

# Lewis' Charge Is 'Nonsense,' Says Reuther

Radio commentator Fulton Lewis, Jr.'s statement that Walter Reuther was in part responsible for the broadcast ban on the CIO hearings in Detroit is "sheer nonsense," Reuther told the Emerald Tuesday.

Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, stated: "This is the lack of morality I was talking about in my address. If you and I disagree, we stand up for what we think—that's what makes America great. We don't have to call each other names."

Later he said he was definitely in favor of televising such hearings, the only reservation being that they didn't become "three-ring circuses."

"Lewis has no basis whatsoever for his claim," Reuther asserted. "I didn't know about the ban (on television and radio broadcasts of the House Un-American activities committee investigation of the Michigan CIO union) until I read about it while on a plane to the West coast."

## Blamed for Ban

The ban, ordered by Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) was said by Lewis to have been the result of Reuther's attempt to prevent public emphasis of "softness toward Communists in the CIO."

"The UAW-CIO, as shown by the record, is doing more to destroy the influence of Communism than those who seem to be professional distorters of the truth, Reuther said. In fact, we will testify at the hearings."

## Lewis "American Fascist"

Reuther said Lewis is an "American fascist" in tactics. "He makes it a practice," the UAW leader said, "of character assassination or anyone he is opposed to. I disagree with Lewis and other persons, but I don't go around calling people Communists or things like that."

In the 1 p.m. assembly Reuther said Lewis "does this sort of thing every other day." And in a press conference Tuesday morning in the SU, declared Lewis is a radio version of columnist Westbrook Pegler. "We have done nothing to block the hearings," he said.

## Harder to Fight Reds

"It's typical of the nonsense that Fulton Lewis peddles. It's easy to make anti-Communist radio broadcasts, but a lot harder to get out and fight Communism."

Reuther admitted that there probably were a few Communists within the auto industry, "as in any big industry."

"At one time, the Communists had considerable influence in the UAW-CIO," Reuther said. But since the left-wing unions have been expelled, he explained, there is now no Communist influence except in a few isolated cases.

# Tough Queries Put to Labor Leader At Coffee Hour, Press Conference

"I reject the Communists' theory that a free society cannot reconcile initiative with social responsibility. If it can't, then we can't defend our society. But I think it can."

So said Walter Reuther in his coffee hour Tuesday afternoon.

The labor leader said the way to reconcile the two is to provide a "bigger pie" to divide up in such a way that all will work for a still bigger pie.

Answering some tough questions in a strong, clear manner, the United Auto Workers president stressed importance of a "pro-public" attitude, particularly as applied to workers.

## Taft-Hartley Law

Asked about labor's opposition to the Taft-Hartley law, Reuther said the law is based on a misconception—that a law can alleviate industrial unrest.

"Under Joe Stalin and Adolph Hitler you have industrial peace without justice, but in a democracy you must have economic and social justice to have stability."

Banning strikes is negative, he said. "You have to get at the cause of them." Reuther said the Taft-Hartley law, rather than facilitating this process, is a roadblock to it.

He admitted that there are things wrong with unions. But, he said, in a good many cases "the ones that are bad are bad because they act like management too

many times." In the coffee hour Reuther also established these beliefs:

The UAW-CIO rid itself of Communist leaders by working hard to make democracy work. That is the way you defeat Communism.

The successful united labor policy committee meeting (between the CIO and AFL) did not achieve combining the two organizations

## An 'Enlightened' One

Referring in the coffee hour to Eric Johnston, who will represent management in a coming assembly, Reuther said:

"You have obtained one of the more enlightened management persons. But you would probably be more enlightened if you got one of the less enlightened ones."

because things were too good—leaders in AFL feared long-range implications of combination, so broke up the proceedings.

The tragedy of having Sen. Robert Taft (R.-Ohio) elected president is not domestic. Taft's foreign policy is unrealistic—we need international allies to survive in the world.

Neither Karl Marx nor Adam Smith had all the answers—neither socialism nor Communism has all the solutions. We must have something besides Communism, socialism, or absolute laissez-faire cap-



WALTER REUTHER

Says Lewis is "character assassin"



## Democracy and Full Stomachs Are Compatible

# We Must Show World That Our Way Works--Reuther

We in America must demonstrate that it is possible in our kind of world to fill stomachs without sacrificing freedom. Walter Reuther said Tuesday afternoon.

Speaking to a Student Union ballroom assembly audience of more than 1100 persons, overflowing into the Dad's Lounge and into the hall, the United Auto Workers president said this is the core of the struggle between democracy and tyranny in the world.

Reuther said we have to "provide a tangible and practical program of economic action" in the world.

"Freedom and economic security can live together in a democratic house, but we have to prove this in a tangible way—or Communism will go on winning."

