Nicely shop in the interest of Local No. 38. On this occasion the Nicely shop signed the Wilkes-Barre Joint Trade Agreement and agreed to a wage increase of 12½¢ per hour. This writing finds the Schooley shop also in line and Local No. 38 entirely relieved of its non-Union worries of the last four years.

Next to Wilmington with Business Agent Hunter and a conference with Business Agent Wardell, of Local No. 42.

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Then back to Philadelphia and a meeting with the Local No. 14 Executive Board followed by a meeting of the Local.

Newark was the next stop and a conference with Business Agent Reiss and with him to meet the officials of the Beers Company who conduct an insulating side-line, to their general building and marine work. This shop recently signed with Local No. 32 and is recognized on building work within the territory of the Local and on marine work in the Port of New York.

Wilkes-Barre was the next stop-off and a meeting of Local No. 38 where your President reported on his progress in re: Trade Agreement.

Providence came next in line where, with Secretary Sickles, and Organizer Hoff your President attended the quarterly session of the New England States Conference of Asbestos Workers. Later came the special meeting of Local No. 31, that ratified the Joint Trade Agreement successfully negotiated for it by Organizer Hoff, which includes a wage increase of 12½¢ per hour effective November 1, 1936, and a further increase of 12½¢ per hour effective May 1, 1937.

Next to Washington and work at the General Office. Then with Secretary Sickles your President headed South for the Tampa Conventions. Your President had Secretary Sickles accompany him to the Tampa Conventions in order to contribute to his labor education and have him make the personal contacts calculated to extend the prestige of our General Office, in addition to grooming him to represent your President at Washington labor conferences, or any other place where by force of circumstance your President would be unable to attend.

The first stop was Richmond, a conference with Business Agent Joinville and a special meeting of Local No. 88 that considered the newly-proposed Joint Trade Agreement.

Next to Atlanta and a special meeting of Local No. 48 after which Secretary Sickles audited the finances and installed the International system of accounting.

Then to Birmingham, a conference with Organizer McEachern followed by a special meeting of Local No. 78, the auditing of the finances and installation of the International system of accounting by Secretary Sickles.

Then came Tampa and the conventions of the Building Trades Department and American Federation of Labor as reported by your delegate elsewhere in this Journal issue.

Upon adjournment of the A. F. of L. Convention, your President and Secretary Sickles made the short jump to Miami where they laid the ground-work for the issuance of a Local charter which should prove a success providing our "floaters" now working there will remain. This charter will have the support and co-operation of the Steamfitters and Plumbers in territory including Miami, Miami Beach and north to Palm Beach.

"Then to Charleston, S. C., and a special meeting of the recently organized Local No. 20, at which your President recited craft history as affecting our progress in that territory. Whether or not history will repeat itself, is entirely up to the membership of this new Local."

Then to Washington and work at the General Office. Philadelphia was the next stop and conference with Business Agent Hunter, after which your President made a shop visit in the interest of Local No. 38. Wilkes-Barre.

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Next to Albany where your President represented our craft at the Labor Conference held on proposed labor legislation.

Then a hurried jump to Chicago, a conference with Vice President Mulligan and immediate return to New York City and shop visit of executive nature. Then came a series of visits to certain New York offices in the interest of several of our Southern Locals, which in each instance found adjustments satisfactory to the Locals interested.

"Your President has appointed Bro. James Hanlon, recently elected Business Agent of Local No. 1, St. Louis, Mo., an Organizer to succeed Bro. Gus Schmitter, resigned."

Our craft work during the past quarter has steadily improved going from good to busy. Many of our Locals are working full membership. Others ditto, supplemented by help from Sister Locals. Wage increases are the order of the day. Our material factories are humming. J-M, among others of the country's industrialists, gave its plant and office workers a Christmas bonus. Railroads, steel, cement and lumber are coming into their own. Retail stores report holiday buying the best in six years. All of which spells repairs to maintenance work and future new building and prompts your President to wish our International and Local Union officers, our membership and their families, a Happy New Year, with good health to enjoy the revival of business that ushers in 1937.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Mulligan

President

LOCAL WAGE INCREASES

An increase in Wage Rates has been effected since the last (October) issue of the Official Journal by the following Local Unions:

Local	City	Per Hour	Per Hour
No. 11	Baltimore, Md.	$1.25	
	Effective July 1, 1937		$1.37½
No. 14	Philadelphia, Pa.	1.25	
	Effective July 1, 1937		1.37½
No. 18	Indianapolis, Ind.—Within Marion County	1.22½	
	Outside Marion County	1.40	
No. 31	Providence, R. I.	1.25	
	Effective May 1, 1937		1.37½
No. 39	Omaha, Nebr.	1.15	
	Effective July 1, 1937		1.25
No. 41	Fort Wayne, Ind.	1.10	
No. 43	Springfield, Mass.	1.25	
	Effective May 1, 1937		1.37½
No. 56	Wood River, Ill. (Oil Refinery Only)	0.94	
No. 88	Richmond, Va.	1.12½	

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The Social Security Act As It Affects Our Membership

There is now a law in this country which will give about 26,000,000 working people something to live on when they are old and have stopped working. This law, which gives other benefits, too, was passed last year by Congress and is called the Social Security Act.

Under this law the United States Government will send checks every month to retired workers, both men and women, after they have passed their 65th birthday and have met a few simple requirements of the law.

This means that if you work in some factory, shop, mine, mill, store, office, or almost any other kind of business or industry, you will be earning benefits that will come to you later on. From the time you are 65 years old, or more, and stop working, you will get a Government check every month of your life, if you have worked some time (one day or more) in each of any five years after 1936, and have earned during that time a total of $2,000 or more.

