

Let liars fear, let cowards shrink.  
Let traitors turn away.  
Whatever we have dared to think  
That dare we also say  
—James Russel Lowell



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# CUA MAKES HIGH SOCIAL DEMANDS

## Politicians Fail To Act On Union Demands

### BULLETIN

#### 14 UNIONS AFFILIATE WITH CUA

The National Executive Board of the CUA meeting at Buffalo, N. Y., approved the application of 14 Unions for affiliation with the national organization. The East Coast Shipyard Alliance with 90,000 members and Swift Packing House Workers are two of the new affiliates.

#### "RETAIL CLERKS" FIGHT THREATENS CIO

An internal fight in the CIO Retail and Wholesale workers Union has split that organization wide open. Tucker Smith, Detroit Regional Director of the Union, has resigned his directorship and supported by more than 90% of the membership is leading the fight to break the dictatorial gangster control of the Union. Keep your eye on this battle.

#### GRAPHITE DISPUTE SETTLED

The dispute between the Members of the M.E.S.A. and the Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co. which resulted in a shutdown of the Graphite casting Dept. twice in two weeks, was settled to the satisfaction of the union when a WLB panel met all day Sunday and voted two to one in favor of the M.E.S.A. demands.

Work was resumed at the plant Monday morning.

#### INTERNATIONAL SCREW VACATION PLAN APPROVED

A vacation with pay plan has been approved by the regional War Labor Board in Detroit for the M.E.S.A. workers at the International Screw Co. The plan is the first on record that calls for 40 hours pay for employees with 6 months seniority.

#### "MIKE" BIZOFSKY IN ACCIDENT

Mike Bizofsky who served the M.E.S.A. as National Vice-Pres. for two terms and until he entered the U. S. Marines met with an automobile accident near Washington, D. C. "Mike" is in the Naval Hospital with serious injuries.

#### MINORITY PARTIES ON THE BALLOT

Things are not as black as they seem. In several States candidates of Minority Political Parties will be listed on the November ballot. Those who see no great difference between the programs of the two major parties, can cast their votes as an expression of protest. The minority parties are expected to poll the biggest vote in their history next November.

## Local 9 Answers Demand For Detroit Picnic

During the past two weeks our office has received innumerable demands for a picnic in the Detroit Area to match the swell affair planned by National Acre Local 19 of the M.E.S.A. at Cleveland, Ohio. Kelvinton Local 9 of the M.E.S.A. is answering that demand with a big blow out on July 30.

The Entertainment committee in charge of the picnic tells us that if you think the Cleveland get-together is going to be something, then you haven't heard what is on the fire for the members of the M.E.S.A. in the Detroit area and for their families. Sunday July 30, is the date set when thousands of members of the M.E.S.A. and their families will gather for one swell time. The place is Fols Lake—now don't get excited, that's located at 12 1/2 Mile Road and Southfield Road. The time is from 10 a.m. until you drag yourself home. If you want to put in a full day of fun, you want to show your kiddies a grand time. If you enjoy a day of real sport and entertainment, well, fellow—you just can't afford to miss this affair.

The program arranged calls for events by young and old. Did you ever see an egg throwing contest? There's to be one at this picnic, and let me tell you there is nothing funnier than "Beer Bell Boney" being splattered with a nice juicy egg.

There'll be prizes galore and entertainment all day long. At 4:30 the band will start to play and from then on there will be dancing until. If your children like ice cream and pop—they sure can get their fill at the Kelvinton Picnic—ITS FREE TO ALL CHILDREN! Now that's not all. On the twelfth of August, Kelvinton

Local 9 has scheduled a Moon-light boat-ride and dance. We've mentioned this affair in previous issues of the Educator and want to assure you that an M.E.S.A. Moon-light sponsored by Kelvinton Local 9 is the second affair that you should not miss. If you've been looking around for some real entertainment and plenty of fun, here are two affairs that you should put down as tops. Remember the dates. The big Detroit Picnic sponsored by Kelvinton Local 9 at Fols Lake, Southfield at 12 1/2 Mile Rd., Sunday, July 30, and the All-out Detroit Moon-light and dance for Saturday, August 12. Oh boys—Oh boys—we are going to have fun.

