

UAW AGREES ON ONE THING: FDR

Stormy Convention Boos Union Head; Hopes to End Strike Clause.

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 12.—Factionalism has always marked C. I. O.-United Auto Workers conventions and the ninth annual assembly now under way here is no exception.

Booting of R. J. Thomas, president, has become standard practice. On only one major point—political action—does Mr. Thomas have the wholehearted support of the delegates.

The self-admitted "bad boys" of organized labor are having a difficult time here. The city, never regarded as a champion of unionism, isn't certain it made a good bargain when its convention bureau extended a greeting.

Hotels Are Jammed
All the hotels are jammed and scores of delegates for whom there are no rooms are sleeping on sofas in hotel lobbies or in private homes.

"A lot of the town is afraid of you," Mayor George W. Welsh acknowledged in his welcoming address. "Perhaps you are too big for us," he added, and the nearly 400 delegates and alternates made it clear they agreed.

Mayor Welsh, an independent who has run under both political banners, commended the C. I. O.'s formation of the Political Action Committee. "No state in the country needs P. A. C. more than Michigan does," he said.

Governor Dewey was characterized by Mr. Thomas as "the man with the mustache who is the mouthpiece for that other president who kept saying prosperity was just around the corner."

"During my tour of the war zones I met an army colonel who said he wasn't much impressed with the slogan of changing horses in mid-stream, but who said he'd be damned if he would change a horse for a pony in the middle of a stream."

John Foster Dulles, Mr. Dewey's adviser on foreign relations, was charged by Mr. Thomas as being one who stated a few years ago that Japan and Germany would never attack us. "I don't want a secret-

Factions Clash as Miners Open Parley in Cincinnati

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CINCINNATI, Sept. 12.—The United Mine Workers convention opens today under conditions that make most of the old-timers say that "happy days are here again."

They look for a little fighting with fists as well as voices before the convention ends.

There hasn't been much fist-cutting for a long time around mine workers conventions and the old-timers seem to think this union might degenerate into a "panty-waist" outfit if something isn't done.

The convention preliminaries included a fracas when Ray Edmundson, former president of the union's Illinois district, tried to hold a meeting of about 250 of the more than 2500 convention delegates to decide how they were going to conduct a campaign for "autonomy"—the fight of rank-and-file miners to elect their own district officers, a right most do not have now under the policies of John L. Lewis.

The Edmundson forces were impeded by a group of Lewis men who indulged in catcalls, hoots and cries for order. This went on for an hour and a half, and finally four burly men shouldered their way into the meeting. They took charge. Blows were traded, with no identification as to the gentlemen who were on the delivering or receiving ends.

Mr. Edmundson called off the meeting to prevent—as he said—"bloodshed." He

stated that state that dumb," said Mr. Thomas.

Despite Mr. Thomas' support for reaffirmation of the nonstrike in wartime pledge, the hotels and the convention halls are plastered with stickers: "Smash the no strike pledge." Many Ford motor delegates wear such an embroidered inscription on the back of their shirts.

The factional fight was touched off by Mr. Thomas' support for the creation of a post for a third union vice president. A noisy chorus of boos throughout the auditorium greeted his suggestion that Richard T. Leonard, head of the Ford division of the Detroit union, get the job.

The present lineup of the officers is equally divided in the two opposing camps with Mr. Thomas and Walter P. Reuther, vice president, opposed by George F. Addes, secretary-treasurer and Richard T. Frankenstein, vice president. An additional vice president, particularly Mr. Leonard, would give the Thomas faction control.

charged that the disturbance was caused by "Lewis payrollers and stooges," and that the leaders were "Bill" Blizard, a district vice president in southern West Virginia, and Joe Yablonski, a board member from the Pittsburgh district.

Mr. Blizard, when interviewed said he had no comment, but that he would not sue any newspaper that published his name in this connection. Mr. Yablonski could not be reached.

REPORT RUSS AGREE ON DUMBARTON OAKS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (U. P.).—Russian delegates to the Dumbarton Oaks conference were believed virtually ready today to pack up and depart for Moscow to report general agreement with the United States and Britain on a preliminary plan for a world organization to keep the peace.