The checks will come to you as a right. You will get them regardless of the amount of property or income you may have. They are what the law calls "Old-Age Benefits" under the Social Security Act. If you prefer to keep on working after you are 65, the monthly checks from the Government will begin coming to you whenever you decide to retire.

How much you will get when you are 65 years old will depend entirely on how much you earn in wages from your industrial or business employment between January 1, 1937, and your sixty-fifth birthday. A man or woman who gets good wages and has a steady job most of his or her life can get as much as $85 a month for life after age of 65. The least you can get in monthly benefits, if you come under the law at all, is $10 a month.

Suppose you are making $25 a week and are young enough now to go on working for 40 years. If you make an average of $25 a week for 52 weeks in each year, your check when you are 65 years old will be $53 a month for the rest of your life. If you make $50 a week, you will get $74.50 a month for the rest of your life after age 65.

But suppose you are about 55 years old now and have 10 years to work before you are 65. Suppose you make only $15 a week on the average. When you stop work at age 65 you will get a check for $19 each month for the rest of your life. If you make $25 a week for 10 years, you will get a little over $23 a month from the Government as long as you live after your sixty-fifth birthday.

If you should die before you begin to get your monthly checks your family will get a payment in cash, amounting to 3½ cents on every dollar of wages you have earned after 1936. If, for example, you

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should die at age 64, and if you had earned $25 a week for 10 years before that time, your family would receive $455. On the other hand, if you have not worked enough to get the regular monthly checks by the time you are 65, you will get a lump sum, or if you should die your family or estate would get a lump sum. The amount of this, too, will be 3½ cents on every dollar of wages you earn after 1936.

The same law that provides these old-age benefits for you and other workers, sets up certain new taxes to be paid to the United States Government. These taxes are collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue of the U. S. Treasury Department, and inquiries concerning them should be addressed to that bureau. The law also creates an "Old Age Reserve Account" in the United States Treasury, and Congress is authorized to put into this reserve account each year enough money to provide for the monthly payments you and other workers are to receive when you are 65.

The taxes called for in this law will be paid both by your employer and by you. For the next three years you will pay maybe 15 cents a week, maybe 25 cents a week, maybe 30 cents or more, according to what you earn. That is to say, during the next three years, beginning January 1, 1937, you will pay one cent for every dollar you earn, and at the same time your employer will pay one cent for every dollar you earn, up to $3,000 a year. Twenty-six million other workers and their employers will be paying at the same time.

After the first three years—that is to say, beginning in 1940—you will pay, and your employer will pay, 1½ cents for each dollar you earn, up to $3,000 a year. This will be the tax for three years, and then, beginning in 1943, you will pay two cents, and so will your employer, for every dollar you earn for the next three years. After that, you and your employer will each pay half a cent more for three years, and finally, beginning in 1949, 12 years from now, you and your employer will each pay three cents on each dollar you earn, up to $3,000 a year. That is the most you will ever pay.

The Government will collect both of these taxes from your employer. Your part of the tax will be taken out of your pay. The Government will collect from your employer an equal amount out of his own funds.

This will go on just the same if you go to work for another employer, so long as you work in a factory, shop, mine, mill, office, store, or other such place of business. (Wages earned in employment as farm workers, domestic workers in private homes, Government workers, and on a few other kinds of jobs are not subject to this tax.)

Meanwhile, the Old-Age Reserve fund in the United States Treasury is drawing interest, and the Government guarantees it will never earn less than 3 per cent. This means that three cents will be added to every dollar in the fund each year.

Maybe your employer has an old-age pension plan for his employees. If so, the Government's old-age benefit plan will not have to interfere with that. The employer can fit his plan into the Government plan.

What you get from the Government plan will always be more than you have paid in taxes and usually more than you can get for yourself by putting away the same amount of money each week in some other way.

NOTE.—*"Wages" and "employment" wherever used in the foregoing mean wages and employment as defined in the Social Security Act.*

The world loves and idolizes a fighter; but he must always be found fighting on the side of Right.

Clever people become still more clever who use their cleverness to help their less fortunate fellow.

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A Drive Worth While

The National Child Labor Committee is organized for what it hopes will be the final drive to ratify the Child Labor Amendment, which awaits ratification by only twelve more States. In 1937, the legislatures of nineteen States that have not ratified will meet. Into these States—Nevada, New Mexico, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Missouri, Tennessee, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maryland, Delaware, the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida—the committee plans to send workers armed with what it calls "almost incredible statistics and photographs" showing "ruthless exploitation of young children."

The Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor reports an increase of more than 150 per cent in the number of 14- and 15-year-old children certified for employment in the first five months of last year over the corresponding five months of 1935, when the NRA code standard was in effect. In the last seven months of 1935, after the Supreme Court outlawed the codes, the numbers of children leaving school for work increased 53 per cent over the year 1934. Child labor, as reflected in these reports, increased 70 per cent in 1935 over 1934. Although some of this is due to increased general employment, the sudden jump in the number of working children appears to be due chiefly to the letdown of federal regulation under the codes. It is all too apparent that child labor cannot be outlawed either by private benevolence or by State laws.

Private Building

For the third consecutive month and the sixth month ending 1936, the volume of private construction has exceeded the total for public projects of all descriptions, according to the F. W. Dodge Corporation. A total of $208,204,200 was shown for the thirty-seven Eastern States covering both public and private jobs, the corporation reported for November. Of this total, about 58 per cent represented private projects and the remainder public. Private construction accounted for less than 40 per cent of the total of $188,115,000 recorded in November, 1935. Total construction for October, 1936, was $225,767,900.

