

## JUNIOR CIO

By Hugh Adams

Earle Lawrence Carl, born in New Haven, is one of the first blind persons to accomplish many things during his life.

At the age of 17 he entered high school. While playing football an accident occurred, causing an injured vertebra to result in complete blindness. This, however, did not stop him from learning. After completing High School he entered the Fisk University. He was the first blind person to enter this school. After years of hard study he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

For a time he worked at gauging cartridges and later entered the Yale Law University where he was easily recognized as a tip-top student.

His constant companions were Mr. Stork, a dear friend

of his, and a white shepherd dog. He and his friend wrote a manual to aid the blind.

Carl has proven himself to be rather versatile. Today, at the age of 27, he finds himself a rather famous radio broadcaster with a heavy fan mail, and the representative of the Winchester Radio. He frequently occupies himself as a soap sculptor.

On the question of his color and physical deficiencies he has often expressed himself as not harboring any prejudices or any special regrets over his inability to see. He has a charming personality and is allergic to personal impressions formed on the basis of physical appearances. Of himself he says: "My blindness has given me a new sight and a new set of values."

## W A R N I N G NERVES WAR WILL GET YOU?

For quite some time several persons, all serving special masters, have waged a war of nerves in an attempt to discourage membership in the UPW-CIO.

One of the most used forms is the publication of letters and articles in which much effort is expended to discredit union officials and activities. These have been increasing in number and have always been aimed at incidents of which neither the members nor the officials know anything.

Here is how you know such

propaganda:

1. The criticisms offered are not directed against any special person or to any direct activity. There is nothing there except generalities.

2. That which is mentioned in the propaganda is on material with which the member is not familiar. Every union activity is reported to the members through this paper, the stewards and our chapter meetings.

**DON'T LET THIS TYPE OF PROPAGANDA GET YOU. IT'S NO GOOD.**

## HERE AND THERE

By Militant

From time to time, our Stewards' Councils have been under fire from the outside as well as within. The common criticism is that these councils are not what they should be. These geniuses who are loud in their condemnations have failed, however, to realize that before there can be effective Stewards' Council meetings, certain steps must be initiated. The first of these steps would be essentially, to educate our stewards.

For months I have wondered why our new local has never taken any steps toward creating a "conscious educational program" for the benefit of its members. In fact, I have spoken to the officers of the Executive Board, individually and collectively, about the establishing of such a program. But, I must confess, they were no more concerned about this than are our enemies who would be glad to see us fall apart.

This is a very sad condition in view of the fact that our union is being bombarded daily by propagandists who feel that we should not thrive. Such a state of affair demands that our stewards be trained to handle this situation creditably before our members in the field. Our stewards must be able to prove to the members why our enemies write as they do; why they keep hammering away at us unceasingly; in short, why we are under constant fire from the outside.

Further, stewards are requi-

red to handle grievances on the job. But, before they are able to do this efficiently, they must be educated for such a task. They must know when a grievance is a grievance; when the member is right or when he is wrong; and, above, all how to approach their employers. This last is very important inasmuch as a harmonious employer-employee relationship is essential to collective bargaining.

Considering, also, the fact that our union is new business to all of us, it is imperative that we be educated along the line of trade-unionism. This does not mean stewards alone,

## Water From the...

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the CIO., and this in spite of fact that this white man had always the Metal Trades Council. Isn't this a strange world? But then, it has always been. TO EACH HIS OWN, but only after each has taken the necessary precautions to preserve his own for himself.

And so Oldtimer kept walking towards his home, thinking things he should have thought years before. Never before had he felt so great a determination to do anything. Yes, the CIO must have his support always. There was not much of a sign for a sudden conversion so as to provide him with the necessary old age protection, as he had never been given the opportunity to contribute towards a pension. However, the thought of having someone or something fight for him and others like him was enough. Better still, the bitterness which most "white folks from the Metal Trades" felt for him in the CIO gave him more pleasure than many things had given him before.

The next morning Oldtimer was back at work. In his eye was the strong challenge; he was ready and determined to meet clogged sewer lines and embittered Metal Traders alike.

but Executive Board officers as well. Our Executive Board officers must be made to understand that Stewards' Councils are just as important as any other function in this union; that stewards speak for the members, give them able leadership on the job, and lastly but not least, hold the members together and encourage new workers to become members.

There should be no doubt, then, in the minds of our critics and others that what the Stewards' Councils need, and incidentally, the entire membership, is a "conscious educational program". It is hoped that this article will not be taken as just another beef; but that the new Executive Board officers will give the matter serious thought and do everything in their power to establish such a program in the very, very near future.

## WITH THE ORGANIZERS

It is commendable to mention the many successes that have been achieved recently by organizers of the Atlantic Chapter. Aptitude have been shown in the execution of their duties, particularly in contacting officials of various departments in defense of members who have unjustly been discharged from their jobs, suspended, failure to acquire compensations deserved or otherwise.

