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## THE CIO IS HERE

### A SENATOR'S FOLLY

When, in their eager attempt to crush the growing popularity of the United States Workers, C. I. O., the U. S. Congress attached riders to all appropriation bills, stating that all federal workers would be required to sign affidavits to the effect that they do not support strike against the Government nor support an organization which asserts such a right, little did they realize that this act would bounce back and affect themselves.

The fruit of their anti-labor tactics hit them as well because every senator, representative and all government officials short of Pres. Truman himself, are all required to sign these same affidavits. Since our Union as well as the Public Workers (to whom we are affiliating) have both made it very clear that we do not assert the right to strike against the Government, these affidavits affect none of us.

Senators Ball and Russell

(sponsors of these phony riders and amongst the most active in the so-called "economy bloc" in the Senate) thorough their deep-rooted hatred of labor have managed to spend millions of dollars of taxpayers' money in printing, circulating, and attesting these affidavits, and in the filing and similar cost.

There is no reason for anyone to feel intimidated by these affidavits for they are a clear picture of how much organized labor is hated and feared. All members of our union can sign these affidavits without fear. Our answer to these forms and to these Senators is a bigger and better UNION

If you haven't joined up as yet, don't waste another day, attend our meeting tonight at the National Stadium (7:30 P. M.), and hear Len Goldsmith, representative of the United Public Workers of America.

Was received by special delegation at Albrook Field Air Port Terminal

Len Goldsmith, International Director of Education of the CIO United Public Workers of America, made history when he stepped from a Pan American Clipper and landed on the soil of Panama to aid the Canal workers in their struggle for security and fair treatment.

Backed by the full support of the powerful CIO movement and the voting strength of six millions C.I.O. members, Canal Zone workers are looking forward to a new day in labor relations as a result of Goldsmith's arrival to discuss CIO affiliation and the CIO program for higher wages and job security.

This is the first time that a representative from the States has arrived here to investigate the deplorable conditions of our workers and at the same time pledging to aid and assist us in improving our lot.

Goldsmith is the representative of the United Public Workers of America, a CIO affiliate, that has collective bargaining relations with almost every U. S. Government Department including Hawaii.

He was met at the airport by a large delegation of workers headed by union President Francisco Arauz, who greeted

RUTH GARDNER  
of La Boca.



whose beautiful voice led the singing of the National Anthem at the July 4th Union rally.

Tune in on  
**'RADIO MIRAMAR'**  
from 7:45 p. m. to 8:00 p. m.  
**TULIA AMINTA CAJAR**  
Announcing

### PERFECT TIMING

The Star & Herald, Dean of the local journalism, the most powerful, the wealthiest of them all, the most capable and adequately staffed on these shores, has begun training her guns on the struggle for life of the Canal Zone so-called silver workers.

It is simple a matter of the lion, by way of power pouncing on the mouse. We are referring to the subtle beginning disguised in its official name "Star & Herald Survey", to prey on the unprecedented thousands of workers awakened to their appalling condition and are joining hands, hearts and pockets—regardless of the language they speak, regardless of the shade of their skins—in a com-

mon struggle, long overdue.

The Star & Herald Chiefs of Staff, at this time, refrained from using the usual communist approach but established a beach-head by using Governor Mehaeffe's administration two-year beneficial measures as a landing craft.

While we will endeavor not to give just cause to be accused of being ungrateful of these recognized benefits derived thru the benevolence of the present Canal Administration; we will also firmly state, to the four winds of earth, that no longer will the so-called Silver worker wait for the benevolent morsel from the master's table.

We are unswerving believers  
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### Greetings to Workers

Len Goldsmith

I am happy to be here in Panama and to bring you the greetings and support of the six million members of the CIO who are becoming increasingly aware of the intolerable conditions that the Canal Zone workers work and live under.

We, of the C. I. O. in the past, also faced similar conditions but we found the way to overcome them.

We organized!

With the coming of the union we found that we were able to improve our wages, win better conditions and begin to work as free men with the dignity that free men have.

It was not easy. There were many heartaches and headaches on the road to victory but we were not discouraged and when we won we found that the fight was worth while.

Your fight will be easier for the ground has already been broken and the road ahead is clear.

It will take hard work and some sacrifices but cheap victories are not worth their winning.

Our union, of which you will soon be a part is based upon the concept of the brotherhood of man.

We believe—

That "all men are created equal" and that every man must be given equal opportunity to earn a decent living and to raise his children in decency and dignity.

We believe—

That it is the duty of the United States Government to see that the principles upon which the United States was founded are carried out.

We believe—

That there is no room for Bilboism or discrimination in a democratic world.

The CIO United Public Workers has waged a strong fight for these principles and we will wage a strong fight to extend them to the Panama Canal Zone.

Our union does not believe in strikes against the government of the United States and we have won many wage increases and improved conditions without strikes or the threat of strikes.

We win our victories through the strength of our organization.

You too will win because of strength of your organization and the unity of your members.

We have made a great start. To complete the job we must now organize every remaining canal zone worker into our union so that there will be no division but only strength.

In conclusion, I want to pledge to you the full support of the six million CIO members, all of them voters, who are determined that the United States Government must become the model employer.

This is our goal. With the help and cooperation of all we cannot fail.

On to victory!

### Colon Local, CZWU Installs Officers

A rousing welcome greeted Len Goldsmith, C.I.O. representative, to the Canal Zone Workers Union, at a mass meeting held by the Atlantic members at the Colon Arena on Monday night.

Luis Alejandro Victor presided as master of ceremonies and in his own inimitable style kept the program alive with spicy remarks.

After the induction of the officers of the local by Don Victor Navas, Governor of the Province of Colon, the reading of the minutes of the inaugural meeting of the local was effected.

Guillermo Rojas, Chairman of the Atlantic local, gave a short, forceful speech on the duties of the members and the

unfavorable conditions to be tackled.

Governor Navas spoke on the importance of unity and on the favorable effects that better working standards on the Canal Zone would have on Panama.

Len Goldsmith then gave an inspiring picture of the accomplishments of the CIO and explained how the Canal Zone workers would be benefited by affiliation with such a powerful organization.

He climaxed his gripping talk with a call for a vote for affiliation or nonaffiliation with the CIO. The two thousand workers present voted unanimously for immediate affiliation with the CIO.

#### PROGRAM

1. Remarks: Master of Ceremonies.
2. Installation of Officers.
3. Reading of first minutes.
4. Address, President of the Atlantic Chapter, C.Z.W.U. brother Guillermo Rojas.
5. Address, Don Victor Navas.
6. Address, President of the Pacific Chapter, C.Z.W.U. brother Francisco Arauz.
7. Address, Brother Hugh Adams.
8. Address C.I.O. Representative.

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