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ILGWU Will Not Send Delegates To Tampa Convention

"Union's Future Course Will Be Decided After AFL Convention," Says GEB

The General Executive Board of the ILGWU voted last week not to send delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Labor at Tampa, Florida, because, as a result of its investigation by the Executive Board, the ILGWU is aligned with other affiliates of the Committee for Industrial Organization, received no credentials from the convention, and refused to participate in the convention.

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Executive Board declared that conference for the purpose of establishing every opportunity for reconciling the existing differences between the Executive Council of the AFL and the Union, affiliated with the CIO, were not held. The General Executive Board unanimously directed the officers to continue their efforts toward reconciliation, but these views differ in the future movement.

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Next ILGWU Convention Will Be in Montreal

23rd Biennial Meeting Is Scheduled for May 3, 1937

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Garment Workers Throughout Land Hall New Deal Victory As Omen of Labor's Political Advent

As soon as the news flashed across the country that President Roosevelt won, on November 3, the Garment Workers Union of American Federation of Labor, under the leadership of President William Harrist, took action. The union's executive council issued a statement expressing its support for the New Deal and calling for unity among all workers. Meetings were held throughout the country to discuss the implications of the victory and to prepare for the challenges ahead.

ILGWU Rejoices In Roosevelt Triumph

American Labor Party Leaders in New York

The American Labor Party, Under Whose Emblems Some 300,000 Workers and Others Voted for Roosevelt and Lehamn on November 3, Scored a Notable Success in Its "Debut" in New York State. Above, Some of Its Leaders, As They Received Joy-Bringing Returns. First Row, From Left: Sidney Hillman, Mrs. Elizabeh M. Herrick, Luigi Antonini, Second Row: Jacob S. Potofsky, David Dubinsky, Isadore Nagler, Dorothy Bellanca, William S. Wilson.

In New York, the ILGWU campaign was centered around the Manhattan Houses, which were occupied by President Lehamn and other leaders. The campaign was marked by a series of meetings, speeches, and rallies. The ILGWU leadership was determined to use the momentum of the New Deal to advance the interests of workers.

'First Lady' Speaks To Staten Island Dress Workers

Miss Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Herbert Lehman and Miss Rose O'Nolan, addressed the workers at the United Dressmakers and Cutters Union meeting in Staten Island, N.Y. "I am glad to be able to visit with you girls here at work," said Mrs. Roosevelt, as she accepted a bouquet of chrysanthemums from Mrs. Louis S. Grace, one of the leaders. "The President, I think, has shown himself to be a friend of labor and to women who work."
Steel Labor $1 Tax Carried by 100 to 1

To the vote on the proposal of the Governor Executing Board to levy a $1 per member for the benefit of the Steel Workers' Organizing Fund, which was voted on a 100 to 0 vote on October 26, and resulted in the successful passage of the proposal. The vote was taken by secret ballot, and the final tally was 100 in favor and 0 against. The vote is considered a significant victory for the steel workers in their efforts to organize and improve their working conditions.

Register for Old Age Benefits!
NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ILGWU

Under the terms of the Social Security Act, passed at the last session of Congress and approved by President Roosevelt, there will be established on January 1 a Federal program for the payment of old age benefits. Our Union and the entire organized labor movement have long fought for a plan of old age benefits under which workers would no longer face want and starvation when they reach old age and are no longer able to support themselves. This Social Security Administration, which will now be created, will aid the government in putting the plan in operation.

Commencing November 23, 1936, every worker, whether presently employed or unemployed, is required to fill out a form, giving his name, address, age and other information which is needed in order to properly identify each worker and to open an account for benefits, making him eligible for old age benefits under the law.

The Post Office Department, which is in charge of collecting this information, has worked out a plan whereby the forms will be mailed to every member of our Union.

It is the duty of every shop chairman to see to it that every worker in his shop fills in and files this report.

All Local and Joint Board offices of our Union have been instructed to help in the collection of these forms and will be prepared to answer questions and render assistance. UNEMPLOYED MEMBERS, in particular, are urged to fill out and turn in the forms through their respective Union offices.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DECEMBER 5 IS THE LAST DAY FOR THE POST OFFICE TO MAIL IN THE FORMS!

Do not wait until the last day, Register for Old Age Security from your shop, but if you are unemployed or for some other reason cannot register from your shop, go to your Local Office any time between November 1 and December 5 and fill out your form so that you may be eligible for benefits.

