











More About Lawyers' "Closed Shop"

Throughout the country the lawyers continue their efforts to secure a "closed shop," coupled with compulsory payment of dues. They don't call it the "closed shop." That would be too plebeian. They refer to it as an "integrated bar." It sounds innocuous, but it has teeth in it.

NEWSPAPERS AND GOVERNMENT DURING WAR

The Newspaper Publishers Association, meeting in its fifty-sixth annual convention, presented a strange and instructive picture of the people of this country. The publishers and editors are patriotic. They spoke powerfully in support of the national cause. But they spent so much of the time criticizing the federal government that they inevitably rouse suspicions among the people who elected the heads of this government to office.

Sound Issues and Hollow Clamor

No one in organized labor will take issue with Attorney General Biddle's statement, read the other day to the convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, that the personal integrity of labor leadership is a vital factor in the protection of social legislation gains against wartime and post-war pressures for the repeal of those benefits.

CATCHING SPIES

The federal bureau of investigation engaged in its legitimate business when it shadows real spies, gets the goods on them, presents it in court, and sends them to the pen.

WASHINGTON "STAR'S" SANE EDITORIAL

In the past we have criticized labor editorials which have appeared in the Washington "Star" — undoubtedly one of the most profitable daily newspapers in all the world.

At the Kearny (N. J.) yards of the Bethlehem Steel Company, the National War Labor Board granted the union what is known as the "maintenance of membership" clause.

On the whole, this seems to be a fair and reasonable compromise. The company makes a concession to the union involving the temporary abandonment of its position in opposition to any contractual provision which compels a man to remain a member of the union at any time.

THE MARCH OF LABOR

Infographic titled 'THE MARCH OF LABOR' showing statistics on farm units, industrial accidents, and labor's economic contribution. Includes a cartoon of a man with a bandaged eye and a 'BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS' stamp.

SOCIETY WAS TOO LATE

From the Society for the Prevention of Crime. On March 12 two men, William and Anthony Esposito, were wheeled into the death chamber at Sing Sing in invalid chairs and carried like sacks of potatoes, limp and apparently unconscious, to the electric chair.

American Untouchables

When we repeat the pledge to the flag of the United States of America we end with a statement that ought to be true but isn't. When we say: "One Nation Indivisible With Liberty and Justice For All," we are describing a condition that simply doesn't exist.

LET FARMERS ORGANIZE FARMERS

The Farmers' Union is one farm organization which has consistently cooperated with the American labor to improve the economic welfare of the masses of our people. Therefore, when the National President James G. Patton protests against the effort of John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers to organize dairy farmers into a sort of auxiliary of the Mine Workers, trade unionists will be disposed to give weight to his views.

BE THOROUGH

It is not good business, says a famous financier, to rob Peter to pay Paul. To get to the top of the tree one must, of course, rob Peter and Paul.

The Espositos came from a home of appalling poverty with no parental supervision. The court and hospital records show that their father was a convicted burglar and forger, and that six of the eight children in this doomed family had been arrested at least once for criminal offenses.

Labor Forsee Poisoning Minds of Soldiers

Mrs. Roosevelt exposes one of the most despicable, and at the same time one of the most dangerous, phases of anti-labor propaganda. In an address in New York City this week, she said: "Some awfully clever people are directing a propaganda drive against labor. It is not only directed at the public mind — it would be easy to handle that — but it is also being directed at the armed forces."

Yugoslav Information Center Established in New York

In line with the practice of most governments, of the United Nations, the Yugoslav Government has opened an Information Center in New York City. The information service remains in charge of Mr. Bogdan Radica, Chief of the Yugoslav Press Bureau in this country.

LABOR CO-OPERATION

The policy committee of the United Mine Workers is about to meet and it is predicted that it will lay plans to oust Phil Murray from the vice presidency of the union and perhaps to split with the CIO. Murray will be present, and it is also predicted that there will be fireworks, behind closed doors.

TAX HOAX

Much has been written in the papers about the action of the House ways and means committee in recommending a 94% tax on excess profits. The impression has been created that the committee has gone further than the U. S. Treasury proposed in taxing away war profits.

Divided We Fall

India, hopelessly paralyzed by internal religious and cultural animosities, faces the ordeal of Japanese invasion disunited and unable to make effective resistance. The strength India could possess, were she united, is now lost to her because her people of differing religions cannot bring themselves to trust one another and co-operate as free and equal men.

Membership of the AFL Highest in History

Total dues-paid membership in the American Federation of Labor aggregated 5,441,592 as of April 30, 1942, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany reported.

SOVIET WOMEN OUTNUMBER MEN IN FACTORIES

MOSCOW, via London.—(ALN)—Though no official survey has been made since the February 17 decree mobilizing all able-bodied women for industrial labor, it is the accepted opinion among Russian union officials that women are now a clear majority of workers in Soviet industry.

Equal Pay

Russia's women workers earn the same as men for similar work. There are rigid laws on the statute books forbidding wage discrimination on the basis of sex, and the unions see that the laws are enforced.

CREATE FIRE HAZARDS

Insect outbreaks in forests are sometimes of more importance because of the fire menace they create than because of the value of the timber killed, says the U. S. department of agriculture.