

Organizer Urges Phone Workers to Sign in National

Phone workers are not attempting to organize their own union, but to affiliate their union with the CIO.

Organization

When you organize with a big union, she said, "it gives a worker and his local union a little dignity. Only five cents of your \$1.50 monthly dues go to the CIO, but they offer long union experience, financial and legal help, and a research department."

"With all these, when your union asks for better conditions, you will have all the facilities management has."

Basic Industry

Miss McDonald explained that the CIO wants to organize the telephone workers because they are in a basic industry. As a basic industry, she said, if management keeps telephone wages down, then other industries will be held low by the "weakest link in the chain."

The young telephone operator explained that a local union's affiliation with the CIO does not involve any "orders from above" or compulsion to act of any kind from the parent union.

"Popular Basis"

"In the CIO constitution," she said, "all union affairs are conducted on a popular basis, always by a vote of the whole membership."

"Telephone workers want a strong union, so they will have some assurance they won't be laid off because management 'doesn't like the color of their hair.' We want a union to have the same public relations and publicity advantages that large corporations have."

Asks Support

"Union workers should support a strong but just union," she said, "because of the advantages it has given them already."

She remarked that the telephone company would be very glad to stop the organizational drive and stop union meetings, but they can't now because they would have to buck an already strong organization.

Dial Phones

"When these new technological advances such as dial telephones come in, we should make management lay off their lifetime employees slowly by giving them other equally-paying jobs or spreading out their work day to six hours instead of eight."

"These veteran telephone operators can't turn to another job, because they have operated a switchboard all their lives. They deserve a break, and the telephone company won't give it to them without our urging them."

The new organization will also ask for seniority rights for all workers, organizers said.

Merger Plan

Friday's meeting, the first since last spring's strike, centered around a discussion of a proposed merger of the present union, United Telephone Employees of Oregon, independent, with the TWOC (CIO).

The new telephone union, organized last June, has been in the midst of a national membership drive, during the last few months. Local telephone employees voted last year to be represented by the UTEO.

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Lane Planning Leaders To Study Group's Future

The board of directors of the Central Lane Planning Council will hold a luncheon meeting at the Eugene Hotel Tuesday noon. Chairman W. S. Fort has announced that this meeting, the first to be held by the group in several months, is being called to discuss "whether or not the council has a future," or whether the planning work it initiated now has been taken over by other agencies.

The council is an organization of business and civic leaders who have served in a quasi-official capacity to promote planned development of the Central Lane area.

Some Peruvians regard the ruins of the Inca Empire as the work of supernatural beings.

March of Dimes Contest Rules

The March of Dimes drive committee has published the following rules for the essay contest being conducted in conjunction with the drive:

1. Fill card with at least \$2 in dimes, or bills.
2. Write 25 words or less on "Why I Joined the March of Dimes."
3. Contest began Jan. 15, will end Jan. 31.
4. Award will be made Feb. 16, 1948.
5. Return card and essay to March of Dimes, Eugene.
6. Judges' decision will be final.

Prizes will be a \$250 Kenmore automatic washer donated by Sears Roebuck; a \$150 Philco radio - phonograph from Weisfield and Goldberg; and a \$100 merchandise bond from Rubenstein's Furniture Co.

Prizes are on display. The washing machine may be seen at McDonald Theater lobby and U. of O. Co-op Store, the radio at the First National Bank, and a facsimile of the bond at the U.S. National Bank.

More than 25,000 March of Dimes cards have been mailed to Lane County residents, but persons not receiving one or those who want additional cards may pick them up at March of Dimes booths or at March of Dimes headquarters in the Eugene Hotel lobby.

The first American railroad ran on wooden rails.

County School Head Urged to Run Again

Lucille L. Klinge, county school superintendent, was urged to seek reelection in a recent meeting of the rural school board, according to Peter M. Peterson, board chairman.

"Her experience and knowledge of school conditions throughout the county is of great help to the board," Peterson said. Mrs. Klinge has not indicated whether she will file for the office.

NEWBRY FILES

SALEM —(U.P.)— Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry Saturday filed his declaration of candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office he now holds.

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