Another important feature of this program is that it will provide for the payment of old age benefits to all workers, whether presently employed or unemployed, who have contributed to the program through their wages and who are now 65 years of age or over. The benefits will be paid in the form of a monthly pension or a lump-sum payment at the discretion of the individual worker. The amounts of the benefits will be determined by the length of time the worker has contributed to the program and the amount of his earnings during that time.

The resolution adopted declared that the sentiment of the country, as apparent in the returns of the recent national election, has "overwhelmingly crystallized in favor of a fundamental constitutional change," in view of the annals of the recent Labor Unions' Convention. Among the first subjects on the agenda was the special meeting of the General Executive Board of the ILGWU, which took place at the Union Hall in New York on October 26, 1936. At this meeting, the Board discussed the proposals for the implementation of the Social Security Act and the steps to be taken to ensure the success of the program. The Board also discussed the possibility of forming a cooperative bank to provide financial assistance to workers in need. The Board concluded that the program was a tremendous victory for the working class and that it would provide a foundation for the future of organized labor in the United States.
26 Million Voters Bury "Red Bogey"
A PAGE OF INFAMY FROM THE 1936 CAMPAIGN BOOK

A Brief Review of the Rise and Fall of the "Dubinsky Issue"—Appeal to Race Prejudice Meets With Disastrous Failure

Now that the battle of the ballot is over—and the curtain of the New Deal and of its standard bearer, Franklin D. Roosevelt, is finally drawn—there are a few of the front and side lights of the campaign of venom and abuse seared by the Legion of the Right and their associates upon President David Dubinsky, popularly known as "Red Boynter.

It will be well to bear in mind that this attack upon President Dubinsky was not an incident in the campaign. In part, of course, it was due to the fact that the Republican campaign policy planners had set their faces against the real issues on which to appeal to the electorate against Roosevelt. The more astute among them must have conceived that such issues as "waste," "boodleizing," "usurping the constitution," and "half-abductions, half-plunder of the American voter.

And so, contrary to the fact that they had disposed practically 50 per cent of the "Big Press," they decided to make it a campaign of histrionics of muck-raking and of diet drudging of lies. In this business, they thought, William Randolph Hearst with his asserted yellow sheets would be invaluable to aid them.

Thus this "Dubinsky Issue" came to life at about the same time that fire broke out at the Hotel Information Bureau in Manhattan in July, 1930, and that Oregon adopted the "Oregonian" as its folks' paper.

No more so than in the next few weeks it was discovered that the "Red Boynter" was the man who was prepared to pitch in with pink and phony and the "red flag" over th bonds of the country.

The theft, the forgery, the "rip-off" from Time, the Weekly News Magazine, representing part of that famous story, "The Birth of A Dirty Campaign."
New York Dress Makers Section

News of the Dress Joint Board and Affiliated Locals

Dress Locals Forge Ahead

Employer Fine Sent to Mooney

Tom Boosts Spanish Red Cross; Thanks Our Union

Described by Tom Mooney as a "patriotic" act, the dress makers of the Spanish Red Cross thanked the union for its support.

Local 89

MARTHA—FROM POLAND

Spanish Collections Continue in Shops

One May Search the Map of the World for a Country That Has Suffered More from the Curse of Nationalism and the Poison of Prejudice Than Has Poland. A Thousand Armes Have Thundered Across Its Territory, Changing the Map of Europe With the Worker Paying the Price. Martha Finds a Different Spirit Under the Banners of the ILGWU and the Dress Joint Board, Here the Barriers of Race, Color and Creed Have Been Hurried by the Minds of the membership. Here Are 29 Different Nationalities Asking Only One Question: "Are You a Fellow Worker?" The Time Is Not Far Distant When the Workers of the World Will Look Across Artificial Boundaries and Ask the Same Question. Then There Will Be Only One Nationality All Workers Are Citizens of All the World. Then Poverty, Hunger, Fear and War Will Disappear From the Earth, Bringing a New Era of Happiness for All.

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Max Cohen Explains Campaign Issues

Max Cohen, Manager of Local 60. Divided the Time of His Last Meeting in Harlem Between Union Matters and the American Labor Party. The Long Years in Harlem Was Just One Indication of How the Presses Feel Labor Needs a New Leader. Brother Cohen’s Meetings in Harlem: His Harlem Branch Has the Habit of Turning Out At Most 100 For Discussion of Union Aims.