## National Election

Locals are advised to get their nominations into the National election committee, so that the nomination can appear before the next NAC meeting in September and so that the Educator can carry articles about them. No candidate will be permitted to campaign while the M.E.S.A. is paying his expenses.

## U. S. & Nazi Capitalists Cooperate

Time and again, labor has made the charge that there is a definite business association between certain Capitalist forces in the United States, Britain and Germany and Japan, and that international capitalism had developed to such a state that the interest of certain cartels was against an Allied victory over Nazi forces.

Two years ago, the Standard Oil Co. in an anti-trust suit, paid a fine of \$50,000, without contest. The company was charged by the government with acting to maintain a joint monopoly on synthetic gasoline, high octane aviation fuel, buna rubber and other vital war materials.

It was charged that this was done in accord with an agreement with Nazi Germany I. G. Farben Chemical Trust.

The Alien Property Custodian ordered the Standard Oil Co. to surrender three subsidiary companies. The Government claimed that these companies were holding companies for Standard Oil and Nazi I. G. Farben jointly. Last week, Standard Oil filed a suit in Federal Court. The Standard Oil Co. is asking return of the patents taken over by the government in this case.

Now of course Standard Oil denies that there is any cartel existing with the Nazi I. G. Farben, but printed below is further evidence to prove the tie-up of American and Nazi capital. In 1929 the Standard Oil Co. and the I. G. Farben Co. negotiated and signed the following cartel arrangement:

"Whereas the Standard Oil Co. recognizes the position of I. G. in the industries known as chemical and I. G. recognizes the preferred position of the company in industries known as oil and natural gas;

"Whereas neither party has any plan of policy of extending its, except as CAPITALISTS, Page 4

## Party Platforms Fail to Recognize Injustice

The political muckey-mucks of the Republican and Democratic Parties met at Chicago and after three days of raving by both groups, came up with platforms and candidates which to date have completely ignored the demands of unions on government agencies dealing with labor problems.

The National Executive Committee of the Confederate Unions of America, meeting at Buffalo, N. Y., just prior to the convening of the Democratic convention, placed before the convention a demand for a definite position on our case.

The following telegram, approved by the NEC was wired to Robert Hannigan, National Chairman of the Democratic Party.

Robert Hannigan, Chairman Democratic National Committee of America

Stevens Hotel Chicago, Ill.: Please have Democratic Convention define its position in respect to non AF of L and CIO representation on the National War Labor Board and other Government Agencies having labor representation. Kindly advise us of decision as soon as possible.

Matthew Smith, Pres. Donald Cameron, Sec'y Confederate Unions of America

The response of the convention was a complete disregard of this request. This attitude was in reality a very impressive act of telling us to go to hell. The fact of the matter is that we in the labor movement should have known from past experience that the two major political parties were perfectly willing to accept any support that labor unions could give them, but would not give them their position of power to deal with justice to any organization that had as its purpose the complete industrial and political freedom of all workers.

It was evident from the proceedings at the Chicago convention that the question of representation had been sealed when the CIO went overboard, line and similar to the demand of the CIO and AF of L in exchange for this support, the demand of the CIO and AF of L.

had been granted and that representation was no longer a question of justice but had become a political question that was being settled on the basis of CIO support. This is just another case of the general rule the progress of labor organizations. Victories are not made on a basis of what is right, the justice of a case is no basis for a favorable decision under our present system of economic and political government. The basis of victory is entirely dependent upon the strength shown by the organization.

When last February the Mechanical Educational Society called upon 65,000 members throughout the Great Lakes Area to demonstrate their refusal to go to a WLB-CIO conspiracy to eliminate unaffiliated unions from the field, the action to pacify the CUA and the M.E.S.A. in particular was a surprise to the entire labor movement.

Since the CUA has adopted a policy of trying to win its case merely by producing facts to prove the justice involved, the position of the government has been on the negative side of the bank. There should be no doubt remaining as to the necessity of action to put our case across. Our job is to join the more than 3,000,000 members of unaffiliated unions who see the need for the CUA and to use our united effort in a demonstration of economic strength.