Signs that the second phase of the conference, between U. S., British and Chinese delegates, was about to start came when Secretary of State Cordell Hull arranged a morning meeting with the special bi-partisan group of foreign relations committee senators to discuss progress of the talks.

GOP STILL SEEKS PEARL HARBOR TRIAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (U. P.).—Republican house members kept mounting pressure on the administration today for an early trial of Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, navy and army commanders at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Rep. Forrest A. Harness (R. Ind.) in another of a series of Republican protests against further delays in the trial, told the house yesterday that Short as well as Kimmel was eager for an early hearing before a congressional committee or judicial tribunal. Harness is a member of the military affairs committee.

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JIMMY HINES IS GIVEN PAROLE

One-Time Tammany Leader Freed After Serving Four Years.

OSWING, N. Y., Sept. 12 (U. P.).—James J. (Jimmy) Hines, one-time Tammany district leader, was paroled from Sing Sing prison at 7:55 a. m. (Indianapolis time) today after serving almost four years for his part in protecting the policy racket of the New York underworld.

Hines, who was convicted during the racket-busting administration of former District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, entered Sing Sing on Oct. 14, 1940, to begin a four-to-eight-year term.

He was admitted to parole on his third application. Two earlier requests were denied.

Hines was convicted of protecting the policy racket of the late Arthur (Dutch) Schultz, fledgeling, gangster and racketeer, through his widespread political connections.

Hines wore a blue suit and gray fedora hat, and carried a light gray overcoat when he left the prison. His first duty will be to report to the parole commission in New York city. Then he will be free to return to his Long Beach home.

The former district leader must refrain from all political activity. His conviction of felony had already removed his right to vote. He also must stay away from race tracks and night clubs. During the first month of his parole he must report weekly to the parole commission; after that he will report once or twice a month for three years.

During his last months in prison, Hines, who once was a blacksmith, worked in the prison greenhouse. He is said to have written a book during his imprisonment presenting his side of the case.

Hold Two in 'Mad Man of Mattoon' Probe

MATTOON, Ill., Sept. 12 (U. P.).—Police Commissioner Thomas V. Wright today appealed to the "men and boys" of this jittery Midwestern city to lay down their arms "before someone gets shot," as state police moved in to aid in the search for the "Madman of Mattoon," the ambulant anarchist who paralyzes his victims with "garde" gas.

The hunt for the "Mad Man" has uncovered two suspects, Coles county State's Attorney W. K. Kidwell said today.

Kidwell said the suspects were being investigated but that no announcement will be made until the investigation is completed. He declined to comment on their identity, saying he will give no names until he is sure who the "Mad Man" is. Wright appealed to the citizens

not to form posses and said that "the people here have lost control of themselves in a manner that is unbelievable in this modern world."

"Someone is going to get killed and it won't be from gas," he warned. "I wouldn't walk through anybody's backyard after dark for \$10,000."

Meanwhile, the "war of nerves" continued as police reported two more cases of what they described as hysteria last night during which dozens of calls were received at the police station.

The latest "victims" were Mrs. Ivy Ketsel, 25, and Mrs. Caroline Overall, 40. Mrs. Ketsel was taken to Mattoon hospital where physicians said she was suffering from nervousness, but could find no other symptoms.

Wright said that he believed

there have been only about six genuine attacks by the mysterious prowler.

Police believed it was becoming a popular thing to be "gassed" by the phantom and said women were beginning to feel "left out" if they hadn't had a visit from the ambulant anarchist who has been roaming the streets for 10 days.

The state policemen who came to this city last night, brought eight squad cars and a mobile broadcasting set to aid in tracking down the phantom. Mattoon police have no radio equipment.

LODGE 25 TO MEET
Golden Rule lodge No. 25 has planned a luncheon tomorrow in Truimen's hall followed by a meeting. Lois Stone will preside and Nora Demorest is luncheon chairman.

JAMES TO TALK AT WARREN G.O.P. FETE

Richard James, state auditor, will speak at the covered dish supper of the Warren Township Republican club at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Robert R. Hamilton, 8929 E. Washington st.

Mrs. Samuel Perry, refreshment chairman, will be assisted by Mesdames Glenn White, Ray Strong, Charles Koehler and Sadie Thompson. B. L. Curry, club president, will preside and Samuel Rumford, program chairman, will introduce Mr. James.

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