Goldstein Cuts Again

Jack Goldstein, Editor of the Chicago Worker, Has Taken the Position That the Workers Are Only渐进式地提高生活水平。
ON THE LOCAL 22 YOUTH FRONT

By Murray Keeney

"142" Puts Forth Line to Labor Party

Neckwear Workers Present Demands to Employers

By Joseph Tovian, Manager

The Ladies' Neckwear Workers Union, Local 142, is preparing to meet with the employers in the trade to constitute a new agreement.

On November 15, at Webster Hall, the Union will meet to hear the report of the executive board, recommending certain demands to be heard before the conference board of the National Neckwear Association. Among the recommendations suggested by the executive board are the following:

1. The opening of hours for work between 1 a.m. and 11 a.m. with a deduction of pay.
2. The raising of the minimum wage for all workers.
3. Provision in the agreements for two hours of rest time, not less than two hours of work or pay, for any work called in to work on any work day.
4. Improvement of the physical conditions and social relations of the workers.
5. The establishment of working hours from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for all workers.
6. The setting up of machinery in the plant to facilitate work.
7. The right of the Union to reorganize for the purpose when the factory is not fully occupied.

North Side Y. M. C. A. Thanked by M. & H. Workers

"Justice" is glad to record the thanks of the M. & H. workers represented in a resolution passed by the entire shop, October 21, the resolution follows:

We, the workers of the M. & H. Dress 257 West 39th Street, want to express our deepest appreciation for the splendid efforts in our behalf, made by our business agent, Joseph Margolus. He recently assured an increase of $150 in salary for the manufacturer and has, in general, been a progressive influence in behalf of our shop. The undersigned are deeply grateful for the cooperation.

SHOP FRATERNITY IN FULL BLOOM

We the workers of the Sanders Paper Co., 204 West 39th Street, wish to report to our brothers and sisters of the IUEW, the following recent event that occurred in our shop. An IUEW shop shows the solidarity and mutual aid that exists there.

A little over two months ago, Clara Newman, age 80, of another shop and the Union, was operated upon for appendicitis. We received word from a hospital where she was operated upon for eight weeks. After this period of time spent in hospital, she was going to return to work although still very weak. The shop called a meeting and discussed the matter. It was decided that she would not return to work for a few weeks. A collection was held and Clara Newman was able to return to work in the country of her occupation.

Harry Schramm, Chairmen, Local 22, 224 West 32nd Street, Chicago, Ill.

Antonini Gets the Figures

Note the Smiles on Brother Luigi Antonini's Face As He Receives Hat-Off-The-Wine Figures Showing Successful Results in the American Labor Party Campaign. With Him Are Mrs. Emilia M. Harrick, State Campaign Director, and Sidney H. Miller, President of the American Catholic Workers of America. Piechota Was Snaped on Election Night. Brother Antonini Is Staff Chairman of the American Labor Party.
A Page of Infamy from the 1936 Campaign Book

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San Antonio Girls Picket Dallas Shop

Five ILEGWU Members Show Up
Tory Welcher

Give $500 to Princeton Fund On Pledge Drive

More women members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, residence of New York City and Princeton, New Jersey, picked up their crusade of $500.00-

After Wiring from Moscow, I have a treaty of the Soviet Government, this

Frances Cane and Helen Ries of San Antonio, Who Are Picketing Runaway Dorothy Foshy Shop in Dallas, Texas.

Firms Settle

The circulation drive, which began November 10 in New Jersey, is being conducted under the leadership of H. C. Sinke in the state capital. The results, which are still being tabulated, were on the 10th day of the drive. Three Newark firms failed to meet their pledge and were asked to return the pledges. The results of the membership campaign are being announced by the agreement between the Association and the Independent Typists Association.