We are of the opinion that our members control the industrial life of the nation and that we can better than play the role of wage-slaves. We have seen employers use a crowd of workers over the terrible plight of the workers but it was only when he completely understood the strength and power that the union had that he found the means to meet the situation.

It has been the consistent following of this policy that has created a condition in which members of the M.E.S.A. are paid wages and work under conditions that are longed for by workers in CIO shops. In our fight for representation in our fight for representation in the continuation of this policy.

## Rank & File Revolt Grows in Mich. CIO

The last issue of the Educator carried a report from our correspondent on the goings on at the Michigan CIO State Convention. Since our last issue the sessions have been concluded and the delegates have gone home.

For three days 1800 delegates ranted and raved and when it was over the only thing that had happened was that one bird had been voted out of a job and another had been voted in.

After three days of resolutions and arguing there is no platform, no program, nothing but the name and vote for the status quo. As last reported, the delegates from a score of CIO Unions attempted, and they attempted to throw out the "No Strike Pledge," and all that went with it. The only trouble was that they didn't have a chance. It was a packed convention. Many of the delegates to the convention were

**Picnic Calendar**  
Local 9—July 30  
Fols Lake  
Local 19—August 6  
Will-O-Beach Park  
Local 21—July 30  
Will-O-Beach Park

on the payroll of the very leaders who put the rules across and voting against the setup meant voting themselves out of jobs.

In face of this arrangement it was more wishful thinking to expect that the rank and file had a chance to put their ideas across. That session cost the organization a little better than a quarter of a million dollars of workers' hard earned money. It cost that much to send a gang to Grand Rapids so that they could give three cheers for what they haven't accomplished.

Now this kind of stuff has been going on a long time and is having a definite effect on the entire CIO. Like a landslide, it starts with a pebble and pretty soon he whole mountain falls down.

At things appear during the past few weeks, that little pebble has already fallen and the big slide is on the way.

## 14 Unions Affiliate Shipyard Alliance Joins With 90,000 Members

The growth of the Confederated Unions of America (CUA) during the past three months has been on a basis of greater acceleration than was conceived by the most optimistic members of the National Executive Committee of the organization. Since the NEC met at Chicago, more than a quarter of a million members have joined the ranks of the CUA.

Meeting at Buffalo, N. Y., the National Committee of the CUA approved the applications of 14 unions for affiliation. The East Coast Alliance

Chicago Embalmers Association—250 members, Diesel Workers Union—1,200 members, Emp. Ass'n of Corn Producers Refining Co.—1,600, Ind. Union of Sutherland Paper Co. Employees—1,900, Paper Mill Workers Union—420, Pullman Porters and maintenance protective Assn—8,000 members.

Shipyarders Ass'n—1,800 members, Zepherus Arms Ind. Organization—425, Ind. Steel Workers Ass'n of Washington Mill—202, International Brotherhood of Swift Employees—20,000 and the East Coast Alliance of Independent Shipyard Unions with a membership of 90,000. This makes a total of 128,448 members added to the ranks of the CUA in the past 90 days.

It was evident that the question of representation of either the AF of L or CIO on Government agencies dealing with labor problems, was dependent on the strength demonstrated by the CUA on the industrial front.

The growth of the CUA during the past three months is providing the strength for such a demonstration. While the CIO has been forced into a position of holding their members through maintenance of membership contracts, CUA affiliates, and the M.E.S.A. in particular, have been delivering service to their members and building a powerful confederation of unions.

Among the Unions that were accepted affiliates of the CUA at the Buffalo meeting were:

The Alton Works Employees of General Motors—1,000 members, Anti-Friction Bearing Workers Union—400 members, The Crows Employees Union—1,200 members.

## CUA Convention Oct. 20, 21, 22

The National Convention of the Confederated Unions of America will convene at Indianapolis, Indiana, October 20, 21 and 22. In accordance with a decision of the last convention, Indianapolis was named as the place for the Convention and the National Executive Committee meeting at Buffalo, N. Y., on Sunday, July 16, set the date.

