

THE LABOR CONFERENCE...

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lost others. He took rebuffs in good part and showed no desire to desert the conference, although one might have thought that from the dispatches of certain writers.

The San Francisco Conference has not settled all points of dispute, but while the fireworks were going off on the roof, the foundation of a peace structure was quietly being strengthened below. That framework has now been constructed and San Francisco will be remembered for that success.

Mr. Molotov did not desert the conference at San Francisco, because the Soviet Union can't afford to allow the foundations of peace to be destroyed. They can't afford to do it, and we can't afford to allow them to do it. The world simply can't stand another great war. Is there any sensible person who thinks it can?

THERE CAN BE no doubt that organized business in the United States and Great Britain, and to some extent in France, not only fear communism, but are willing to organize to fight it. This is the meaning of the continual pinpricks at Russia at San Francisco! The petty dispute over the presiding officials at the conference; the lugging in of Poland, Austria and Trieste to divert and inflame public opinion; and the almost universal charge of American newspapers and magazines that Russia is petty, obstructionist, and dangerous to "free" enterprise. On the other hand, the one statesman at San Francisco who stood up for human rights and the emancipation of colonies was Molotov. His words have scarcely been reproduced.

Here, then, I seem to see outlined a third World War based on the suppression of Asia and the strangling of Russia. Perhaps I am wrong. God knows I hope I am.

The world security conference which is coming to a close at San Francisco may not have accomplished all that was expected of it. It may not have given comfort to all quarters that sought relief from it. In the nature of the circumstances that brought the conference into being, a modern miracle would have been wrought had the delegates arrived at a satisfactory solution for all the ills of our suffering world.

To be sure no international conference whether for peace or suppression of opium is ever satisfactory to all concerned. Greed, economic rivalry, conflicting political ideologies together with the everlasting desire of powerful states to achieve and retain world domination are forever conspiring against the noblest intentions of statesmen.

The fact that civilization is periodically beset with wars is in itself conclusive proof of the failures of peace conferences and treaties.

While the wish for peace may spring from honest hearts and minds, such a wish is usually canceled when so-called national interests are at stake. National interest may be anything from freedom of the seas, treaty obligations and territorial concessions to neutrality rights, strategic or geographic security and economic spheres of influence and so on.

It seems incredible that a civilization as old as ours should not have devised by now a workable plan of inter-relationship that might guarantee equitable sharing of world goods without perennial bloodshed and, above all, without violating fundamental human rights.

In all fairness, it must be said that the United Nations' meeting, despite many obvious weaknesses, has cleared the air for a more enduring peace structure. No doubt many of the issues raised will remain unsettled until a peace conference is called to reexamine them and deliberate upon their final disposition.

At least the San Francisco conference has enlightened and awakened public opinion on a great

CONFERENCE

UNITED LABOR SYNDICATES OF PANAMA

21-22 JULY, 1945

A General Labor Conference of all labor organizations operating on the Isthmus of Panama, is scheduled to meet in the Salon of the Municipal Council of Panama on the 21st and 22nd instant, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each day. The main purpose of this conference is for the devising of ways and means of bringing into being one Control Headquarters and the discussing and final adoption of such matters of interest and general welfare to labor as may be brought before the conference. It is intended to adopt the principles laid down at each of the con-

ference held in Philadelphia, U. S. A., Cali, Colombia and London, England. As a consequence, great and good results are anticipated at the outcome of this conference. Invitations for the purpose have been extended to each labor organization on the Isthmus of Panama, with a request for two (2) representative from each such organization will full power to act for and in the name of the organization representative. These representatives are eligible to vote upon all questions required to be voted on at the conference. In addition, members of the organizations are free and at will to be

in attendance at the conference but will not be permitted to take any part in the business thereof.

Invitations have also been extended to the President of the Costa Rican Central Labor Organization, and the President and Secretary, respectively, of the Central Labor Region of Confederation of Latin America in Colombia.

It is advised that any group of twenty-five (25) persons of any particular trade and or calling may elect one of its number a representative to the conference who will be permitted to take part in all discussions but will not be permitted to vote.

The National Women's Association of Panama has been requested to cooperate in a financial campaign for the raising of funds for the financing of the conference to which it has gladly assented; and as a fraternal organization, it has been requested to also send two delegates to the conference who will take part in the discussions only.

A committee consisting of the following named gentlemen has been named to effect necessary arrangements for the conference, and from information gleaned to date these gentlemen are exerting all efforts at their command to make one and all who attend the conference feel comfortable and at home: Juan B. Pardo, Luis Alejandro Cuellar, Manuel J. Herrera, Guillermo de Leon, Porfirio Diaz, Modesto Porto, Juan Nieto Cristobal Cerred, Aristides Wilson Celso Corvillon and Celso Solano.

All indications point to a most pleasant and enjoyable time and a warm, right hearty welcome awaits one and all.

It is the expressed wish of the committee that all be punctual in attendance, especially the delegates, it having been decided to make a go of business promptly at the scheduled hour.

We understand that the delegates of the Bar Tenders and Waiters Union are the unassuming and pleasing Mr. Juan B. Pardo, President of that organization, and smiling J. Bryon Anderson, member of the X Board of management of the said organization, to whom full authority to act for and in the name of their unit has been delegated.

Our eyes and ears will be centered on you delegates on both days of the conference.

(Note) X—Board of Management member Eduardo Douglas will be alternate to J. Bryon Anderson on one of the conference days, i. e., 21st and 22nd.

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conjunction of being robustly built; due to his duty being a very hazardous one, therefore, it would be unwise to select a "weakling", and one as powerful and strong and stalwart as His excellency the Doctor is, will, without contradiction, fill the bill. In consequence of which, the "Instrument" cited should be named for the office in point. Your correspondent shall appreciate word from Chief Dispenser, "Judge" Jim, in the premises. And until then, your correspondent SIGNS OFF.

DIRECTS MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF PERFORMERS (ARTISTS) IN ESTABLISHMENTS - CITY OF COLON

We note with much concern, in the edition of the Panama American of the 12th instant, a directive of the Health Officer of the City of Colon, to the effect that unless performers (artists) of establishments, such as cabarets, etc., in the City of Colon submit to clinical examination, the establishments in which employed will be placed "off limit", to be effective on the 19th seven (7) days from date of issuance of the said directive.

Due to circumstances in which not only the persons affected, but also the proprietors and especially the employees of these establishments—Bartenders and Waiters, etc., will be placed, should the subject directive be not complied with, the President and Secretary of the Bar Tenders and Waiters Union, Panama City, in the interest of labor in general, have addressed a letter to the Honorable The Governor of the Province of Co-

lon, requesting that functionary to take up the matter with the Health Authorities in an effort that the directive be not made effective until the explanations of contracts of the performers (artists) in point, and that the proprietors of the affected establishments in entering into all future contracts include there in the requirement of their contractees submitting to the examination which is the cause of this writing.

In answer to the President and Secretary's letter referred to in paragraph two, supra, the honorable The Governor, to which reference is also made in the paragraph cited, under dated of the 13th instant, among other things stated his promise to immediately take up the matter as requested, and whatever the result, which it is trusted will be satisfactory, will be brought to the attention of all concerned.

many questions that were hitherto confined to the sacred precincts of ambidextrous diplomats. Enlightened public opinion may go a long way toward the prevention of another world holocaust.

May success crown the conference's transactions and with faith and confidence not forgetting to ask God's blessing upon every effort; we wish you good luck.

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