The campaigns conducted by the New York and Pennsylvania associations were also successful. In both cases, the pledges were nearly met and the membership drive was a success. The results of the campaigns conducted in the other states are not yet available. The drive is expected to continue until December 31, 1937. A report of the results will be made available to the membership at the annual meeting of the National Labor Committee, which is scheduled for January 15, 1938. The drive is expected to net a substantial increase in the membership of the union.
By Abraham W. Katovsky, V.P. Cleveland Joint Board Manager

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ILGWU Label Becomes a Desirable Article

By Mayor Perlstein
ILGWU Southwestern Representative

We are going, although slowly, from one extreme to the other. This section of the country was and still is very much anti-union. Every inch of the ground we have gained has been through struggle and sacrifice. Happily, our International Union has reached the stage where it is strong enough to undertake the tremendous task of organizing our trade in a section of the country where the difficulties have seemed at times to be insurmountable.

Naturally the process cannot be measured by New York or other Chicago standards, where unions in our industries have been in existence for almost half a century and where mass movements are easily developed. Here mass movements do not easily occur except at times of depression, when they are driven to desperation.

The chambers of commerce and the civic and political associations are collective and expensive forces of opinion, whether they are in or against the movement, according to their conclusions, and the thousands and hundreds of thousands of dollars spent in this section are no deeper than the surface of the controversy that the employers that they have not couraged... With all that, we are gradually breaking through the iron wall, it is.

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SALT FOR TORY WOUNDS

by J. C. Rich

This week’s campus activities were on a quieter note, with the absence of the usual high-spirited crowd. The fraternities and sororities, however, were not idle, as they prepared for the upcoming election of officers. The Theta Chi fraternity held a crowded meeting to discuss the issues at hand, and the Alpha Delta party was preparing for a social event. The university administration was working on the final touches for the new academic year, and the students were busy with their studies and extracurricular activities.

ST. LOUIS ILGWU Raising Fund for “Pageant” Work

Dance on November 21 Will Gather Funds for Educational Work

The educational office of the St. Louis Joint Board of the ILGWU, which has staged so successfully and on an extensive scale the past Pantomime in St. Louis, has decided to present a Pantomime during the Labor Pageant “Singing Forward,” now currently in course, in order to raise funds of this type of educational work during the ensuing season. As a practical step in this direction, the Joint Board has arranged for a show on November 21. Charles Lessig is in charge of the arrangements connected. In response to a request for an encore presentation, President Davidoff-Koenig on the committee a letter in which he ratifies the work of the St. Louis group and informs the support of the Union. The letter reads:

“We are glad to greet the St. Louis members of our organization on this occasion.

Such work bears heavily in the educational campaign among our two groups and the propriety of those who have undertaken the work for a living. We urge you to continue the splendid work you have done and to carry on the united battle for the interest of the International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union.”

Dancing Before and After Last Game

Admission to 21 Saturday games and dance by ticket only.

price $1.00, children of active officers and staff $3.00.

Single Admission at Door $25 cents.

Suds favorite basketball league open for players.

The official evening of the St. Louis ILGWU Basketball League, made up of ten men and nine women’s local teams, gets off to an auspicious start on November 7, at St. Louis High School. A gala basketball tournament was held to introduce the opening of the season. One hundred dollars was awarded for the winners of the two games. The public was invited to watch the games for free.

The cutters’ picket and picketing were stopped, ended when they were told that the picketing was illegal. The workers were told to go home and they left for the factory at six o’clock.
**GERTIE WAS A CHILD**

A Story
By Florence Laser

Sam Loewen, writer, critic, then
reporter, editor, scholar, at that
moment filled with the desire to
see his strength, would con
promise with her weakness.

Sam strengthened his ties
with Rosemary and Helen, for
they offered him a home,
a place where he could draw
strength from their love.

Gertie was a child, but
her freedom from convention,
her independence of spirit,
her ability to think for herself,
her refusal to be held down by
preconceived ideas, made her
a person of extraordinary
strength.

The feeling for the elevating,
the inspiring, the creative,
the intensifying of life stood
as an entity in its own right,
acting as a catalyst to release
the latent energy within.

With a will that was never
satisfied, a spirit that
never weakened, and a
heart that never rested,
Gertie continued her
quest for knowledge and
understanding.

She was a child, but she
was also a woman, and in
her strength, she would
continue to grow.

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Special Radio Broadcast from A. F. OF L. CONVENTION TAMPA, FLORIDA

**REVIEW OF HIGHLIGHTS AND EVENTS**

Chester M. Wright
Editor Independent Labor News Service

**Tuesdays and Fridays** (November 11, 22, 24, 27)


WEIRD AND EASTERN NETWORK WOVR - WASHINGTON, D.C.