Residential building during November in the States under consideration amounted to $68,440,700, as against $39,695,200 for November, 1935, and $79,664,200 for October, 1936. Non-residential building totaled $65,895,300 for November, as against $68,080,300 for November, 1935, and $79,071,300 for October, 1936.

All heavy engineering projects undertaken in the thirty-seven States amounted to $73,868,200, as against $80,339,500 for November, 1935, and $67,032,400 for October, 1936.

The total volume of construction in those States during the eleven months of last year amounted to $2,475,600,300, as compared with $1,580,408,400 for the corresponding eleven months a year ago. Of this amount, $736,136,500 was for residential building, $880,303,700 for non-residential building, and the remainder for heavy engineering projects. Residential building last year is reported as 70 per cent above 1935, and in the non-residential building, almost 60 per cent.

An interesting report revealing the extent to which new homes have been constructed in New Jersey under the single mortgage system of the Federal Housing Administration is presented by Thomas E. Colleton, FHA director for that State, which shows that during the first eleven months of 1936, commitments for insurance were issued for 2,030 new dwellings carrying mortgages totalling $10,495,160. This represents, he states, about 40 per cent of the total of insured mortgage loans approved by the FHA throughout the State.

Total applications for insured mortgages for the eleven-month period were 7,370, aggregating $35,466,477. The total commitments made represented 5,637, aggregating $27,117,809 in mortgage loans.

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To the Officers and Membership, Affiliated Locals,

Greetings:

The activities of your Secretary-Treasurer away from the General Office during the past Quarter, in accordance with instructions of President Mullaney, began at Philadelphia and attendance at the conference called by President Mullaney in re: "territory jumping" as reported in detail under the President's report, printed elsewhere in this issue.

Then came Baltimore with President Mullaney and meeting of Local No. 11. This meeting gave consideration to the newly-proposed Joint Trade Agreement and adjourned with a better understanding by the Membership of Trade Laws and Policies as affect our "out-of-town" Membership while working under the jurisdiction of their sister Local of Washington, D. C.

Next came Providence and with President Mullaney attended the regular Quarterly Meeting of the New England States Conference of Asbestos Workers, the Minutes of which appear elsewhere in this Journal issue.

Following the Conference Meeting and together with President Mullaney and Organizer Hoff attendance at a Special Meeting of Providence Local No. 31, which voted acceptance of the new Trade Agreement which included a wage increase of 12½¢ per hour as of November 1, 1936, and a further increase of 12½¢ effective May 1, 1937.

To Organizer Hoff belongs the credit for the successful negotiating of not only the Providence Agreement, as outlined above, but he also secured the same results for our Springfield Local No. 43.

Then to New Haven and Conference with Business Agent Amellin and Secretary Murphy as also the adjustment of certain obstacles, which were holding up the signing of the New Joint Trade Agreement.

Next came Richmond together with President Mullaney and Conference with Business Agent Joinville followed by a Special Meeting of Local No. 88.

After which came Atlanta and a Special Meeting of Local No. 48, on adjournment of which your Secretary audited the accounts and installed the "International System of Local Union Bookkeeping."

Then came Birmingham and Conference with Organizer McEachern followed by Special Meeting of Local No. 78, where also the Local Finances were Audited and the "International System of Local Union Bookkeeping" installed.

Then to Tampa and attendance at the Conventions of the Building Trades Department and American Federation of Labor.

Next to Miami where with President Mullaney certain contacts were made and conferences held with a view to Charter issuance in this city in the near future.

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Then to Charleston, S. C., and with President Mullaney attended a Special Meeting of our newly chartered Local No. 20, who were well advised as to future procedure, by your President, if this Local is to serve its purpose and not fall by the wayside as did its predecessor. The officers were also instructed as to Local Bookkeeping, Reports, etc., in order to avoid any confusion between the records of Local No. 20, and the General Office.

