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## EDITORIAL

### OUR CIO CHARTER

After many years of struggle, the workers on the Canal Zone have made one more step in the right direction. On Sunday evening we will be presented with the Charter of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

We were able to achieve this only after long years of hardships and persecutions at the hands of unscrupulous persons working in the service of the Government of the United States.

Three months ago the Canal Zone Union was born. The gains achieved by the workers in the United States coupled with the knowledge that we too have the right to organize, relieved the workers of the fear that has been instilled in them by years of oppression.

The climax came on May Day when all Trade Unions in Panama as well as many Canal Zone workers paraded through the streets of the city in celebration of this Great Day.

It took some time to really start going. Most employees showed a tendency to keep away from anything or anyone connected with the movement due to the fear of losing their jobs.

In many instances, employees were made to believe that persons employed in the service of the Government of the United States are not allowed to join any Union or take part in any Union.

Having received the proper information, these same persons decided to join in the fight regardless of the consequences. Today, our Union is the strongest on the Isthmus of Panama. The strongest ever seen or heard of in Panama.

We have gone a long way; but but we have a long way yet to go. We must stick together in all that we do; we must continue as we have in the last three months. If we continue, then we can be sure of early victories.

On Sunday afternoon we will be presented the CIO Charter. This means that we will be recognized by the Congress of Industrial Organizations. We will be backed by six million members of that Organization.

After this shall have been accomplished, then we will be in a position to negotiate with the authorities on the Canal Zone.

We shall not NOT strike but we will bring pressure to bear by means of representation in the right place at the right time.

## TAKE TIME

Take time to work—it is the price of success.  
Take time to think—it is the source of power.  
Take time to play—it is the secret of perpetual youth.  
Take time to read—it is the foundation of wisdom.  
Take time to be friendly—it is the road to happiness.  
Take time to dream—it is hitching your wagon to a star.  
Take time to love and be loved—It is the privilege of the gods.  
Take time to look around—it is too short a day to be selfish.  
Take time to laugh—it is the music of the soul.  
—Old Irish Proverbs.

## Len Goldsmith in Panama

A big man has come to town. Len Goldsmith, CIO representative, has within a few days changed the entire picture of the labor front on the Canal Zone.

A visit to Presidente Jimenez, a three-hour conference with the Governor of the Panama Canal, guest speaker at a rousing rally of four thousand Canal Zone workers in the Colon Arena, a history making address to seven thousand Pacific Side workers in the Olympic Stadium of Panama, together with innumerable chats and conferences with persons from all walks of Isthmian life give but a sectional view of the activities of the labor representative.

His accomplishments? Well, first of all, Goldsmith was successful in having the Governor of the Panama Canal promise to issue a circular to the following effects:

1.—Every Canal Zone worker has the right to choose his own labor union.

2.—No supervisor, foreman, or straw boss must intimidate or fire a worker because of his affiliation with a recognized labor union.

3.—Any supervisor, foreman, or straw boss found guilty of intimidating or firing a worker because of labor affiliation shall be dismissed promptly from the service of the Panama Canal.

This ruling has infused courage into the hearts of those who were fearful of reprisals for their union activities.

Goldsmith in his memorable speeches in Colon and in Panama opened new horizons to the thousands of "silver" workers who are now clamoring for a new deal.

The most dramatic and the most inspiring achievement of Goldsmith is his welding together of all classes of "silver" workers. His grouping of the Canal Zone Workers Union and the Panama Canal West Indian Employees Association was a brilliant victory for unity.

### PRISONER OF LOVE

Alone from night to night  
you'll find me  
Too weak to break those  
chains that bind me.  
I need no shackles to remind  
me  
I'm just a prisoner of love.  
For one command I stand and  
wait now  
For one who is master of my  
faith now  
I can't escape for its too late  
now  
I'm just a prisoner of love.  
What's the good of my caring,  
When someone is sharing  
those arms with me,  
Altho he has a mother, I can't  
have another  
Cause I'm not free.  
He is in my dreams awake or  
sleeping  
My very life is in his keeping  
I'm just a prisoner of love.

### RESPECTABLE

"Do you have fits of giddiness?" a doctor asked a middle-aged, stern-looking woman.  
"No, I don't," came the snap reply.  
"I'm a respectable married woman."

## SPADES

By ace high

### Introduction

Quoting from Webster's Dictionary; "Spade, 1) A digging implement heavier than a shovel and adapted for being pushed into the ground etc., to call a spade a spade, to call a think its right name how ever coarse; to tell plain facts in plain words."

"Spades Calling" in this issue is going to be an easy task. Instead of striving to subdue untowardly expressions by way of making known our disagreement; on this occasion we are to be "warm in our praise and lavish with our admiration" for the members of the local press who have been so cooperative since lastly we have been "calling spades".

The apprehension aroused thru the editorial of the Star & Herald of July 13, was reversed during the course of the following week when no less than three letters disagreeing with the said editorial were gracefully published on the very editorial page of the same paper.

While there are those who are unwilling to attach any importance to what we feel should be admired as a splendid gesture; we who have always endeavored to guide our appreciations within the sphere of realism cannot but view the publication of these three

letters as an outstanding contribution to a "CAUSE THAT LACKS ASSISTANCE."

On Wednesday of the said week when rumors began to trickle of a proposed interview with our CIO visitor, Len Goldsmith, again we had our fingers crossed, and again we were in for more pleasant surprises. True to the proverb "when it rains it pours" and the showers were certainly refreshing for our long apprehensive state of mind.

Despite anything that we may have said to the contrary, we are now willing to make known our highest appreciation of the laudable turn that the "Dean" has taken. To Editor Sydney Young and the Staff of his Panama Tribune goes our fervent vote of thanks for the timely and honestly written editorial also for the wonderful coverage of the Rally in the National Stadium.

We have not overlooked the impartial attitude of the Panama American and their "Mail Box" column publications and for this we also have a word of appreciation.

We can only hope for continuation of the present trend of the local gentlemen of the press towards the cause of a people who are striving in an honest way in the pursuit of Happiness.

## Waterfront Activities

By Pulpo

In our last issue we predicted the merging of all silver labor on the Canal Zone into one solid front; those of you who were fortunate to be present at the National Stadium on Thursday, July 18, can proclaim this an accomplished fact.

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The Marine Division is actually boasting 100% membership in the Union. You other divisions, what are you waiting for? The drive is in full swing; enroll now; Remember, this is no gravy train; free rides are definitely not allowed.

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We are asking Police Chief Meyer to give some of his su-

bordinates a stern lecture on ordinary etiquette and conduct that will reflect creditably on the Canal Zone Police Force in the near future. Last week a colored lady of the community was sailing from Balboa to the States and an old man was among the crowd who came to say good-bye. The poor fellow, not knowing the regulations, tried to gain entrance to the Pier, only to be chocked and pushed out by Police Officer Maurice Muller, No. 176. This is not the first time either that he has meted out such callous treatment to a colored person. Wake up Bilboite-Muller; The C.I.O. is eradicating Jim-crowism; Remember, "An injury to one is an injury to all."

## DUES FOR AUGUST

Pacific Side members will pay \$1.00 this month for the August dues. Payments for the month of July will be waived. Anyone who has already paid twenty-five cents for the month of July will pay an additional seventy five cents which will give a total of one dollar for the August dues.

Remember, new members will pay one dollar now for August dues. Old members who have already paid twenty-

five cents for July will pay an additional seventy-five cents to make up the dollar for August. Old members who have not paid for July will pay one dollar now for the August dues.

The dues for August are needed this month because the names have to be submitted to the Washington office of the CIO so that dues cards and buttons may be issued early in August.