

NEW JERSEY, CONN., CIO HIT WITCH-HUNT

33 Hudson County Local Unions Urge Protection for Minority Groups

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JERSEY CITY, N. J., Oct. 29.—John L. Lewis wired his congratulations today to delegates of 33 local unions who met in convention here and set up the Hudson County Industrial Union Council, representing 11,500 unionists.

The convention, attended by 87 delegates was held at the United Shoe Workers Hall, from where the now historic movement against the corrupt anti-labor Hague machine was launched by New Jersey labor two years ago.

The delegates unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the Dies Committee for its inquisition against civil liberties, and warned that "the denial of civil liberties to any minority group is a step toward attacks upon and the suppression of trade unions."

QUOTES MRS. ROOSEVELT

"Whereas attempts in the present war situation are being made to deny the democratic rights of the American people under cover of an 'emergency situation,' and whereas the denial of civil liberties to any minority group is a step toward attack upon and suppression of the trade unions, and especially the CIO, and, to quote Mrs. Roosevelt, 'the denial

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New England Labor Parley Urges Keep U.S. Out of Imperialist War

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WATERBURY, Conn., Oct. 29.—The CIO State Convention meeting here today issued a blistering denunciation of the Dies Committee, and at the same time called upon Americans to keep out of "the imperialist war."

The blast against the un-American Dies Committee came in a resolution unanimously passed by the hundred delegates attending the two day convention, who represented scores of unions throughout Connecticut.

"Ever since the Dies Committee has been set up," the resolution read in part, "it has avoided the real subversive interests and has become a menace to the Bill of Rights and the principle of Democracy."

The delegates also passed another resolution in which they called upon the government to discontinue the witch-hunting Dies Committee.

BROPHY RAPS DIES

The highlight of the two days session of the convention came today when John Brophy, speaking on behalf of John L. Lewis brought hearty applause from the delegates when he took a backhanded swipe at the Dies inquisition. Brophy,

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CONNECTICUT C.I.O. FLAYS DIES, WALL ST. WARMONGERS

New England Labor Convention Calls for End of Witch-Hunt Against Progressives; Denounces European War

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commenting on the recently adjourned national convention of the CIO, held in San Francisco, remarked that the next CIO convention is scheduled to be held five years hence: Mr. Dies and his cronies, he remarked, will perhaps twist that fact into a tieup "with the Five Year Plan" of the Soviet Union.

Brophy warned labor of the increasing viciousness of the reactionaries attack upon labor unions and civil liberties, and said:

DEFEND DEMOCRACY

"We want to keep out of war, that's true. But if we surrender to reaction, then we will become a major casualty of the war whether we are in it or out of it. We must concentrate upon organizing the unorganized if we are to defend democratic principles.

"We are a young movement in many ways," Brophy remarked, "but we are old insofar as we are treasuring the hopes of American labor."

Taking another crack at the Dies Committee, the CIO leader challenged:

"The CIO is just as American as the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights."

FARMERS AT PARLEY

One of the significant parts of today's proceedings was the appearance, for the first time in this state, of organized farmers who brought fraternal greetings to the union workers represented in the Connecticut CIO.

Archie Wright, head of the militant Dairy Farmers Union, was cheered when he addressed the delegates, and referring to the farmers said:

"They have found by sticking together and putting up a fight that their material conditions and existence can be bettered."

He paid glowing tribute to the help given by the CIO to the Dairy Farmers Union:

"As the worker and the farmer

get acquainted," he said, "they find they have much in common."

The resolution against war, passed by the convention declared in part that "the United States has everything to lose and nothing to gain" if it becomes involved in the imperialistic conflict in Europe.

Other resolutions condemned racial and religious intolerance; called for cooperation with the farmers; for slum clearance, for the federal stamp plan, and for unity between the CIO and AFL.

Speakers today included Albion Hartwell, organizer for Labor's Non-Partisan League; John J. Driscoll, secretary-treasurer of the Connecticut CIO, and William Zeman, legislative representative of the CIO of Connecticut.