

PROGRESS

Brothers and sisters, now that we are on the threshold of bettering our working and living conditions, let us resolve, not to become Slackers as we go along gaining victories. Brothers and Sisters, this new medium of ours requires three essential factors; (1) Persistence, (2) Determination, and (3) Unity; Without these elements, our plans for the future will be defeated. Our proper business is improvement. Let our age be the age of improvement.

Let us cultivate a true spirit of Union and Harmony. Let our conceptions be enlarged to the circle of our duties. Let us leave foot prints on the sand of time that after we have ceased to exist our generation will say we have done a good job. We must make sacrifices and give our utmost support to this great medium.

Our fight has begun and the road to victory is laden with obstacles which can be conquered, if we will put our shoulders to the wheel of progress. Brothers and Sisters, let us bear in mind that when we are clad in the armor of a righteous cause we are stronger than all the hosts of error. Let us remember always that a Union is not for to-day or to-morrow, it is forever.

To our brothers and sisters who still refrain from joining this wonderful band of ours, let me admonish you that the "Gravy Train", may leave you at the station. Now is the time to get on. Do not let a next day find you on the waiting list. Do not let your cry be "If I did know", for it will be useless. Let me quote a few words from the speech of the great American Orator, Patrick Henry; "Our brethren are already in the field. Why stand idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear or peace so sweet? Now non-members how about it? Well your Steward or Representative is right around the corner. Just say the word and give him a dollar, and you in turn, will receive a temporary UNION CARD to show that you have joined with your brothers already on the battle field to bring our struggle to a success. Long live our UNION and may the Supreme Being give us his infinite mercy and bless us all and help us to stay inseparable.

Dudley Farrell
"STEWARDS"
Red Tank — Canal Zone

The Attitude of the Star & Herald In Regards to the C. Z. "Silver Worker"

by Common Sense

After having lashed out in a most violent manner against several countries for their fascist or communistic practices or for their opposition of the masses, the editorialist of the Star & Herald took time out from such tirades in the July 13th edition to inform the so-called silver worker that his "lot" had been improved.

In this editorial, which drew bitter protest from everyone that is considered a "silver" worker the editorialist made a great attempt to keep the wool over our eyes. His statement to the effect that Governor Mehaffey was always interested in the welfare of these oppressed workers and doing his best to help them caused great surprise among the workers.

His resume of the Governor's contribution toward the welfare of our group at a time when we have definitely concluded that we should no longer leave our fight to any one individual but to organize and do our own fighting is to be considered to very coincidental or is it?

To add emphasis to his editorial, comparisons were made between the housing facilities enjoyed by our group on the Canal Zone with those of the Panama city workers. Strangely enough no comparison was made between the housing facilities of the so-called gold worker and the so-called silver worker. The matter of the "silver" worker being able to live much cheaper due to the lower costs of food and medical care on the Canal Zone was also cited by the writer in this attempt to convince our group that our standard of living was very good and even better than that of the non-Canal Zone worker across the border. Again these comparisons are bereft of the democratic flavor that would tend to cause anyone to agree with them. Why were his comparisons not confined to the two classes of workers on the Canal Zone. Why were the wages of the "gold" worker and the "silver" worker not used as a basis for comparison? The same kind of question can be asked of the housing facilities of these two classes of workers.

Regarding the large sums purportedly spent on housing for our group we would recommend that someone in authority initiate an investigation in order to determine just where, when, and on what kind of houses this money was spent.

All in all, the editorial of July 13th could be summed up in a few words. As far as the writer is concerned the so-called silver worker has no right to join or assist any labor movement that would strive to improve his economic welfare because the improvements made over the time stated is the best that any "silver" worker should expect.

Certainly the editorialist must have forgotten that the "gold" worker enjoys a much higher standard of living than our group, but nevertheless, continues to wage a strong fight for improvements.

S P O R T S

Sport Activities In Gamboa

Gamboa, C. Z.

The Midget Basketball League stole the spotlight of our local sports during the past week due to the inactivity of our senior loop.

Last Monday 22nd, the BAM cagers handed the highly rated Medarts their first set back in a thrilling 13 to 12 upset.