Fraternally,

C. W. Sickles

Secretary-Treasurer

New Members

8002 Harold Brown——Evansville, Ind.
8005 Thomas Bergin——Detroit, Mich.
8006 Rich. A. Hungerford——Vallejo, Calif.
8010 Eugene D. McGhee——Detroit, Mich.
8016 Jake B. Ramsey——Charleston, S. C.
8017 Charles Kellman——Detroit, Mich.
8018 Roman T. Abele——Detroit, Mich.
8019 B. C. Parker——Detroit, Mich.
8025 Angus MacDonald—Los Angeles, Calif.
8026 Joseph Holton——Los Angeles, Calif.
8027 Cyril Wigley——Los Angeles, Calif.
8028 James F. Hammond——Memphis, Tenn.
8029 James Mahoney——Vallejo, Calif.
8031 Venancio T. Gaspic——Connecticut
8032 Carl Suppicich——Connecticut
8033 Henry A. Babin——Connecticut
8034 Joseph Onofrio——Connecticut
8038 William Hutchinson——Dayton, Ohio
8039 Dewey Foulks——Milwaukee, Wis.
8040 Wm. K. Kamp——Milwaukee, Wis.
8041 Raymond Reimer——Milwaukee, Wis.
8042 Harry Hobson——Detroit, Mich.
8043 Thomas L. Scanlon——Detroit, Mich.
8044 George W. Burns——San Francisco, Calif.
8045 K. Frederick——San Francisco, Calif.
8050 Merlin C. Tobey——Sioux City, Iowa
8051 James M. Bruce——Norfolk & Portsmouth, Va.
8053 Thos. Haggerman——Charleston, S. C.
8054 Louis M. Robertson—Charleston, S. C.
8055 Charles L. Moore——Charleston, S. C.
8058 Paul Coolidge——Rochester, N. Y.
8060 Richard Welles——Rochester, N. Y.
8063 D. L. Brackett——Birmingham, Ala.
8064 James R. Tyson——Birmingham, Ala.
8068 Richard Glass, Jr.——Detroit, Mich.
8077 Clarence Gustofson—Providence, R. I.
8073 Thomas L. Hamilton——Los Angeles, Calif.
8074 John Ratzloff——Los Angeles, Calif.
8008 Charles Hendrickson——Boston, Mass.
7998 John J. Leonard——Boston, Mass.
8009 Gordon Jacobson——Boston, Mass.
8007 Carl Christianson——Seattle, Wash.
8056 John E. Tallon——Philadelphia, Pa.
8057 Walter Jennings——Philadelphia, Pa.
8035 I. Reber——San Francisco, Calif.
8036 Frank J. Williams——San Francisco, Calif.
8037 Harry Williams—San Francisco, Calif.
8046 Oliver List——San Francisco, Calif.
8047 Harry Williams, Jr.——San Francisco, Calif.
8048 W. J. Williams—San Francisco, Calif.
8069 H. F. Armbrust—San Francisco, Calif.
8070 George Bullard—San Francisco, Calif.
8071 John W. Copeland——San Francisco, Calif.
8012 Walter Denny——Indianapolis, Ind.
8013 Arthur Rice——Indianapolis, Ind.
8062 Paul O. Dunn——Indianapolis, Ind.
8065 Harry Berkhahn——Milwaukee, Wis.
8000 James H. Noland——Charleston, S. C.
8011 Howard Batts——Detroit, Mich.
8020 George G. Gasco——Detroit, Mich.
8021 James Knapp——Detroit, Mich.
8067 Richard Whip——Detroit, Mich.
8003 Henry Dapprich——Detroit, Mich.
8049 George J. Abel——Rochester, N. Y.
8030 Daniel Leroy——Connecticut
8004 Patrick Wall——Connecticut
8076 John Johnson——Providence, R. I.
8052 Carl Adams——Atlanta, Ga.
8061 W. C. Bryant——Louisville, Ky.
8075 James A. Geiger——Louisville, Ky.
8022 C. Faciane——New Orleans, La.
8023 Charles Saux, Jr.——New Orleans, La.
8001 Cecil Crawford——Memphis, Tenn.

Suspended Members Reinstated

5232 Dave Baker——Tulsa, Okla.
6239 C. S. Durban——Birmingham, Ala.
7452 Jack Durban——Birmingham, Ala.

Lapsed Members Reaffiliated

8015 Fred Pask——Buffalo, N. Y.
8066 A. J. Forton——Buffalo, N. Y.
8024 William H. Sands—Los Angeles, Calif.
8072 Howard Sheffer——Los Angeles, Calif.

Expelled Members Reaffiliated

8065 Harry Berkhahn——Milwaukee, Wis.
8014 J. B. Sheldon——Dallas, Texas

Members Returning Withdrawal Card

2707 Frank Hassey——Buffalo, N. Y.
6284 Frank Nevers——Los Angeles, Calif.

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187 Otto Anderson_____Boston, Mass.
7201 Stephen Erceg_____New York City
7311 C. Burns_____New York City
1011 C. Danish_____New York City
2989 H. J. Holsten_____New York City
7261 Francis Doyle_____New York City
5074 Carl Danielson_____New York City
6713 C. Pfieffer_____Philadelphia, Pa.
5236 H. Salisbury_____Philadelphia, Pa.
5077 G. Simpson_____Philadelphia, Pa.
6721 H. H. Harrison_____Houston, Texas
6589 L. J. Taylor_____Detroit, Mich.
5919 Edwin Olson_____Providence, R. I.
6504 V. Carney_____
____Essex & Hudson County, N. J.
4859 P. Mesick_____
____Essex & Hudson County, N. J.
2104 Marlin Recor_____Connecticut
7266 Frank Recor_____Connecticut
7176 Michael Palumbo_____Connecticut
7179 Geo. Kerr, Sr._____Connecticut
6879 Forest Fleck_____Fort Wayne, Ind.
5143 Frank Zaborki_____Toledo, Ohio
7548 John Steinheimer____Woodriver, Ill.
7069 Frank Frulio_____Brooklyn, N. Y.

Members Issued Withdrawal Card

6566 Lacy F. Hughes_____
_____Norfolk & Portsmouth, Va.
2408 E. R. Sitton_____Houston, Texas
7150 M. J. Costello_____Syracuse, N. Y.
5841 Henry A. Lundy_____
___Essex & Hudson County, N. J.
659 Michael Nolan_____
___Essex & Hudson County, N. J.
5570 Paul L. Wingert_____
___Essex & Hudson County, N. J.
5388 John A. Woods_____
___Essex & Hudson County, N. J.
6754 Alexander Ketchen _____
____Minneapolis & St. Paul, Minn.
6373 Leon Etherton_____Portland, Oreg.
2646 A. C. Cravens_____Evansville, Ind.
5413 Franklin V. Johnson_____
_____Springfield, Mass.
7581 Frank Lucchesi_____Vallejo, Calif.
7946 Ivan Davenport_Oklahoma City, Okla.

Members Lapsed

(Non-Payment of Dues)

4666 John Sullivan _____Cleveland, Ohio
3350 George Grodack ____Cleveland, Ohio
7870 John Kelly_____Boston, Mass.
1889 W. D. Smith_____Philadelphia, Pa.
7973 Cheatham R. Hisks_Charleston, S. C.
4414 James Dwyer _____
___Essex & Hudson County, N. J.
5892 August Shubert _____
___Essex & Hudson County, N. J.
5605 Walter Nafzger_____Columbus, Ohio
7624 W. F. Finch_____Atlanta, Ga.
7612 W. R. Browning__Newport News, Va.
7554 O'Neil Blanchard__New Orleans, La.
7592 J. J. Trainor_____New Orleans, La.
6535 C. F. Paul, Jr._____Richmond, Va.
6536 B. P. Parker_____Richmond, Va.
6612 Charles Cordrey_____Richmond, Va.

