

STOP SITTING....

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the Canal Zone is operated under the laws of the United States of America and the CIO is legally recognized by the U. S. Government.

I can see no reason why every worker of the United States Government on the Canal Zone should not become a member of organized labor, especially when the labor organization in question has proven its worth in the United States. The accomplishments of the CIO in the United States since it was organized ten years ago, have been so many and so highly important to the worker that this organization is now recognized as the leading democratic labor organization in the United States.

Another of the common reasons that the skeptic has given for not joining the Union is based on his belief that he has to have the prior approval of his boss or supervisor.

This is only a mistaken idea. Certainly, this attitude could not be attributed to fear. It does not seem logical that since the present Union is without fear while things hand-ful should be so overpowered by it.

Another weak as well as groundless reason but forward by these doubters is the recollection of the so-called strike of 1920. This "strike" is well known among our people as well as the reasons for its failure. Nevertheless, there are many of this small group that

are still filled with the fear with which almost everyone was filled when the authorities adopted stern retaliatory measures against these "strikers." It is a pity to know that they have been carrying that fear around with them for the past twenty-six years. It is more depressing to know that now that the chance of waging a better fight to secure what every free worker should enjoy is available to us, this small percentage of oppressed workers should refrain from seeking membership with the organization that is best suited to carry on this fight.

The era of fear is rapidly becoming a matter of the past on the Canal Zone, ever since the CIO extended its democratic fight to these parts. No longer is the worker afraid to become insistent in his demands for what is rightfully his, economic freedom, better housing, and better education. No longer is he afraid to make public the injustices he suffers. Why do you skeptics choose to remain in the middle road on an issue that is just as much yours as it is mine?

I am very certain that you are all aware of the fact that whatever we may achieve in our struggle will also be enjoyed by you. My advice to you would be to join our Local 713 as quickly as possible. THIS IS NO TIME TO BE STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD!!

JAMES SMITH'S.....

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highest representatives of the organization affected by such slander was right here on the Isthmus and could have been easily contacted for a confirmation of James Smith's allegations.

This would have been the most practical step to follow. In following this step this paper would have had cleared itself of any doubt as to its real interest in the welfare of the oppressed peoples of the Canal Zone as well as the world over. Of course, everyone realizes that this paper has its tradition of almost one hundred years to uphold. Naturally it would be too damaging to its pride to contact Mr. Len Goldsmith for the true facts, even though the C.I.O. is the ranking labor organization of the greatest democratic nation on earth.

The attitude of this morning paper in publishing such a misleading letter is to be questioned when it must be considered that such statements serve as food for the few skeptics who would be more than glad to use such statements as the logical reason for not joining the movement. Moreover, this particular daily has never strived for the abolition of the racial discrimination nor for the betterment of the economic condition of the so-called silver worker.

Probably this paper was not interested whether the "silver" worker was kept in a state of servitude or not. Probably it

was not aware of the existing conditions or probably it felt justified by staying clear off such matters. Nevertheless, the fact that it could suddenly become aware of the agitation going on in the cities of the Republic which was branded as "a campaign of harassment against the Canal authorities by elements wholly disassociated with life and work on the Canal Zone," is proof enough that this particular paper was always conscious of the flagrant un-democratic practices existent on the Canal Zone.

The publication of this letter by this morning daily has only served to intensify the bitter feeling of the "silver" worker toward it.

It is a certainty that he future publications of this paper will be closely observed and whenever there are similar recurrences like the "James Smith" letter, then it would be left to the "silver" worker and his family to take the necessary action as a means of protest.

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Boss:—The Panama Canal belongs to us Americans. You foreigners are not entitled to much, anyway.

Union Member:—When the going was tough in the construction days why didn't all of you feel that the project belonged to you and therefore you should all have pitched in and do the dirty work. We did most of the dirty and dangerous work to make this Zone a paradise for you newcomers.

Boss:—You guys want too much. You are not tax-payers.

Union Member:—We are greater tax-payers than anyone in continental United States in individual contribution to the United States treasury. The average "silver" worker pays twice his salary to your government when we consider that he gets only one third of the wages paid to Americans for similar workmanship.

Boss:—You guys are getting bitter. I suppose you want to start a strike.

Union Member:—We shall never attempt to strike.

Boss:—You fellows should use more molasses and less vinegar.

Union Member:What would you Americans do if placed in our position?

Boss:—Use molasses, of course.

Union Member:—What did you use in 1776?

Boss:—A.hem... There goes the whistle. See you tomorrow.

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