To substantiate this fact, this one of the many cases that they have succeeded in

"On November 23rd, Stephen E. Edwards was discharged on suspicion, based on report of a foreman. On

November 25th, a grievance form was filled out and requests was made to take up this grievance. The Asst. Chief Steward of the R. & F. A. was given full details. He was requested to make investigation and if successful result was not obtained, to proceed with stages "A" and "B". The Asst. Chief Steward discovered it necessary to advance to the third which brought successful result. Due to the conference which ensued, fortunately this brother was informed to report on November 30th, to resume his work."

It can therefore be observed that the courage and determi-

## "ARROWS IN THE AIR"

By Nelson McBean

"The only freedom which deserves the name is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to rob others of theirs..." John Stuart Mill tells us in those few memorable words that inasmuch as we love our liberty so dearly we should adhere to the principle of "live and let live." The wisdom of that thought is borne out by the evidence of disastrous wars which have wreaked incalculable havoc on humanity, ravaged countries and destroyed whole civilizations. Every war fought on this globe since the beginning of time had at its inception the desire to suppress; the will to rob others of their right to "life", liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

In this connection, we find what appears to be the inherent cussedness of human nature, in its most virulent form, rampant in these parts, where all, but a few, of the pampered and petted American (Gold) employees have lost the breadth of vision characteristic of their race. They cry to high heaven if any attempt is made to abrogate their special and peculiar privileges, yet, there are none as ardent in fighting off legislation which would improve the lot of the "Alien" (Silver) employees.

It is indeed a sad commentary on human nature that people whose rights are the very breath of life to them should go overboard in emulation of practices which have plunged humanity into maelstrom of wanton destruction and unfathomable suffering twice in twenty-five years — and may well be the nucleus of complete annihilation of the human race. Is mankind daft?

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More often than not we ponder over the apparent machinations of this thing which we call the Fourth Estate. We are apt to ask — Is the Fourth Estate an instrument of the people? Was it created by the people for the people? If the answers are in the affirmative then we, in this department, evident disdain in which the Press seem to hold the people.

We believe that the primary function of the Press is dissemination of truth so that the people may know how to evaluate the world in which they live; and to hold aloft the torch of liberty so that its light may illumine the paths of all men.

We believe that the Press has failed in its obligation to the people if it reneges on this basic principle of its existence, if it prostitutes itself so that it no longer serves the interests of the people from whom it draws sustenance, if it

nation that are being displayed by these energetic organizers, are responsible for the re-employment of many individuals who are members of this organization.

It is a known fact, that the complications which have surrounded many grievances cannot be handled with successful result individually, because in many instances the cause of these heinous actions of employers or superiors are based on racial or personal dislikes, or envy.

breaks faith with the people, if it ignores its commitments. We opine that the Press has become an enemy of the people when it no longer thinks of itself as a servant of the people, when it joins hands with tyrants, when it identifies itself with their tyranny then it can no longer serve the people it becomes an enemy of the first magnitude and must be dealt with — as such.

Comercialism is OK with us but we decry that section of the Press which sells itself to the highest bidder in its lust for lucre or power. We cannot under any circumstance, or set of circumstances agree that there is any justification for those publishers or editors who lose sight of the fact that the people they "sell down river" are, ironically, the same people who have given them palatial homes and, incidentally, the power they are using against the people.

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Speculation is running rife these days as to the whys and wherefores of the Central Labor Union — American Federation of Government Employees fight over the ill-conceived Mccaran amendment which would reduce all Panamanian and West Indian employees of the Canal Zone to grass cutters, garbage collectors and janitors. The bone of contention is as to whether these two "Labor" unions should pool their resources to fight the American government over retention of the 25% pay differential; and the government of the Canal Zone in efforts to remove the rent increases which becomes effective January 1, 1947, or be split over a piece of legislation which is so inhuman and undemocratic that the powers that be have yet to find a medium of enforcement.

Apropos of which the man on the streets asks this one: If the AFGE is intent on "protecting" the American working man why balk at scavengers and janitors? It is the proud boast of Americans on the Canal Zone that they are Five to Ten times as good as Panamanian and West Indian workers. In the interests of economy therefore and in the interests of American workers which this union is sworn to uphold — why not go the whole hog — why not import white American garbage collectors, grasscutters, janitors, sewage workers and such?

We, could perhaps enjoy the spectacle of a Canal Zone run with a full complement of white workers, but would the AFGE? We wonder...

Their endeavors in this respect to assist unfortunate so-called silver employees to gain recognition of their merits and years of assiduous toil, should be credited by your willingness to support this worthy cause, the benefactor of all silver employees.

A weekly published report of the activities of these organizers will be furnished this column for your encouragement; therefore we beg that you support this labor organ with your patronage.