

## SCORES DE TOLEDANO . . . . .

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were first filed by the CIO for affiliation. These requests were first filed by the Panama Canal West Indian Employees Association in April 1946 and later in June 1946 by the Canal Zone Workers Union over the signature of Edward Cherest, who was at that time a pharmacist employed by the Panama Canal and who now is Regional Director of the UPW-CIO in Panama. None of these organizations or persons could be called Communist by any stretch of the imagination. These request for CIO affiliation were referred by the CIO to our Union, the United Public Workers of America, CIO, under routine procedure since the UPW-CIO. It was after we received these request that our organization sent representatives into the Canal Zone.

Thus it was clear from the beginning that the UPW-CIO in the States did not take the initial steps for a Union in the Zone, but rather the people came to UPW-CIO for assistance

and strength. The workers wanted us.

"It is somewhat startling to note with what assurance the writer in the Panama American claims he has 'contacted responsible officials' for such false statements as:

'Robert Weinstein was an instructor at the Communist Jefferson School.'

'A Robert Weinstein, residing at 432 18th Avenue, Kings County, New York, was the signer of a Communist election petition, number 2366, on September 21, 1941.'

'Significantly enough, a Jacob Strobel is listed as the signer of Communist election petition number 10339, on June 7, 1942, for Israel Amter, once American representative at Communist International Headquarters in Moscow.'

"It is a flat lie to infer that the Weinstein and Strobel who are officials of the UPW-CIO are the same persons as referred to in the above statements, if indeed such persons do exist.

The UPW-CIO flatly denies these charges. If Mr. de Toledano would take the trouble to make a real investigation, he would find that we are correct. CIO International Office is consulting with its attorneys in the States and is enquiring into the possibilities of bringing libel action against Ralph De Toledano.

"The technique employed in De Toledano's article of using 'support' of this or that committee is also an outworn ruse. Many committees which are disliked are labelled radical or red regardless of the issues involved, whereupon all individuals who may support such committees are easily included in the label as 'subversive elements'. De Toledano refers to the Union's support of committees such as the National Negro Congress, the Workers Alliance, Consumers Union, the Labor Research Association, the Washington Committee for Aid to China, the International Labor Defense, and many others. Just because some individual supported such committees does not prove him to be a Communist, because many of the supporters of these committees were well-known persons in American public life who were obviously not Communists.

"These are just a few of the blatant examples of falsification in Ralph De Toledano's article in the Panama American. Careful analysis will prove his other assertions to be false. Abram Flaxer, Robert Weinstein and Eleanor Nelson are certainly

not Communists and the UPW-CIO challenges anyone to disprove this statement.

"This attempt to slander the UPW-CIO is simply a re-use of the age-old technique of trying to split the Union and intimidate workers against the organization of their choice.

"If Ralph de Toledano were a responsible journalist with a proven record of integrity, his words might cause us to worry. As it is, he is literary prostitute who lives off such falsehoods. In addition, he is a nobody. No one even knows who he is.

"Frankly, we would be more impressed if these 'exposers' would expose the low wages of

Canal Zone workers, their deplorable housing, the discrimination exercised against them, and their unbelievably low standard of living."

## Correction

We desire to make a necessary correction on information that was published in our last issue under the title GHOST FILE. Samuel Walsh has been receiving the sum of \$12.00 per month and not \$7.00 as was reported and the service date of 1913 which is what was registered in the "missing" file and which is the correct date as per statement made by Walsh.



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