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EDITORIAL

THE LABOR CONFERENCE

Published elsewhere in this issue is an article in relation to a conference of the United Labor Syndicates of the Republic of Panama, slated for the 21st and 22nd instant. From information gleaned through both a reliable and unimpeachable source, deep interest is being taken in this conference, and we note with much elation, the topics which are of far reaching and great importance to labor in general to be discussed at this conference as was brought to our notice a few days ago. Sometime about two months ago, we stressed the imperative-ness of all concerned toget together for the good of our ourselves—all for one and one for all—in unity there is strength, and we are indeed proud to see that so far fruit has been borne thereby. We congratulate immensely those gentlemen who saw it fit to come together, as a result of which, the subject conference is made possible.

Of course, this being the first attempt, we are sanguine that every desired wish cannot be obtained, however, we are looking forward with anxiety to the laying out of solid ground on which to place the foundation and the subsequent erection of a permanent structure to the cause of labor here on the Isthmus of Panama. We are sensible of the fact that there will, and must be difference of opinions, but with the spirit of give and take and with proper reasonings, all will be well in the end. Wise men have disputes but they never disagree.

Especial note has been made of the invitations sent out by the Committee on Arrangements for the conference, in that; this committee did not fail in extending a welcome to even the lowliest of labor, and we are more than pleased to see that the "Fair" sex will be taking active and equal part in the business to be transacted. This alone is sufficient cause to anticipate a successful conclusion of every subject handled. The ladies, God bless them. Also, the committee acted wisely in its requesting a representative of one from a group of any twenty-five persons of any particular trade or calling to take part in the conference. This augurs well; and the far-sightedness of the committee in this as well as other directions should be commended. In congratulating the several organizations (labor) for the step taken in bringing about the present conference, we wish for them every possible success; in high hopes that their deliberations will culminate satisfactory to all concerned; that none of the delegates will think of or fight for personal gain or ambitions, neither for their particular union or organization, but to the contrary, for the conference as a whole, bearing in mind the fact that **UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL.** Not we only, but the public in general will be watching the conference's every effort, therefore, our admonition: Be modest and discreet in the handling of every situation presented for action.

We turn attention for a few moments to the conference of the United Nations held in San Francisco and which was recently concluded and suggest that our delegates to this our local conference cull some of the principles of the delegates thereto in their arguments and discussions, and in this regard, we quote the following, not withstanding their not directly referred to labor:

"It would be well to reread Mr. Molotov's statements upon arriving, in which he referred to the honor done him by the appointment and to the Soviet Union by his presence. He considered the conference important and represented his country in that manner. He won some of his points, and
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NEWS

Colon Branch-B. T. & W. Union

1. Referring to an article appearing in our issue of the "Laborer" of the 29th ultimo, relative to funds paid over to the Province Attorney (Fiscal) of the City of Colon, in behalf of the Union by Mr. Fuentes, ex-Treasurer; we are pleased to state for the information of those concerned that the amount stated—two hundred and ninety dollars (\$290.00) U.S. Currency, has been recently turned over to the Union by the Attorney named above, as a result, the matter is now closed.

2. It has been brought to the attention of the Union, that certain employers in the City of Colon, despite the Executive Order of the President of the Republic of some two years ago, have resorted and are still resorting to the system of employing women in the capacities of cashiers, and Bar Tenders and Waiters in their establishments, thereby necessitating the discharge of males employees, members of the union. As this situation is contrary to the Government's labor policy, the Executive Officers of the Bar Tenders and Waiters Union, upon satisfactory proof, intend to approach the proper authorities, in the persons of the Honorable Governor and the Honorable Alcalde of the Province, with a view of applying remedial and corrective measures to this open violation of authority.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY "PEPPER"

On the occasion of the anniversary of his birth, which fell on the 11th instant, our esteemed comrade and much valued friend Santiago (Pepper) K.O. Anderson, was at home to the members of his immediate family and relatives, as well as to quite a number of friends and associates.

Santiago, Pepper as he is known about town, is Chief of the "KU LI NA RI" section of the El Rancho Garden and Fiscal Officer of the Bar Tenders and Waiters Union, this City, and brother of the all 'round Joseph Byron Anderson and "Easy-going-genial" Arturo O. Anderson, also of the El Rancho. We of the "Laborer" and members of the Bar Tenders and Waiters Union, join with "Pepper's" numerous friends and well-wishers in wishing him best returns of the day, praying that he will long live to see and enjoy more days of the kind, and in acclaiming "Happy Birthday To You"—good luck and prosperity be thine "Pep." old boy, tusting that our present good relationship will grow more firm and steady in the future.