Members Suspended

(Non-Payment of Dues)

2810 Christopher Frost_____Boston, Mass.
3657 Lawrence Egan_____Boston, Mass.
7022 D. L. Austin_____Charleston, W. Va.
7525 C. C. Rich_____Mobile, Ala.

NOTICE OF GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

This is to officially notify the officers and membership of our International Association that the next regular meeting of the General Executive Board will be held at General Headquarters, 211 Machinists' Building, Washington, D. C., beginning the Second Monday in March, 1937.

The session will open at 10 a. m. Monday morning, March 8, and will continue until such time as all official business has been considered and acted upon.

All communications in re: Charges, Appeals, Decisions, etc., should be in the hands of Secretary Sickles at the General Office not later than Friday, March 5, 1937, to insure consideration at this session of the Board.

C. W. Sickles

Secretary-Treasurer

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R. V. Mattison Dies

Dr. Richard V. Mattison, retired manufacturer, formerly known as the "asbestos king," died at his home in Ambler November 18, after a two weeks' illness. He had just observed his eighty-fifth birthday.

At the height of his career, Dr. Mattison, who was a physician, pharmacist and banker, as well as a maker of asbestos products, directed a large group of industrial and financial enterprises.

The borough of Ambler, a Philadelphia suburb, owed many of its institutions and much of its prosperity to the business enterprises and philanthropies of Dr. Mattison.

Besides the Keasbey-Mattison Company, which was sold in 1929 to the Turner-Newal Company, Ltd., of London, he organized and was president of the First National Bank of Ambler, which passed out of existence in 1932; the Ambler Asbestos, Shingle and Sheathing Company, the Bell Mines of Canada, the Ambler Spring Water Company and Upper Dublin Water Company.

He built the $150,000 Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, known as "the church of the beautiful windows," as a memorial to his daughter, Esther Victoria. He built rows of stone houses for his workmen and contributed liberally to charitable institutions.

Dr. Mattison was born in Solebury Township, Bucks County.

He was twice married, his first wife, Esther Dafter, dying in 1919, and his second wife, Mary Seger, dying in 1933. A son, Royal Mattison, and a grandson, Royal Mattison, Jr., survive.

Business Backs F. D. R.

Final returns tabulated show the full extent of the New Deal victory:

Roosevelt	27,751,612
Landon	16,681,913
Others	1,378,630

Before the November election, many elements of big business and industry were lined up against the President and his policies. Last month they formally turned about face. The occasion was the Congress of American Industry, held in New York in connection with the forty-first annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The association meeting, previously a sounding board for denunciation of the New Deal in government, became the medium through which was pledged a new spirit in business. Speaker after speaker, representing the nation's most powerful corporations, promised to forget resentments and co-operate with Washington, to meet the demands of labor half way, to promote employment and economic security. After the speeches the conferees adopted a "Declaration of Principles of American Industry," setting forth the "progressive objects" of American industry as better living, better housing, more of the necessities, comforts and luxuries of life, steadier work, more certainty of a job and more security for old age.

Although breathing the spirit of the New Deal, the manufacturers still were far from approving all its methods. They re-emphasized the importance of individual initiative and warned against government competition with private industry.

While business was thus addressing itself to the public and government from New York, the government in Washington brought business and labor together through the Council for Industrial Progress, presided over by Major George L. Berry, Co-ordinator for Industrial Co-operation. Although many business elements remained away, distrusting Major Berry's impartiality because he is a labor leader, the meeting went off in a constructive spirit. The industrial spokesmen manifested little of the old hostility to Federal regulation, insisting only that the Constitution be observed. The meeting evolved declarations in favor of minimum-wage and maximum-hour limitations, plus a revival of the NRA fair-competition codes for the benefit of the "little man".

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Appropriate resolutions have been adopted by the Local Unions and copies of same forwarded to the General Office.

Bro. William Harff, Registration No. 1705, Local No. 2, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bro. Charles G. Johnson, Registration No. 222, Local No. 6, Boston, Mass.

Bro. Albert H. Hanson, Registration No. 7942, Local No. 20, Charleston, S. C.

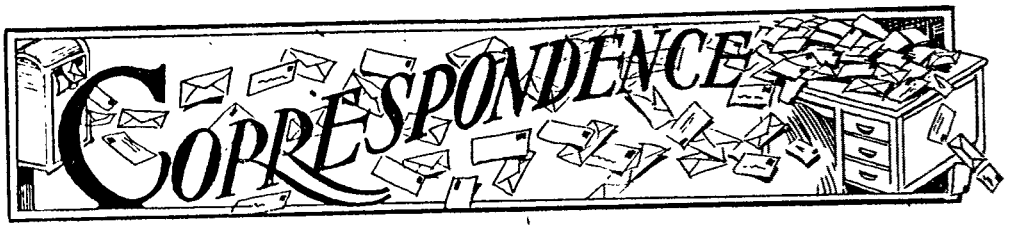
Bro. John M. Johnson, Registration No. 294, Local No. 33, Connecticut.

Bro. Jorgan F. A. Tyrol, Registration No. 3685, Local No. 33, Connecticut.

Bro. C. W. Keys, Registration No. 4778, Local No. 36, Portland, Oreg.

Bro. Howard E. Deck, Registration No. 7549, Local No. 56, Wood River, Ill.

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Rochester, N. Y.,
October 24, 1936.