More than 100 unions will send delegates to consider matters of vital importance to the entire labor movement. On the order of business will be such matters as a general strike to force government action on the question of representation on government agencies, what final move should the CUA make in the national election, the organization of three million workers, the question of on what basis should local unions be affiliated with the CUA, the question of independent political action and the election of national officers. This is not an official program, but is merely a listing of some of the subjects to be discussed by the convention. The October sessions will bring together representatives of more than a million and a half workers who are carrying on a determined fight to maintain labor laws that are controlled by the men and women who work in the shops. The M.E.S.A., which at previous CUA conventions, represented the largest membership of a CUA affiliate, will be matched by several unions of equal or larger membership.

## Labor Club

Does your shop have 100% membership in the M.E.S.A. Labor Club? If we are to have adequate meetings, halls and proper recreation facilities, every member of the M.E.S.A. must get behind this project to provide the members of the organization with this necessary feature of the organization. See your steward today.

## Politics—A Poor Substitute For Unions

The History of the American Labor Movement shows us that what we today accept as American Democracy, is the product of struggle that has brought us to the proportion to the intensity of the fight put up. What today are accepted as ordinary parts of our government are the victories that were achieved through persistent fighting.

From its inception, our government has been one of struggle between the forces of reaction and those of progress. Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine and Benjamin Franklin carried the torch of freedom against those who would establish a government with no more freedom than enjoyed under British rule.

After final accord was reached, to break with the King, these men were faced with the problem of establishing as law what we today accept without question.

Victory in this early struggle was accomplished because of the strength of the demands of the people at home. If the Colonies were to support the new government,

then freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of worship had to be included in the laws that were to rule. Contrary to common belief, these basic freedoms were not a part of the Constitution, but were originally added along with seven others as the first ten amendments to the Constitution. They were added in recognition of the demand of the people.

From that time on, every demand made by America's labor has been made through struggle. The general policy of free public school education, in the greatest victory of labor unions in America, was won through struggle. From time to time, labor has turned from the industrial field to political action in order to win its objectives. Experience has shown us that, although great victories have been made in this field, they depended on the demonstrations of strength displayed by the workers and women in the workshops. Furthermore, we know that many concessions that have been made through political action, have been re-

versed when an administration has been changed. Labor knows that the extent of their victories depends on their industrial strength.

The present move by the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) to make political action the major weapon of labor, is a dangerous move. It is a move that is welcomed by the barons of industry in greater fear than it is by the workers. While certain concessions can be made through political action, the basis of our economic system is the private ownership of the means of production and distribution and the use of those means through the exploitation of labor.

Political action fails to deal with the owners of industry on the basic question of wages and working conditions, and although some concessions are made in the field of social legislation, they are made on the same basis that the benevolent employer gives a picnic or a party to the workers in order to maintain the company union. The owners of industry are willing to grant

humanitarian relief as long as nothing is done to affect the amount of profits that they make.

While we grant the necessity of fighting for social legislation, we are of the opinion that the main battle must be on the industrial front. We believe that political action is a secondary weapon to be used to aid in the fight against the coupon clippers. These results show us that the CIO is a political party in disguise, that it is attempting to function as a labor union and in spending their efforts in capturing a political victory, they are destroying the strength of the entire labor movement. Such a move on the part of labor is wrong. It puts the unions in a position depending on the good fellowship of politicians instead of depending on their industrial strength. This communist policy of borrowing strength from within, with an aim of capturing, often reverses itself and the end shows the attacked doing the capturing. In reality, this has already happened. The CIO starts out to capture the Democratic





# IN LIGHTER VEIN

## + BOOK REVIEW + Russia—The Red and Black

By EUGENE LYONS  
NEW LEADER

If you must read Duranty's USSR, then take Markoosha Fischer's bookshelves, but hers has the merit of the pliancy of the Soviet.

Mrs. Fischer is naive and egotistic to a remarkable degree. Her political views are strictly subjective. The author of the Russian earlier purges or the same trials or the growing population of the Soviet.

It was during the super-purge, when she became aware of events as it decimated her own immediate circle of friends and began to

circle of friends and began to pollute the minds of her children, she awakened the monstrousness of what she had been idolizing.

Even now, she still fails to acknowledge that these later brutalities are the natural and inevitable development from the earlier in-

staliments—that they are an extension of the same degenerative process.

All the same, her book is an impressive document. It should do a lot of good in the pseudo-liberal circles where the Fischeres once reigned as Stalin's prophets.