MADE POSSIBLE BY AVALON - A Union-Made Cigarette

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The Theatre Guild Presents "Idiot's Delight" by Robert E. Sherwood

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'**CARNAVAL IN FLANDERS**'

The Flappers

It was no day that was to
turn face in a grey film. A
long day, the "Flappers" by
all the laws of physics, it
was not good. But it was
the new dawn again. The
office had been as
 vão as a first-class man.
Perhaps the greatest
compliment to the
office was the fact that
the light had not
been put out and the
paper had been given
up in despair.

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VERDI'S "OTHELLO"
ON HIPPOPOTAMUS OPERA COMPANY NEW YORK

**NEW YORK CITY OPERA SAYS IT WILL HAVE THE EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

Of being able to present "Otello" at the Hippodrome Opera, 213 West 112th Street, in a revival being presented under the direction of Alfredo de la Deza, the New York Times writes in its review that the opera is "a fine thing," and adds: "It is a pity that more theaters do not take advantage of such opportunities."
Brockton, Mass., ILGWU Strikers in Fighting Array

Three Pennsylvania Local Celebrates

In the past weeks witnessed a number of celebrations by some locals both new and old in Pennsylvania. On Thursday Oct 25, 20th Local 82 held a 20th anniversary. Fri., held its 2nd anniversary. Rejoice in connection with the installation of the newly elected executive board. At this dance, the

Labor Spies in Fall River

By William Ross
Manager, Local 178

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Join Us Today!
The ILGWU in the 1936 Campaign

The New Deal has won a smashing, annihilating victory against as vicious an anti-social and anti-labor combine as ever disgraced the political arena. But, as an aside, F.D.R. Roosevelt has scored a magnificent personal triumph but one no one can be blind to the fact that it is no less a triumph for progress in American life.

The "economic miracle," which gained up on Franklin Roosevelt from the day they realized that he meant what he said when he promised, in 1933, to work for the recovery of the entire people and not merely for the privileged set of "money changers" are growing in defeat. The unprecedented Roosevelt stampede for the time actually has silenced the guns of reaction.

The Hearst, the Smiths, the Colbys, and other time-servers of entrenched privilege are so stunned by the magnitude of their defeat that they are making attempts to clamber upon the victorious Roosevelt bandwagon. Like "good citizens," they are now assuming fine intentions to "stand behind the President." Heaven save us from this overnight conversion to the New Deal and democracy!!

The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union has every reason to be proud of its part in the 1936 campaign.

As part of National Labor's Non-Partisan League in New York, the ILGWU furnished a good deal of the driving power in the campaign to re elect President Roosevelt. In Missouri, in Illinois, in Massachusetts, in New Jersey, in Pennsylvania, in Ohio our members worked with might and main in local and State campaigns. In New York we have given thousands of members to the Labor Party and supplied most of its fighting forces.

President David Dubinsky, symbolized to a large degree, the enthusiasm and the energy with which the ILGWU embarked on this mighty effort on the part of organized Labor to repulse reaction in its desperate bid for regaining political power in the nation. Besides doing an enormous amount of executive work in the course of the campaign, he addressed not less than fifty meetings during September and October in cities as far apart as Boston and St. Louis, meetings which stood out for size and enthusiasm. The whole aggregation of Roosevelt's "brains" from John Hamilton, Landon's campaign manager, Father Coughlin, "Will" Hearst, Bainbridge Colby, down to "Jim" Reed of Kansas City sweatshop renown, coalesced to swoop down upon President Dubinsky with streams of abuse and misrepresentation, attempting to smear him with "Communist" label. This calumny, in view of the fact that Dubinsky was not one of the Labor Party Presidential electors and by virtue of that also a New York State Democratic elector, obviously was intended to injure not merely Dubinsky but also President Roosevelt.

This nationwide drive against him-in countless press articles, radio talks, cartoons and other forms of campaign "literature"-has made Dubinsky fight harder for the American Labor Party and for his candidates in this campaign. President Roosevelt and Governor Lehman, bearing down from the day he was elected and the little bit of the current running, have displayed indomitable courage and ability to "take it" which are his natural gifts.

