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## CIO Charter to be Presented

### 7000 Hear Goldsmith's Address

Gave inspiring talk to members and nonmembers

Seven thousand Canal Zone workers braved inclement weather to listen to an inspiring address by Len Goldsmith, CIO representative, at the Olympic Stadium on Thursday.

Amidst thunderous applause, Goldsmith, stepped up to the microphone and for sixty five minutes kept the crowd spell-bound as, speaking from his heart, with simple, telling words he unfolded new vistas of hope.



Len Goldsmith

He made the unqualified statement that the "gold and silver" system in the Canal Zone must be destroyed. He mentioned that such a vicious policy had no place in the American way of life.

He made a survey of some of the deplorable conditions now existing in the Canal Zone and asserted that those conditions are not known in the United States or in the Congress of the United States but that it would be the duty of the CIO to let the people back home know of the horrible situations that are tolerated on American territory on the Isthmus of Panama.

"We are not asking for the moon. But we want a decent living for you people," he said. He touched on the principle that every man should be paid according to his workmanship and not because of his religion, the color of his skin, or his nationality.

He then introduced Graham Lewis, President of the P.C.W. E.I.A., and dramatically announced that the Panama Canal West Indian Workers Union and that all would now form a local of the United Public Workers of America, CIO. "A victory for unity", he shouted.

He commented on the fine

record of the late Sidney Hillman, friend of the common man, and had the audience observe a minute of silence in memory of the departed leader who twelve hours before his death had commissioned him (Goldsmith) to go down to the Canal Zone to help the workers.

After a lucid description of the system of collecting dues to safeguard losses to the local or to the members he explained the waiving of initiation fees by the International Body of the CIO because of the low wage standards now existing on the Canal Zone for the "silver" workers.

On the subject of unity he declared that Governor Me-haffey had asserted that within six months, the Canal Zone Local of the U.P.W., CIO, would cease to exist because the members had a reputation for inconsistency. Goldsmith in rising tones called for a denial of the assertion. An echoing "No" resounded throughout the massive ball park. Goldsmith then mentioned that the Governor's statement was a direct challenge to every worker and that each one present should make January 16 a day to show the Canal Zone authorities that the silver workers were still active in their union and with greater vigor than at the present time.

January 16, 1947 was then officially declared a special Labor Day for the Union and would be used for a monster demonstration of unity and consistency.

He described the operations of the CIO in Alabama to alleviate the wretched conditions that prevailed for the teachers and declared that he had received a letter that the state legislature had approved a bill granting equal pay to white and colored teachers.

He then explained the workings of the powerful CIO machine, outlining the plan of action that should be taken to combat the local evils. He stressed the importance of regular payment of dues so that the fullest and most effective representation may be obtained here and in the United States.

He showed that the fight will have to be on two fronts, the Canal Zone and the Congress of the United States. He once more stressed the importance of giving full support to the union so that a new day may dawn very quickly for the oppressed workers on the Canal Zone.

GIVE THE FULL NAME OF THE FOLLOWING TRADE UNIONS

- 1—C.Z.W.U.
- 2—F.S.T.P.
- 3—C.I.O.
- 4—U.P.W.A.
- 5—W.F.T.U.
- 6—N.M.U.
- 7—U.A.W.
- 8—C.T.A.L.
- 9—Name the president of the F.S.T.P.
- 10—Name the president of the C.I.O.
- 11—Name the president of the U.P.W.A.
- 12—Name the president of C.T.A.L.
- 13—Which 2 largest Unions have recently amalgamated?

### NOTICE

I. Dues paid for the months of May and June will not be considered in the payments for AUGUST.

II. No dues will be collected for JULY.

III. Dues already paid for JULY will be credited to the AUGUST dues.

IV. If John Jones had paid 25 cents for the month of June, he would have to pay \$1.00 for the month of AUGUST.

V. If Mary Jones had paid 25 cents for the month of July she would pay only 75 cents for the month of AUGUST.

VI. If Harry Smith should become a member now he should pay \$1.00 for the month of AUGUST.

### ACCION FOR SALE AT:

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Kiosco Catedral  
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Barberia Dunn  
Barberia Jennings  
Botica Istmeña

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

At National Stadium on Sunday, July 28

The Canal Zone Workers will experience another day of joy as the Official Charter of the Congress of Industrial Organizations is presented to the Canal Zone Workers Union by Representative Len Goldsmith.

This ceremony will take place at the National Stadium at 7:30 Sunday 28, 1946.

Many prominent speakers are expected to take part in the ceremony.

Besides the speakers, a band

of music is expected. This will be the first ceremony of this nature to be witnessed in the Republic of Panama.

According to information received from Mr. Goldsmith, the Charter has not yet arrived, but will be here on time for the ceremony.

The Canal Zone Workers Union takes pleasure in inviting all workers to this ceremony that will surely prove interesting.

### LEN GOLDSMITH ADDRESSES PACIFIC SIDE TEACHERS

Teachers Salaries Have Been a Millstone Around Neck of Workers

On Friday, July 19, Len Goldsmith, CIO Representative who is now on the Isthmus, spoke to the Pacific Side Colored teachers at La Boca. He told of the genuine interest the CIO has in the field of education, and of its efforts to gain better conditions for teachers in the United States. He mentioned that the low salaries of teachers have been considered by labor groups as a millstone around the necks of the other workers because unsympathetic employers generally use the teachers salary scale to chill the aspirations of less trained workers.

He touched graphically on the bitter struggle of the CIO

in Alabama on behalf of the teachers, especially the colored teachers, and reported that a bill had been passed recently granting colored teachers equal salary rating as the white teachers in Alabama.

After the inspiring talk the teachers unanimously decided to have the Canal Zone Colored Teachers Association incorporated as a chapter in the Canal Zone Local of the United Public Workers of America, CIO.

As a result of this resolution the teachers will be in direct contact with the special division for teachers maintained by the CIO.

### What We Represent

Highlights of Our Constitution

#### ARTICLE II—OBJECTS

1) To bring about the effective organization of the working men and women of the Canal Zone regardless of RACE, CREED, COLOR, or NATIONAL ORIGIN, and to unite them for common action into a labor union for their mutual aid and protection.

2) To extend the benefits of collective bargaining and to secure for the workers means to establish peaceful relations with their employers (The United States Government) by forming a labor union capable of dealing with modern aggregates of the U.S. Government in the interest of the Workers of the Canal Zone.

3) To maintain determined adherence to obligations and responsibilities under collective bargaining and wage agreements.

4) To secure legislation safeguarding the economic security and social welfare of the Workers of the Canal Zone, to protect and extend our democratic institutions and civil rights and liberties and thus to perpetuate and realize the cherished traditions of democracy.

### HONOR ROLL

Stewards Atherton, Newball and Moore have been commended for having established a 100% membership in their departments.

ATTEND OUR MEETING NATIONAL STADIUM. SUNDAY 28, 7:30