Editor, The Asbestos Worker,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

On October 9, 1936, International President Joseph A. Mullaney honored Local No. 26, by attending their meeting.

He advised us on several Local matters, and outlined conditions throughout the country in general.

Local No. 26 wishes to express their appreciation for this timely advice and most interesting talk.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES LANG,
Secretary, Local No. 26.

New York City, N. Y.,
November 17, 1936.

Editor, The Asbestos Worker,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Local No. 12, at its regular meeting held on November 5th, last, placed itself on record to express its appreciation for the courtesy extended its membership (Unemployed) for the privilege of working in the territory of Local No. 40, of Albany, and Local No. 14, of Philadelphia.

The membership working in both these territories have expressed their appreciation in such a way to the membership of Local No. 12, that it was only proper and fitting that this expression of cooperation by these locals should be cared for by having same published in "The Asbestos Worker".

Local No. 12 and its many unemployed members thank you, Local No. 40 and Local No. 14, for your kind expression of cooperation. The Local No. 12 men report that the courtesy extended them while in your territories were most friendly and brotherly and they wish you to know that they were appreciated, through this medium.

Both Business Agent John C. Fallon, of Local No. 40, and Business Agent Joseph Hunter, of Local No. 14, have been most cooperative with Local No. 12 during the past three months and we hope this type of cooperation will continue for any and all locals requiring additional men in their territory.

The officers and membership of Local No. 12 wish to extend the season's best greetings to the General Office staff of International Officers, together with the entire International locals that they may have a great number of profitable years and a reign of prosperity in lieu of the past depressed years.

Fraternally,
JOSEPH FLYNN,
Secretary Treasurer Local No. 12.

Indianapolis, Ind.,
December 28, 1936.

Editor, The Asbestos Worker,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Will you please forward to my home address, at your earliest convenience, six copies of the Individual Form, and twelve copies of the Collective Form of the International Joint Trade Agreement.

Wish to say that the Employers and Local No. 18 have agreed to the terms of a new Agreement which includes an increase of 7½¢ on work in Marion County and 25¢ increase on all work outside of Marion County, making our scale for 1937 $1.22½ and $1.40.

Please print in the next issue of "The Asbestos Worker".

Fraternally yours,
E. E. KELLEY,
Recording Sec'y, Local No. 18.

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Richmond, Va.,
November 27, 1936.

Editor, The Asbestos Worker,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Local No. 88 wishes to take the opportunity through the columns of our Official Journal, "The Asbestos Worker", in the next January issue, to express our appreciation to our General President and Secretary-Treasurer for their recent visit to our City and presence at a Special Meeting of the Local.

Their visit to Local No. 88 was indeed timely and in addition to the many items on which they advised were very helpful in starting us off on the right foot in negotiating our new Joint Trade Agreement.

We are looking forward to a return visit by our President and Secretary-Treasurer, which we hope will be in the near future.

Fraternally yours,
J. F. JOINVILLE,
Secretary, Local No. 88.

Providence, R. I.,
Nov. 25, 1936.

Editor, The Asbestos Worker,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Again we take this medium in thanking our International Officers for their help and assistance given Local No. 31 in our recent negotiation for a new Agreement with an increase of wages from $1.12½ to $1.25 to May 1st; thereafter $1.37½ per hour.

On Nov. 1st, a special meeting was held by Local No. 31, so members could meet President Mullaney, Secretary Sickles, and Organizer Hoff, quite a drawing card for any Local, and was proven by the entire membership of Local No. 31 attending this meeting to hear the advice and interesting talks given by our International Officers. It was appreciated by the membership who have benefited by the results of their visit.

Fraternally yours,
ERNEST S. CARLSON,
Rec. Sec. and Business Agent,
Local No. 31.

Birmingham, Alabama.
November 19, 1936.

Editor, The Asbestos Worker,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Local No. 78 has voted a unanimous vote of thanks to General President Mullaney and yourself for your recent visit to our city.

And for the auditing of our finances which we were pleased to learn balanced to the penny. This is a compliment to our financial secretary and treasurer who have handled our books for the last few years. It never hurts to have the International "Okey" a Local's finances.

We sure enjoyed the talk the General President gave us and our door is open to him at any old time he wishes to drop in. This is one Local that appreciates International advice and assistance that we have always received from the General Office.

We trust you both manage to come again soon and enjoy our Southern sunshine.

Fraternally yours,
W. G. McEACHERN,
Organizer.

Springfield, Mass.,
November 9, 1936.

Editor, The Asbestos Worker,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Local No. 43 has a new signed Joint Trade Agreement as no doubt Organizer John Hoff has written you and Local No. 43 and myself appreciate all the work that Organizer Hoff has done in our behalf. We also realize and appreciate the help that the Providence Local No. 31 gave us with their support.

Without the help of both Organizer Hoff and the Providence Local it would have been a different story here, I believe.

Fraternally yours,
W. T. DRISLANE,
Secretary, Local No. 43.

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Atlanta, Ga.,
December 28, 1936.

Editor, The Asbestos Worker,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Local No. 48 of Atlanta wishes to convey to the membership of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers their wish, for you and yours, a very happy and prosperous New Year.

May it bring to you more of the good things of life than ever before and especially to our International officers, two of whom paid a visit recently to Atlanta. It would be impossible, nor would space permit us, to express our appreciation for both their visit and the timely remarks as concerns the Asbestos Workers of this area as well as the field in general.

The remarks made by President Mullaney and Secretary Sickles will be long remembered and their excellent advice will be heeded to the extent that we can move along with a better view of the situation.

Their advice will be of material value especially in negotiations with employers in this area, something that we have needed, coming as it did, first hand, from two of our International officers.

