

Out of the Wilderness

Tor's V-Mail Letter

Let's Look At The Record

Compelled to Fight

Survives Internal Clashes

The depleted M.E.S.A. decided to stand aloof from this newly decorated old-line union and go its own way of offering to discerning workers, membership in an organization free from rackets, dictatorship, or power-drunk officials and slowly but surely the Society had its renaissance and emerged somewhat smaller in numbers but more close-

Instrument of Progress

The M.E.S.A., in 1945, is steadily increasing the number of plants and members under contract and if the progress of the early part of the year is used as a guide then we should reach new heights by December. The M.E.S.A. is on the march—keep in step.

What Do They Really Stand For?

By F. A. RIDLEY

Immediately, British post-war aims may be defined as the retention of her Empire, particularly of India: the strategic control of the eastern sea routes (including the Mediterranean); and the political domination of Europe by means of an alliance with the West.

No Charter for Labor

We believe that the interest of labor and capital are in direct opposition to each other and that gains to one mean losses to the other. We believe that there is a continuous struggle going on between capital and labor and that a labor union contract under which workers are employed, is a temporary truce in a continuous war.

We are happy indeed that Mr. Johnson has convinced Mr. Green and Mr. Murray to openly state the philosophy behind their organizations, they confess to our charges of political expediency, they are justified in "The New Charter for Labor and Management" appears to us a surrender of labor to management and a charter for one big company. We are proud to say, we will have no part of it.

Unconditional Surrender

Probably no one has less right to even discuss the question of unconditional surrender than it is difficult to refrain from pointing out the practical impossibility of a finish to this second World War. Obviously, the Nazi leaders are not going to be the personal instruments of such surrender as they are under death sentence for their alleged participation in this war. Those without authority in Germany, the vast majority of the population because of this very lack of authority. If it means the end of the armed forces, including the police, give up their arms and surrender to the armies of the United Nations, then it appears to us that the probable resultant chaos would attain proportions and necessitate the subjugation of all German cities and the entire German people. We, the Germans and we hope that the military big-wigs will be so brought about a solution less resembling international brillian.

The M.E.S.A. Spreads Its Wings

Our National Representatives all report a greater response to M.E.S.A. program and policy than before by both organized and unorganized workers. Eight new plants of various sizes have been brought under the M.E.S.A. banner and the evidence appears to show a decided swing in favor of our type of vigorous organization and away from the cynical political machines masquerading as unions in both the A.F.L. and the C.I.O.

Foreman Can Organize

So far, so obvious, but what about the next step? Is it organization into labor unions of superintendents and works managers and if not, what is going to be the reason given by the N.L.R.B. for saying that one section of supervision is going to bargain collectively and deny the privilege to another group? The Board is not a part of the Board giving the benefits of the Wagner Act. The union's superintendents and works managers will not be granted the same privilege until they have demonstrated they can stop production by strike action. This I must leave to you. Under our present free enterprise economy, it will be difficult, but the Works Manager taking his grievance to the Shop Stewards' Committee is a step in grievance to the Shop Stewards' Committee and if no solution is found at the first step in the grievance procedure then the Shop Stewards' Committee will take it up to the Board of Directors. Maybe by these things will be in reverse and it will be the Directors who have grievances. They will probably be grousing about a new Act of Congress outlawing wage slavery and an effort ordering all stockholders to unconditionally surrender to the enlightened forces of reason.

U. S. Rubber In M.E.S.A. Fold: Await Election

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would be necessary to take the bull by the horns and declare open season again on anything that resembled support for the Company dominated UAW-CIO.

The M.E.S.A. has the machinery with which U. S. Rubber workers can make the plant a decent place to work. The next step is to open it. It is known that the M.E.S.A. is in the plant to stay and that any attempt to discriminate against any worker for M.E.S.A. activity will be met with the regular M.E.S.A. defense.

A few weeks ago U. S. Rubber workers had the opportunity to observe M.E.S.A. conduct when a dispute arose between workers and management. John Cummins, Secretary of the U.R.W. who was on the M.E.S.A. committee was fired by the Company because he attempted to defend the workers who elected him to office. Cummins was brutally kicked in the groin by a mercuric force man and physically hauled out of the plant on his life by U.S. Rubber police. Even the decent Union members and great majority of the work force walked out in protest. The M.E.S.A. felt at the time that the U.R.W. CO would probably live up to its form and order all the workers back to work and to tell with John Cummins

The MESA told John Cummins that it was in his interest to stay with his fellow workers — to be stuck with them — he told "John" that they would fail in the phone contract of the Rubber Plant and that if he would be left holding the bag MESA members at the Rubber Plant acted as real union members. We are proud of their conduct and now are confident that all the real fighters at the plant are members of the MESA. It can guess the results of the NLRB election. Cummins demonstrated. He was given 160 day vacation without pay.

Our sympathy goes not to "John" but to the good Union men and women who must wait until the NLRB election frees them from the

company union at the plant. We have just been informed that another strike is being called by the U.S. Rubber. We understand that the result is an accumulation of grievances for a long time. We are in full accord with her justice in the workers' demands in this case but are of the opinion that grievances cannot be settled one by one. The Rubber Workers' Union at this plant are like deep rooted disease. You can't cure TB with cough syrup. There are thousands of grievances that can be settled only one way. You must get rid of the United Rubber Workers Union and start with the same kind of decent unionism at U.S. that thousands of other workers enjoy in M.E.S.A. plants.

CUA Wins NLRB Elections from AF of L - CIO

Continuing their unbroken record of 15 NLRB election victories, the CUA gave the unions' rush" to AFL and IO efforts to muscle-in on established unions in the Texe- and Automobile fields.

The Textile Workers Union of America. With 1,028 production and maintenance workers eligible, the CUA polled 11 votes while the CIO could

P. J. McCarthy, President of the Local and a member of the CUA Executive Board, said, "The chief reason for the decisive CIO defeat is that our union has consistently demonstrated it can get benefits for our members outnumbering anything in CIO

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