"... Period of World Revolution"

"We've got to recognize," he stated, "that we are living in a period of world revolution." Reuther said this revolution is born in hunger and poverty—denial of social justice. He asserted we have military and technological weapons, but we need to develop tools to conquer poverty, hunger and unrest.

"Communists didn't start this revolution," he contended. "It comes from the social dynamics of this world. The Communists have forged this unrest into aggression and revolution."

Reuther said we have to try to help the people of the world realize their aspirations within the framework of basic freedom. Communism offers economic security, he said, at the price of political and spiritual enslavement.

The task before us, Reuther pointed out, is to eliminate social

injustice. To do this, he said, we must understand social dynamics.

"The struggle between freedom and tyranny in the world, Reuther said, "is not for geography, but for men's minds, hearts and loyalties."

The reason we lost China to the Communists, he stated, was because we made the tragic mistake of believing the struggle could be won in the battlefield.

"We've got to work in the rice field as well," he said; the Communists exploited hunger and poverty, and thus took over China.

## Asian Communism Hunger

There is only one kind of Communism in Asia, he asserted—"stomach Communism." "The four freedoms are abstractions" to those people who know what it is to really be hungry.

From the first world war we learned that to have peace in this part of the world, we must have peace in all the world, he said. From the second world war we learned the same about freedom.

"We have a third lesson to learn. We've got to learn in America that just as peace and freedom are indivisible in the world, so is economic security indivisible."

He added, "You can't preserve

freedom in the world with one half hungry and one half fed. Communism rides the backs of the half who are hungry."

We must recognize our present shortcoming, he said. "We've got to recognize that the people of the world are going to judge America not by technological progress, but by our ability to develop a social mechanism" by which we can translate technological progress to emphasis of human dignity and values.

## Nine Points Given

To do this, he said, we must take cognizance of the common denominators of democratic survival:

1. America must learn to live with economic abundance. In America we need a fifth basic freedom—from fear of abundance. Reuther said many of us operate under the basis of monopoly and scarcity—on the productive end.

2. On the distributive end we must find a way to prevent unemployment—provide purchasing power. "Our trouble in 1929" he said, "was that we had an eight-cylinder Cadillac production machine, but a Model-T distribution machine." Reuther said we must prove that in a free society we can

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# Orientation-Leadership Plan Proposed by ASUO Senator

A proposal for a 10-week orientation-leadership training program designed to acquaint students with the University, make

better leaders and more of them and build pride in the University has been submitted to members of the ASUO senate by Bill Frye, senator-at-large.

In a nine-page report Frye said such a training program would accomplish six things:

1. Increase the calibre of student leaders.
2. Better use of existing facilities (Processes, people, committees, offices and groups as well as material facilities).
3. Give a better understanding of the University—its history, responsibility to the state and academic achievements.
4. A concerted effort to make this a better university.
5. A greater participation in activities.
6. Make better alumni of present students.

## Guest Lectures Suggested

Frye suggested that the program be handled by guest lecturers under the supervision of a single person. The plan could be instituted fall term, he said, so that "it can be judged as to its worth and appeal and any changes that it may require could be completed ... between fall and winter or spring term." Frye also said that the results of a fall term course would be beneficial during the rest of the year.

The course would be held two hours each week, preferably Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the report stated.

"It is positively necessary that the program be set up with the idea of making it a grade and

credit course, or at least a credit course," Frye said. This would draw students "who were not in some leadership capacity," he indicated.

## Would Fill Need

The program would be open to all students.

"Because such a program could fill some basic needs and endow student leaders with some necessary qualifications, it is recommended that it be made a prerequisite before election to offices of ASUO president, vice-president, or senator-at-large," Frye stated.

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Bill Frye Man with a Plan

# Women's Groups To Elect Officers

Election of officers for the three main campus women's organizations, Associated Women students, Women's Recreational association and YWCA, will be held from 12:30 to 6 p.m. today in Gerlinger.

Elaine Hartung and Sarah Turnbull are running for AWS president. Secretary candidates are Judy McLoughlin and Joan Walker. Kay Moore and Joann Sloan are nominees for treasurer.

Candidates for reporter are Sharon Brown and Ginger Loudon and Dorothy Kopp and Sylvia Wingard will be on the ballots for the post of sergeant-at-arms.

WRA presidential nominees are Bunny Bradley and Lois Hamar. Mary Jordan and Beverly Wild are running for secretary and Mary Bennette and Shirley Nichols for treasurer. Sergeant-at-arms nominees are Ashlie Dixon and Harriet Vahey. Jo Martin and Norma Munie are custodian candidates.

The YWCA slate as announced in Monday's Emerald includes Jane

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