C.L.O. CONVENTION EXTRA

Shop Stewards Back Plan

FOR MEMBERSHIP CONTROL

The following statement was adopted by the shop stewards council last week at the C.L.O. convention in the American Hotel, Chicago.

"The shop stewards and the Executive Board of Local 301 back the general executive board of the C.L.O. in insisting that the membership of UE and its membership alone shall have the right to control UE.

"The membership of Local 301, after careful debate, approved the action of the UE convention in authorizing the withholding of per capita to the C.L.O. if necessary to protect the integrity of UE and control by its membership.

"President Frank Keene is acting contrary to the decision of the membership in attempting to take action of the General Executive Board.

"In common with the UE general executive board, the shop stewards and executive board of 301 uniformly desire unity of C.L.O. and all labor.

We have worked for that unity. But there can be unity only by respecting democratic process and the rights of the membership in every union.

"It is evident that the top leadership of the C.L.O. does not want unity. In the days when C.L.O. was organized instead of ruling, C.L.O. was a large membership made up of members who used the power of Communism to dominate the union. Now the top bosses of C.L.O. make the same use of Communism to undermine the shop stewards council.

"The membership of Local 301 knows that UE, because of its genuine democracy, has been responsible for the great gains made by UE workers.

"Local 301 will stand by UE and will fight with the rest of the C.L.O. to return C.L.O. to the principles of democratic industrial unions.

"The 301 membership will discuss these matters at its meeting November 15, at which time there will be the nomination of officers for 1949.

"Cleveland, Ohio, November 3.

"The determination of the C.L.O. top leadership to destroy all democracy in the organization was shown in proposals reported by the constitution committee of the C.L.O. convention.

"One proposal gives the C.L.O. executive board the right to determine that a board member 'acts like a Communist', and thereafter to remove him from the board, even though his own membership elected him.

"C.L.O. top leaders have made it clear that any action of their kind is "Communistic." On Sunday, Philip Murray told the UE committee that the UE leaders of the C.L.O. proposed non-existing agreement was a "Communistic plot."

"Another proposal will raise per capita to the national C.L.O. from 8 cents to 10 cents. This is intended to pay penalties for C.L.O. officials.

"The C.L.O. convention seated the Casey UE leaders, who were defeated at the UE convention, as delegates from tiny unions which they do not belong. Thus, Fred Holley is a 'delegate' from the United Laundry, and John O'Brien of Pittsfield is a 'delegate' from the United Cane Workers of Framingham, Mass. This gives them voice and vote like real representatives of unions.

"- U.S.W.-local 70
Building 46 Fights Security Removals

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