Our Union has done well in this campaign. Long after many contemporary events will have passed out of memory, the drama and significance of this Labor-Labor battle will remain close a chapter of American political revolution. For it was not only a campaign of "dollars against dimes" in which the "dimes" literally discovered that they could number the "dollars" ten to one but an astounding demonstration of conscious political power on the part of the common people of America. The wage earners, the small businessmen, the craftsmen in the provinces, and the men who till the soil have learned that they can, discounting party labels, look out of sight of any aggregated money power and to that extent prove the most resolute political party on a national scale in the near future? Will this lesson learned by Labor in the 1936 campaign have sunk deep enough to whet its appetite for political organization and power in the coming future?

It is still difficult to answer this question with a degree of accuracy similar to States other than New York which are considered radical. We have been carried away by the Labor Non-Partisan League, to retain all its State organizations and to set up for the time being national and State legislative committees to keep an eye on legislation and to stand by watching for a political "realignment." It is excellent news. If it evidence that the forces within organized labor which have been accounted for radical political results in several industrial States are seriously considering making their weight count in American political history in the days to come.

What constitutes the American Labor Party, in New York State, its permanence and stability are definitely assured. Behind it are the most virile and wide awake labor groups in the Empire State. It already has a machinery and an active membership of which a much older political organization might well be proud. Barricading untoward deterrents, the American Labor Party is destined for big things and a bright future. It is probably, the most treasured legacy from the 1936 campaign outside the Roosevelt victory itself as far as the New York workers are concerned.

A Short, Hectic Meeting

For a meeting that lasted barely three days, the recent special gathering of the General Executive Board of the ILGWU in Washington breaks all records in point of business achieved.

In quick order, limiting debate to an unprecedented minimum, the Union's executive decided to put all steam behind efforts to revive the NRA, or at least an industrial setup, for the women's garment trades on a national scale. For this purpose the officers of the ILGWU were instructed to hold a conference of all factors in the industry without any delay.

The ILGWU finds itself, together with other labor organizations, on the cusp of a wave which it sees "greater hope and strength and new vision among the laboring masses" all over the country. These masses today are, more than ever before, ready to respond to the call of unionism. The General Executive Board therefore voted to reinforce the current campaign in the partly organized branches of our industry; notably in the cotton garment shops, with all the men and money that may be required to achieve most far- reaching objectives.

The referendum on the New Deal, conducted by the American people in the recent campaign, has brought a verdict that America is overwhelmingly in favor of unrestricted social welfare and labor legislation. "As judicial invalidation" blocks the New Deal, it seems clear that the way to overcome amendment of the Supreme Court lies in social legislation is to vest Congress, by constitutional amendment, with power to legislate in behalf of the people who work for a living.

The GEB, therefore, directed its legislative committee to "use all its efforts and to cooperate with all other labor organizations and other progressive forces" to bring about the passage of such a constitutional amendment.

The Washington special meeting of the GEB, besides, was confronted with the complicated set of circumstances which have grown up from the affiliation of the ILGWU with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The Board decided not to send delegates to the San Francisco convention of the American Federation of Labor for the simple and sufficient reason that since the ILGWU was suspended by the Executive Council of the AFL, along with other CIO affiliates, on August 5, it has received no credentials that would entitle it to take part in the San Francisco convention.

These subjects brought out the indisputable fact that the leadership of the ILGWU is sincerely and honestly for peace and for a united labor movement provided no basic principle, such as the organization of the workers, with the monopoly of their collective bargaining industries on the industrial plan, is barred away for the sake of achieving peace. With this mind, the GEB expressed regret that the conferences for the purpose of revising every opportunity for reconciling the existing differences between the Executive Council of the AFL and the union affiliated with the CIO, were not held. The GEB, nevertheless, directed its officers to continue their efforts toward reconciling these grave differences in the labor movement.

Concerning the future course of the ILGWU with regard to the controversies between the Executive Council and the CIO, the GEB prudently refrained from taking action. That will be decided after the convention of the AFL at the next regular meeting of the General Executive Board.

Lastly, the GEB designated Montreal as the city for the next convention of the ILGWU, which is to take place on the first Monday in May, 1937.

Conventions always are holidays in the life of the ILGWU. Though a relative few are able to go as delegates, pre-convention elections appear to provide excitement for hundreds if not thousands as prospective contestants. In nearly all locals, the election campaign is a free-for-all with the result of the Union's 1931 will probably yield a record number of delegates at the Montreal convention.