We of Atlanta look forward to the coming year very optimistically in view of the work that is contemplated by several corporations which we feel reasonably sure we can do business with, there being several large jobs in the offing.

Though President Mullaney has visited Atlanta several times, it was Brother Sickles' first official visit and we are looking forward to their coming again in the near future.

With very best wishes for a happy 1937, we are

Fraternally yours,

H. M. HOFFMAN,
Secretary, Local No. 48.

Birmingham, Ala.,
December 30, 1936.

Editor, The Asbestos Worker,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Local No. 78 wishes to take this opportunity to let you know we had an election of officers at our regular meeting, December 28th.

The new officers are as follows:

President—C. S. Durban, 926 So. 26th St. Phone 7-0468.

Recording Secretary—Wm. Howell, 914 8th Ct., So. Phone 7-5000.

Financial Secretary—A. F. Brackett, 6020 5th St., So. Phone 9-6063.

Business Agent—Wm. Howell, 914 8th Ct. So. Phone 7-5000.

Fraternally yours,

WM. HOWELL,
Secretary, Local No. 78.

Detroit, Michigan,
December 28, 1936.

Editor, The Asbestos Worker,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

On behalf of the Membership of Local No. 25 I wish to take this opportunity to express their sincere appreciation for the splendid work on the part of our International President, Joseph A. Mullaney, in obtaining our new Agreement for us, which in addition to an increase of 12½¢ per hour also provides for "Out-of-Town" expense allowance.

Had it not been for President Mullaney going to the bat for Local No. 25 it would undoubtedly be another story.

Also wish to call your attention to the re-election of all of Local No. 25 officers for the next year.

Fraternally yours,

F. McELROY,
Secretary, Local No. 25.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE OF ASBESTOS WORKERS

Syracuse, N. Y., October 10, 1936.

The regular meeting of the New York State Conference of Asbestos Workers was held on the above date, at the Onondaga Hotel, Syracuse, N. Y.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Birkirch at 10 a. m., who presided in the absence of President Rice, who was unable to attend.

The following delegates were present J. C. Fallon, of Albany; W. Kugowiski, of Rochester; B. Birkirch, of Rochester; J. Albert, of Syracuse; Ed. Redmond, of New York City; Geo. Rider, of New York City; International President Joseph Mullaney.

Bills as read were ordered paid.

Report of Delegates:

Local No. 12. Things better than they have been in a long while and better prospects for fall and winter.

Local No. 26. About 75 per cent at work now and in a short time will have the whole Local at work.

Local No. 30. About 80 per cent at work and prospects for fall and winter very good.

Local No. 40. Things in very good shape, and lots of work for fall and winter.

New York State Conference went on record to support Local No. 26 and give them their support 100 per cent in their efforts for a new agreement.

The Conference also went on record to support Local No. 30 and give them their support 100 per cent in their efforts for a new agreement.

At this time, Brother Redmond, of New York, thanked Brother Fallon, also brought from Local No. 12 a vote of thanks in using some of Local No. 12 men on a job, which Local No. 40 had.

Brother Mullaney then gave the Delegates one of his wonderful talks on unionism and also told the Delegates the proceedings at the New York Federation of Labor Convention.

No other business appearing, the conference was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ALBERT,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF NEW ENGLAND STATES CONFERENCE OF ASBESTOS WORKERS

Providence, R. I., November 1, 1936.

Meeting of New England States Conference held at the Biltmore Hotel, Providence, R. I., Sunday, November 1, 1936, at 1 p. m.

Meeting called to order at 1 p. m. by President Anton Sevelius.

Present at the Conference: Anton Sevelius, Local No. 43, Springfield, Mass.; James Amellin, Local No. 33, Connecticut; Ernest Carlson, Walter Wright, Oscar Nelson, Local No. 31, Providence, R. I.; John W. Hoff, Local No. 6, Boston, Mass.; General President Joseph A. Mullaney and General Secretary Carl W. Sickles.

Report of Delegates: Delegate Carlson, of Providence, reports work very good and will continue for some time. If in need of men will draw from Boston or Springfield. Report practice of one employer in his territory in doing a certain portion of our work in this shop. Long discussion on this matter and advice and decision given by President Mullaney on same. Question of Providence new agreement taken up and conference went on record as recommending to Local No. 31 that the offer of the employers of $1.25 per hour November 1, 1936, to May 1, 1937, and $1.37½ per hour May 1, 1937, to November 1, 1937, be accepted as the wage scale also agreed to by Local No. 43.

Delegate Amellin, of Connecticut, reports work very good and men receiving overtime on certain jobs. He also reported that Connecticut has new signed agreement for six months $1.25 beginning January 1, 1937. The Connecticut Local was then severely censured by the Conference and the General Office for going ahead and signing agreement without keeping the Conference informed of their activities and not seeking advice from the General Office.

Delegate Sevelius, of Springfield, reports all men working at present but that the outlook for the future was none too bright. Reports acceptance by his Local of the $1.25-$1.37½ one year agreement.

Delegate Hoff, of Boston, reports that work was very good for a while with all men working but slowing up a bit at present. Reports of two housing projects coming along which ought to take care of a large number of men. Also that he has seen more repair and remodeling work this fall than ever before. Reports of attending Local meetings in Providence and Springfield in regards to new agreement.

President Mullaney and Secretary Sickles gave a report on how work in our line has picked up all over the country which was indeed good news and looked as though "Old Man Depression" was licked.

With no further business motion made and accepted to adjourn and proceed to attend the special meeting of Local No. 31, which was being held today at 4 p. m.

Adjourned 3:45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HOFF,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE SOUTHEAST STATES CONFERENCE OF ASBESTOS WORKERS

Birmingham, Ala., September 26, 1936.