Her book is obviously written in Russia, written by her own blood. Mrs. Fischer held on to every last shred of hope for the Russian Revolution longer and with less pretense of logic than any of the disillusioned Stalinists whose record is as yet in print.

In parts of her book there is the kind of honesty which portends a complete recovery. The monstrous thing she describes and shudders at, of course, did not come into being in the months when she became disgusted with killings.

Despite these strictures, Mrs. Fischer's book deserves reading, and circulating. Her accounts of the blood purges is in many ways the most effective in the English language, because it is told in terms of famous victims than lesser communists and officials who were destroyed in that tornado of madness.

Few reports of official atrocities out of Germany can match the chapters in which Mrs. Fischer reports what happened to one friend or neighbor after another.

The creeping horror of a sadistic state on a rampage is depicted in the words which she quotes from a Russian doctor of her acquaintance.

"I spent four years at the front mending wrecked human bodies. I fought cholera and smallpox, and saw entire villages wiped out by the plague. But I know of nothing more horrible than listening in the middle of the night to heavy steps and waiting, waiting, waiting, strained while thinking: at what dose are they going to knock?"

The entire Russian people were waiting for the steps that spelled out exile, death, disruption of families, end of careers, collapse of faith in an idea.

One evening Mrs. Fischer recorded, an old Bolshevik, said in a hushed voice:

"Now that Stalin is exterminating the Trotskyist opposition, he turns his wrath against us, old Bolsheviks, his former associates, because we are people with memories. Born sufficiently long ago to remember the past and the traditions of the revolution. He persecutes us for no other reason than our memory."

How expect a well-fed, well-housed Park Avenue or Carnegie campus American "liberal" to understand such things? In the final pages, Mrs. Fischer exorcises the American "liberals" who will not listen to the truth and who impugn her motives nor to speak it.

She has been driven to that she need only have patience. She will become accustomed to the phenomenon, as have the rest of us.

As for Duranty's "USSR," it is the damndest book I've ever ploughed through, not excepting his previous works. This is not an elegant way to begin a review, but it indicates the mood of exasperated bewilderment with which I read the volume. At times I wondered whether Walter was just spoofing the reader, contriving macabre jokes about millions of dead and tortured Russians. The plot of the chapters B picture in Hollywood, where he is now trying to write fiction, must have more inner cohesion and plausibility than this version of Russian history.

Duranity is a psychological enigma. He is clearly too brilliant to believe any substantial portion of the stuff he feeds his public. And then does he persist not merely in repeating absurdities but in making them more absurd every time he repeats them?

I reject the unpleasant hypotheses advanced by some who try to explain his special pleading for dictatorship. I believe that he does it for pleasure more than for profit. Perhaps I can convey my feeling in personal terms. I feel for Duranty none of rancor that I do for other Kremlin loyalists.

With him somehow, it seems just good dirty fun, almost boyish mischief. None of it involves his conscience. "Why get worked up," his prose seems to say, "What I'm dishing out is good enough for the dope who takes it."

## Bread and Roses

As we come marching, marching, in the beauty of the day,  
A million darkened kitchens, a thousand mill-lots gray,  
Are touched with all the radiance that a sudden sun discloses,  
For the people hear us singing, "Bread and Roses, Bread and Roses."

As we come marching, marching, we battle too for men—  
For they are women's children and we mother them again.  
Our lives shall not be sweated from birth until life closes—  
Hearts starve as well as bodies: Give us bread, But give us Roses!

As we come marching, marching, unnumbered women dead  
Go crying through our singing, their ancient song of Bread:  
Small art and love and beauty, their drudging spirits knew—  
Yes, it is bread we fight for—but we fight for roses too.

As we come marching, marching, we bring the greater day—  
The rising of the women, means the rising of the race—  
No more the drudge and idler who toil where one reposes—  
But a sharing of life's glories: Bread and Roses, Bread and Roses!

—JAMES OPPENHEIM

## Remember the Old Itch

Life here in town is too damn monotonous  
Stickin' around on a regular job,  
All the time somebody's spottin' and bossin' us  
We don't fit in on a laborin' job.  
Things here is much too precise and pernickety,  
Bo, I would just as soon be in a jail.  
Us for the roads and the wheels that go clickety,  
Clickety, click on the glimmerin' rail.

