

'FEELERS' FOR LABOR PEACE BARE SPLIT OF C.I.O. LEADERS

Hillman Disagrees With Lewis' Opinion On Its Impossibility

New Deal Unfortunately Lets Tobin Get Away To Europe.

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WASHINGTON, July 5.—Feelers for resumption of the A. F. of L.-C. I. O. union peace negotiations were revealed today in publications of the warring labor leaders. At the same time a division was indicated in the C. I. O. high command.

The Advance, organ of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and C. I. O. vice president, Sidney Hillman, in discussing the recent collapse of peace efforts stated:

"Contrary to the impressions that were conveyed by the press reports of this matter, negotiations have not been broken off. Members of the Amalgamated are keenly interested in bringing about peace between the C. I. O. and A. F. of L."

"The Amalgamated is committed, by its convention decisions and by its entire course of action in this matter, to the proposition that unity of the trade union movement is essential to the realization of the movement's industrial and political aims."

Await Lewis Notification

The A. F. of L. Weekly News Service, in its editorial column by Philip Pearl, reviewed in the course of negotiations and reminded John L. Lewis that the A. F. of L. is waiting for his promised notification of another meeting. The A. F. of L. publication said:

"The last conference was held on April 4. The next day Mr. Lewis telephoned to Vice President Matthew Woll (A. F. of L.), and said that negotiations would have to be postponed indefinitely because he expected to be tied up with coal strike meetings and hearings on Wagner Act amendments."

"We are still waiting word from Mr. Lewis. We wonder if it will ever come."

The difference of opinion between the C. I. O. chiefs, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hillman, concerning the negotiations was hinted by the A. F. of L. publication but stated frankly by the Hillman organ. Reporting what happened behind the scenes at the recent C. I. O. executive board meeting, the Advance said:

Lewis Pessimistic

"C. I. O. President Lewis and Vice President Murray, in their review of the situation, were pessimistic of the possibility of effectuating peace. C. I. O. Vice President Hillman did not see the development in quite the same light, and he expressed himself as being rather hopeful of an eventual reunification of the forces of organized labor."

The indicated difference in the appraisal of the situation relates to the practical and immediate aspects of the matter.

After recalling that the C. I. O. convention is on record for labor unity, the Hillman organ concluded:

"The C. I. O., of course, and the Amalgamated as a part of it, holds it as a basic truth that unification of the movement, if it is to be of lasting value, must rest upon the recognition of the principle of industrial unionism. The Amalgamated will be in the future, as it did in the past, do all it can to bring about unity upon that basis."

Hillman Predicted Peace

Mr. Hillman in a May speech said: "I predict we will have peace within a year." But Mr. Lewis contradicted him a later press conference, following the C. I. O. executive meeting, with the statement that "peace is impossible."

President Roosevelt and Secretary of Labor Perkins have made clear that they are on the Hillman side in considering a resumption of peace negotiations very much worth while.

Unfortunately for New Deal strategy, the President and Secretary Perkins let President Daniel Tobin, Indianapolis, of the Teamsters Union get away to Europe for the summer. Just as Mr. Hillman is the principle peace advocate of the C. I. O., so Mr. Tobin is the unity spark-plug of the A. F. of L. committee.

Therefore, despite the current Hillman peace feelers and Secretary Perkins' constant efforts to lend a helping hand, labor and political observers here are not betting on a quick peace.

SENATE GROUP DEFERS ACTION ON NEUTRALITY

Deals Blow to Roosevelt Bloc Seeking Removal of Embargo Clause.

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An opinion of Attorney General Murphy that the devaluation powers could be renewed if the Senate adopts the conference report, were organizing their forces for the show-down vote.

Flight May Reach Courts

The legalistic point of whether the powers can be revived by Senate approval of the report seemed destined ultimately for the courts, however, even if Administration forces win victory in the Senate.

Speaking to a handful of Senators and galleries filled with sightseers, Senator Austin said that the monetary powers originally were granted to the President "under a cloud of great doubt."

"We may now have the opportunity," he said, "to test the question raised in 1934 when we discussed this matter of granting to the President a primary power belonging to the Congress."

The monetary conference report, if adopted, would extend for two years the authority further to devalue the dollar, resume the foreign silver purchase program, boost to 71 cents an ounce the Treasury pays for domestically mined silver and continue the two-billion-dollar stabilization fund.

Adjournment Plans Hazy

Plans for mid-July adjournment of Congress were confused.

After an hour's conference with Mr. Roosevelt, House Majority Leader Rayburn (D. Tex.) said that so far as the House is concerned Congress can adjourn by July 15.

Senate Majority Leader Barkley, however, interposed that "nobody can predict with a week when we will be able to quit."

Within 45 minutes after returning to the capital from a Hyde Park holiday, Mr. Roosevelt called in Senator Barkley and Rep. Rayburn. Senator Barkley said the President repeated his determination to press for approval of the Administration neutrality program.

Both Mr. Rayburn and Mr. Barkley described Mr. Roosevelt's new lending program as "coming along nicely" and said that hills would be placed before committees in both Houses probably later this week.

"There may be some fight on it," Rep. Rayburn said.

The Commerce Department today revised its index of national income upward as industrial production, after a two-month decline, spurred to March levels.

The Department said income payments in June were at a yearly rate of \$65,600,000,000, compared with \$64,200,000,000 for 1938 and \$69,000,000 in 1937. They lagged over 14 billion dollars below the range President Roosevelt has set as his national income goal.

TAX FUNDS SENT TO NEW TOWNS UPHELD

Legal authority to distribute gasoline tax funds to towns that have been incorporated since the last U. S. census, was upheld today in an opinion by the Attorney General's office.

Under the tax distribution law the apportionment of funds is based upon the population given in the 1930 census.

State Auditor Frank G. Thompson asked for an opinion after distribution of funds to several newly incorporated towns had been questioned. The Attorney General's report stated that the incorporation papers giving the towns' populations were sufficient proof under the law.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County Deaths (To Date) Arrests 19

1939 45 Reckless driving 2

1938 53 Running preferential street 5

1939 26 Running red lights 6

1938 33 July 4

Injured 8 Runners 8

Accidents 20 Driving 6

Dead 0

Speeding 1 Others 5

MEETINGS TODAY

Riviera Club luncheon, Columbus Club, noon.

Lions Club luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Y. M. C. A. Camera Club, meeting, central.

Young Men's Discussion Club, dinner, Y. M. C. A., 6 p. m.

Indiana Society, American Legion, luncheon, 12th District, 6 p. m.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, luncheon, Board of Indiana, Sons of the American Revolution, luncheon, Spink-Arms Hotel, noon.

Delta Theta Tau, luncheon, Seville Tavern, noon.

Indiana Club, Indianapolis, luncheon, noon.

Indiana, Columbia Club, noon.

Indiana Hotel, Antler, luncheon, 12th District, 6 p. m.

Indiana Junior Chamber of Commerce, 12th District, 6 p. m.

Phi Delta Theta, meeting, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, 7:30 p. m.

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Advertiser Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Sigma Chi luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

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