Meeting called to order by Joseph A. Mullaney, President of the International Association at the Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, Ala., on above date.

Officers elected as follows: President, W. G. McEachern, Birmingham, Ala.; Vice President, A. E. Crawford, Memphis, Tenn.; Secretary and Treasurer, John W. North, Atlanta, Ga.

Delegates to Conference shall be two officers of each local, preferably President and Business Agent. Meetings to be held second Saturday of April and October, or on call of any three affiliated locals. Next meeting to be held in Birmingham.

Secretary directed to write for copy of procedure used in New York State Conference, to use as model.

Per capita tax for Conference to be decided later.

Secretary directed to procure stationery through International Secretary C. W. Sickles.

Secretary directed to send copy of minutes to the International and to each affiliated local.

It was resolved that each affiliated local, when in need of men, should exhaust the labor supply within the Conference before calling on other sources.

It was reported by all delegates that work was good in this territory.

Meeting adjourned.

JOHN W. NORTH.
Secretary-Treasurer.

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President Green Says Workers Need $3,600 Per Year

Washington, D. C.—Employment of every one wishing to work is the fundamental requirement for capacity production in industry and this objective cannot be realized until every family receives an annual income of $3,600, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said in a statement on the outlook for labor during 1937.

Mr. Green stressed the right of wage earners to have a voice in determining work conditions as elemental in our democratic life and emphasized both the growing acceptance of the principle of trade unionism and the gains in organization during the past twelve months.

Abolition of child labor, shorter hours to provide work for the jobless, higher wages, better living conditions and the enactment of Federal and State social justice legislation were included by the chief of the A. F. of L. in organized labor's program for 1937.

Following is the text of Mr. Green's statement:

"The development of the past year of outstanding importance to labor is the growing acceptance of labor's right to organize in standard unions for the purpose of collective bargaining and the growing consciousness of the value of collective bargaining on that basis. The right of wage earners to participate in determining terms and conditions under which they work is axiomatic in the democratic way of living.

"When wage earners are assured the right to union membership to promote their own interests, the first step is taken to assure to those who work the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"When this right was first written into law under guarantee of our Federal Government, the movement of the workers to join unions showed what they really wanted to do when no longer victimized for doing it.

"Under the hope created by the National Recovery Act and the National Labor Relations Board, unionism has spread into new fields and gained new vigor in old ones.

"Due to the organizing work of the American Federation of Labor new international unions were formed in the mass production industries and gratifying progress has been made in the aluminum, the cement, the flour, feed and cereal, the distillery and the gasoline distributing industries.

"This partial list is only suggestive of the general spread of unionism. There is no industry or calling that has not felt the touch of hope in the right to organize.

"However, before industry can reach capacity production every one who wishes to work must have employment, and every family must have an income of at least $3,600. These things are not impossible if we work together, advancing each other's welfare and with special favors to none.

"Labor looks forward to the New Year with a renewed feeling of hope, inspiration and courage. It plans to drive definitely and unceasingly for the translation of the expressed wish of the people into effective action. No one can mistake or misinterpret the decision of the people of the United States in favor of social security legislation, the advancement of human welfare, and the wider distribution of the national income.

"The year 1937, therefore, will record in a very large measure the realization of the purpose of labor to secure higher wages, higher

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standards of life and living, shorter hours as a remedy for unemployment, an accelerated drive for the abolition of child labor, and the enactment of social justice legislation both by the Congress of the United States and by the state legislatures.

"Labor hails the New Year as one of promise, rich with possibilities, and filled with enlarged opportunities for social progress and the realization of human betterment. It is the determination and unflinching purpose of labor to play its part and to put forth continuous efforts toward the realization of a better day and a better life for the masses of the people throughout the entire country."

Employees of Labor Unions Are Held Eligible for Old-Age Social Security Benefits

In response to queries from labor union officials, the Social Security Board announced that employees of labor unions, including the paid officers, organizers, business agents, clerks, stenographers, and all other employees of such organizations, are eligible to qualify under the old-age benefit provisions of the Social Security Act, and such organizations, as well as their employees, are subject to the same tax as other employers and employees. These are informal rulings of the Social Security Board and the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Union officials, the Board stated, should fill in employers' blanks and their employees should fill in applications for social security account numbers. The necessary blanks, if not already received, may be obtained from the local post offices, and should be returned in accordance with the instructions printed thereon. Should question arise in regard to the status of any particular labor organization or any employee, the Board's statement pointed out, a decision will be made in each individual case.

A. F. of L. Membership Growing

The successful organization activities of the American Federation of Labor and its affiliated unions during the past three years, and especially during the last four months of 1936, are revealed in the following statement by Frank Morrison, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Labor:

"The average membership of the unions chartered by the A. F. of L. for September, October, November and December, 1936, shows an increase of 225,352 members over the same months of the last fiscal year.

"The A. F. of L. membership for December, 1936, is 3,675,376, which shows an increase of 1,548,580 over the membership for the year ending August 31, 1933.

"The American Federation of Labor issued more charters for December, 1936, than were issued in any one month since August, 1934."

Judge Rules Members Liable

Attempts of reneging members, or ex-members, of labor unions to avoid paying honest debts to their unions were given a severe jolt in Municipal Court, Chicago, when it was held that such a member is liable for dues and special assessments.

The decision, of wide importance to orgnaized labor, resulted from a suit entered for delinquent dues and special assessments against a member who had withdrawn from the union, by Chicago Photo Engravers' local union No. 5.

Where special assessments and dues are properly assessed and levied by the committee of the labor organization authorized to make such assessments and levies, the Court held, all members of the organization are contractually bound thereby.

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