Us for the road and the old hobo way again  
Lazin' around in the wind and the sun,  
Flopplin' at night in the soft of the hay again,  
Nary a worry of work to be done.  
Say ain't you ready to beat it, by crickets!  
Jump on a freight and be off on the trail.  
Hearin' the noise of the wheels that go clickety,  
Clickety, click on the glimmerin' rail.

Judges will call you, "a shame to society,"  
Trampin' will bounce you up on the ground,  
Trampin' no chance—but its full of variety  
Here we're just ploddin' around and around.  
Honest, I'm gettin' all feeble and rickety,  
So, Bo, we'll wither up sure if we stick,  
Let's grab a rattler with wheels that go clickety,  
Clickety, clickety, clickety, click.

—R. CHAPLIN,  
Industrial Worker

## The Wolf Is At The Door

There's a haunting horror near us  
That nothing drives away:  
Flares lamping eyes at nightfall,  
A crouching shadow by day;  
There's a whining at the threshold,  
There's a scratching at the floor  
To work—To work! There's work:  
The wolf is at the door.

There's a hot breath at the keyhole  
And a tearing as of teeth:  
Well do I know the bloodshot eyes  
And the dripping jaws beneath!  
To work! For—There is no work  
The time clocks ring no more,  
There's a whining at the threshold  
The wolf is at the door!

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

## Child Labor

No fledgling feeds the fiery bird:  
No chicken feeds the hen!  
No kitten mouses for the cat—  
This glory is for men:

We are the wisest, strongest race—  
Loud may our praise be sung!  
The only animal alive  
That lives upon its young!

—CHARLOTTE GILMAN

## The Golf Links

The golf links lie so near the mill  
That almost every day,  
The laboring children can look out  
And see the men at play.

—SARAH CLEGHORN

## The Patriot

Who is the patriot? he who lights  
The torch of war from his hand to kill?  
Or he who kindles on the heights  
The Beacon of world's good will?

Who is the patriot? he who sends  
A silent challenge o'er the sea?  
Or he who sows the earth with  
friendship.

And reaps world-wide fraternity?

Who is the patriot? It is he  
Who knows no boundary, race or  
 creed,  
Whose nation is humanity,  
Whose countrymen are souls that  
need.

Whose first allegiance is vowed  
To the land that gave him birth,  
Yet serves among the doubting  
crowd

The broader interests of the earth.  
Who is the patriot? Only he  
Whose business is the good of  
Whose kindest word is sympathy,  
Whose dearest aim is brotherhood.

—Frederick Lawrence Knowles

The surest way to lose your  
health, is to keep drinking  
other people's.

## I TELL YOU BOYS

When Dewey is elect-  
ed, well, everything is  
going to be all right!



## IN A JAM

We have just heard this one about Ex-Gov. Lehman, of N.Y., who decided that war bonds were not selling too well among the farmers up state. So the governor went himself to help peddle them.

After motoring in the wilderness, he encountered a farmer driving a surry with no fringe on top . . . "Hi," called out the Gov. "Did you ever hear of Herbert Lehman of Albany?"

"Nope," was the indifferent reply.  
"Ever hear of Franklin Roosevelt?"

"No," said the farmer.  
"Pearl Harbor," continued Lehman.  
"Never hear of her either."

"Ever hear of Churchill?"  
"No-uh; what of it?"  
"Well," said Gov. Lehman, "I'm here to see you about bonds."

"Ain't interested," said the farmer as he drove on.  
Scene 2—The farmer's wife, who was watching through a window, greeted her husband with, "Who was that? What did he want?"

"Oh," said the farmer, sucking his teeth, "some city slicker from Albany named Lehman—told me about a fellow named Roosevelt—who got in trouble with a girl named Pearl Harbor from some place near Church Hill—wanted me to go his bond."

—Roanoke Times.

## Frozen Assets

Some Boston Business men bought a spring supplying a Canadian table-water, but found themselves in a quandary when a tariff of 25 cents a gallon was imposed on the importation of the water into the United States.