The Medarts took an early eight point lead in the first quarter and at the half it appeared as if the Medarts would have registered their win at the team led 12 to 4. Fighting back in the second half, the BAM'S defense held the Medarts scoreless as Prince Grant of the Brewers scored 4 field goals to tie up the game.

Play was extended to, two extra periods before the BAM won out on Christopher Daniel's foul shot. Prince Grant with 8 points was high pointer

for the winners, T. Peterkin scored 6 points to lead for the Medarts.

Dorville's Toch Boys Moved into second place by virtue of a 15 to 10 win at the expense of the BAM in the first game of the night's double-header on July 24th. The Medarts took sole possession of first place by winning an easy 20 to 7 contest from the Dandux.

Defeated by the Medarts in their first engagement this season, the Toch Boys gained revenge as the teams clashed on Friday 26th. with a 12 to 6 win to throw the league in a two way tie for top honors. Again it was Vernon King who led his team to victory as he amassed the total of 7 points to retain the leadership in that department as he now sports the grand total of 32 points.

The BAM quintet dropped their second straight for the week as the Dandux took an

easy 16 to 9 victory in the closing game of the night's double-header.

The standings of the teams in games played up to Friday, July 26th, are as follows:

Team	Win	Lose	Pct.
Medart	3	2	.600
Toch	3	2	.600
BAM	2	3	.400
Dandux	2	3	.400

Team scoring	Fg.	Ft.	Pts.
Toch	34	5	73
Medart	32	5	69
Dandux	26	3	55
BAM	21	7	49

Individual Score:			
Name	Fg.	Ft.	Pts.
Vernon King (Toch)	14	4	32
T. Peterkin (Medart)	12	2	26
O. Rollocks (Dandux)	10	1	21
Prince Grant (BAM)	10	1	21
George Gibbs (Toch)	9	0	18

So It Was Plagiarism?

For many reasons we are publishing excerpts of letter received from Mrs. Ruth Siler, the author of the article: "Men of Gold and Men of Silver", and the Associate Editor of this month, Ricard H. Roffman.

203 West 9 4th. Street
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July 21, 1946.

Dear Mr. Pringle,
... ..
I am glad that you found my little story important and is putting it to good use. The fight that you people down there are waging is part of the effort of our time to create a happier existence, a chance for decency for the great masses of human beings now enslaved all over the world. The fight is everybody's every where, and I am not going to wish you luck, because it would

be like wishing luck to myself. That is my fight too, distances not withstanding.

I have a request to make. Could you send me ten copies of the reprint, please?

Sincerely
RUTH SILER

AND ANOTHER

Dear Mr. Pringle:
Many thanks for your inquiry.

Permission is hereby granted for you to reprint the article "Men of Gold and Men of Silver" written by Ruth Siler, etc. etc.

We would appreciate your sending us a copy of this reprint when it appears, as we would like it for our files.

Cordially,
RICHARD H. ROFFMAN
Associate Editor
This Month

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

- 1.—Canal Zone Workers Union.
- 2.—Panama Federation of Workers.
- 3.—Congress of Industrial Organizations.
- 4.—United Public Workers of American (Our Union).
- 5.—World Federation of Trade Unions.
- 6.—National Maritime Union (Seamen's Branch of the C. I.O.)
- 7.—United Auto Workers (The C.I.O. branch of automobile workers).
- 8.—Confederation of Latin America Workers.
- 9.—Luis Avila.
- 10.—Phillip Murray.
- 11.—Abram Flaxer.
- 12.—Vincent Lombardo Toledano.
- 13.—The C.I.O. and the C.T.A.L.

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.

LADIES UNITE..

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the only alternative to united union, action was "back to the scrub-board." The need for child-care centers and day-nurseries was stressed and placed on the agenda of the Union's many projects.

The group went on record unanimously supporting the U. P. W.—Balboa Chapter Stewards Council in urging Gov. Mehaffey to roll back prices on the Canal Zone to the June 30th level. Many women volunteered to serve as stewards and others (who had not done so before) joined the ranks of the Union.

The meeting ended with a true spirit of solidarity, and a determination on the part of the women to build the Union by organizing all the unorganized workers.

Look out Jim Crow—the women are on their way!!

(Ed. note—Special thanks to the "Panama American" for 'writing up' this meeting.)

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