A WORD OF ADVICE TO MEMBERS OF UNIONS

For quite sometime since, certain individuals, not only those employed as Bar Tenders and Waiters, but of other occupations, have called and are still calling at the Headquarters of the Bar Tenders and Waiters Union, requesting that the union intervene and mediate for them when adverse conditions of their employment do not meet with their satisfaction. While the union's policy is to assist as far as possible in matters affecting labor, it must, however, be borne in mind that it is unfair to those persons (members) of unions who are contributing to the upkeep of the said unions to use their support in helping others who are eligible to become members, but who purposely neglect to do so; and are heard on numerous occasions to remark: **WHATEVER THE MEMBERS OF UNIONS GAIN I WILL BE BENEFITTED ALSO, BECAUSE I AM ALSO A BAR TENDER, WAITER, ETC.** Why

seek help of the union (s) when adverse circumstances come about? The Unions and other similar organizations membership lists are open to one and all, why not join now and stop being PARASITES, ON-LOOKERS, PERCHERS and BROW BEATERS. Cease to enjoy that which you did not sow or reap; feeling comfortable at the expense of the labor of your fellowmen. Be one of us and enjoy the benefits to accrue.

There is absolutely no excuse of not affiliating ones self with some labor organization. If we help ourselves other will help us. The fee to membership is within the reach of all, likewise, the monthly contribution. We are too glad and willing to give any information desired. Our general meeting is held on the LAST Thursday of each month, commencing at ten o'clock (10:00) a.m.

Attend the next meeting of the Union.

HERE AND THERE

(By Correspondent JA-and-DEE.)

Congrats to Sires BYRON and EDUARDO.

Despite the secrecy with which they shrouds it, your correspondent has verbatim knowledge that Sires J. Byron Anderson and Eduardo Douglas, Representative and alternate, respectively, of the Bar Tenders and Waiters Union to the United Labor Conference, scheduled for the 21st and 22nd instant, are hard at work in accomplishing the "V-ROCKETS" in the form of resolutions, etc., to be presented at the business sessions of the said conference, in view of which their many comrades and friends can expect some very great surprises from both these Sires. Your correspondent has gleaned further information of the fact that the Honorable Eduardo, is slated to give a very thrilling and not to say the least forceful address at the opening session of the conference, and knowing this Honorable as I do for his power of "PEACH" and par excellence at anytime he "SPOKES", great things are anticipated of him. In this connection, your correspondent must, however, take the liberty, which it is believed, both these Honorables will grant him, to remind them that to be forewarned is to be forearmed, therefore, the strong suggestion that they do a LITTLE refraining—desist—for the time being their regular attendance at the "FOUNTAINS." Of course, it is known, beyond the shadow of a doubt that these "ILLUSTRIOUS" are members of the "Band of Hope"—Total "TEETOTALERS," which precludes the advice: "KEEP ON THE WATER WAGON."

Honorable Sires, may it please your good selves, your comrades, numerous friends and admirers are boosting, for you, so please do not let them down.

ALL HAIL!!—Gentlemen ORLANDO, CHARLEY ("P. F."), HENRIQUE and JIM. Further 'Further' 'yes Further'" knowledge has been gleaned from a trustworthy source that the Most Honorable Professor Orlando Schloss, Dean Charles ("PUSS FACE") Minott and His Excellency-Doctor Courvin (Casis), all of the El R.B.G., are in the running for Chairman, Secretary and Grand Marshal, of the next Conference??? which it is understood will be conducted in the english language, and that CHIEF DISPENSER "Judge" Jim Myrie has been singled out to effect the drawing cards to determine to which office each of the three "YOURS TRULY" will be assigned. On this issue, your correspondent would strongly recommend, if consistent with the feelings of the "JUDGE", the following selections in lieu of a drawing, in the interest of time and labor:

1. Due to Professor Schloss' superb knowledge and mastering of the english language, coupled with his skillfulness and tact in deciding matters, it is felt sure all will agree that he should be named Chairman of the conference.

2. That inasmuch as Dean Minott is known far and wide to be a total abstainer—one who never touches anything intoxicating—that he be named for the Secretary's office. As this office must be filled by one of sobriety, strong nerves and with the will to serve, a better choice than our good friend "PUSS FACE" could not be made. Hurray, Hurray, Hurray for "P. F.", hoping that he will be given a chance to prove his ability.

3. The Marshall must be of STRONG and STOUT arms in
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