They wrote to a N.Y. lawyer and asked him if he could suggest a means whereby they could avoid the levy. He replied:

"Freeze the water. Import the ice into the country, and bottle in on this side of the border. There is no duty on ice." It worked.

—Wall Street Journal

## Walking the Plank

They have no lumber, have no nails.  
Have neither saw nor hammer,  
Yet this is when, it never fails,  
The politicians clamor.

To build themselves, with firm intent,  
From planks they lay a hand on,  
A platform which, it's evident,  
No candidate can stand on.

—Richard Armour

New Leader

IMPARTIAL — Too dumb to have an opinion. An impartial person is one who lives by some means other than those known to man. In that way he don't know what is going on.

As Chief Committeeman of the National Acme Co., Cleveland, Ohio, will tell you that in Emil Pettito, the M.E.S.A. has a National Vice President who is capable of putting the M.E.S.A. across the U.S. Marine, was elected to serve as National Vice-President of the M.E.S.A. when Brother Emil Blazofsky joined the U. S. Marine. In the short time that he has held the office, Emil has shown that the N.A.C. made the right choice in placing him in that position.

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## LINOTYPE LOONIES

From the book "2,500 Jokes for All Occasions," published by the N. Y. Home Library—Magazine Digest.

MISS KATHERYNN K. AND MR. LEO S. WILL EXCHANGE MARRIAGE COWS.  
—Cambridge, Ohio Jeffersonian

The bride was gowning in white lace. The bridesmaids' gowns were pink. The whole color scheme of the decorations was pink.  
—West Virginia Mountaineer

After the games the guests were served a delicious salad course on trays that were centered with sugar plum trees. Those who had the pleasure of so sappy an occasion were reluctant to leave so pleasant a freside.  
—Bastrop (La.) paper

According to the complaint, Mrs. O'D—says her husband started amusing her three days before the marriage.  
—Hebecher (Tenn.) paper

..... of Brewster, who has been in a N.Y. Hospital for two months with puss on the knee, will spend a month with her sister, Mrs. ....  
—Somers-Salem (N.Y.) paper

Forty-eight members attended the luncheon which was prepared by Mrs. ....  
—Danbury (Conn.) paper

The annual Christmas party at Ashley Street School was held yesterday afternoon.  
—Springfield (Mass.) paper

"Leonore" ONLY OPERA BEETHOVEN WROTE OR MONDAY EVENING.  
—San Antonio Express

"TANNHAUSER" Sunk by METROPOLITAN.  
—Phi. Inquirer

## ODIN

When the one-eyed man appeared at the door and stopped

The hiccupping least, and some guests dropped

Meat in the salt or to the waiting dogs,

And the king opened attenuated mouth but did not loathe,

And each sword shook on the wall

And the fiddles died in the music stall,

What did those large-listed heroes think?

Who offered sacred welcome, and the first drink?

Their feet stirred the dogs, and their minds stirred

Before the one-eyed man in the cape had spoken a word.

Now did they guess, in their stupid, muscular way,

What rich horizon suddenly lay

In that sealed eye? And staring, did they find

That they, with two eyes apiece were blind,

While he, in his grey, single-knocking bull's eye look

Had already replaced their swords with a book,

Had rusted their armor, neglected the hardened thigh

And put their savage rewardable virtues by

Did they guess from his widening iris that borders

Of their cultured descendants, clever, affectionate, bored,

Hesitant soldiers made sad by conscripted heroes,

Ambitious of God yet accepting death as mere stoles,

Did they guess that those children, in spite of faltering hearts

Would construct a meaningful universe out of meaningless parts?

Did they guess? And was culture a too painful gift

That they did not immediately lift

The cup of welcome and praise the bringer?

Illiterate, rough-skinned, did they linger

Safe in barbarity, leaning

Away from the door and the one-eyed man and his meaning?

He had one good eye

For looking above, below, where real things lie,

But behind the dropped lid

What sky lay hid?

Then the dogs barked, the men rose

With the king's voice, they chose

A place of honor and brought a full cup,

Then filled their own and drank up.

—ISABELLA FEY—"politist"

## Pettito a Worker in the Shop His Calmness Baffles Opponents

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