

Labor Leaders Tackle Problem Of Steel Strike

San Francisco—AFL-CIO leaders, convinced their movement is in trouble, went into closed door session today to tackle together the first problem on their list—the steel strike.

The national convention recessed to permit 170 top leaders making up the General Board to figure out in private what to do.

AFL-CIO President George Meany and other union officials Thursday told 900 delegates at the convention opening that the strike is part of "a conspiracy" by big business to destroy the labor movement.

This message was reinforced in a speech telephoned from New York by David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers of America.

McDonald accused the industry of "insincerity," asserting that it was making settlement impossible by attempting to take away from workers traditional "rights" won in previous negotiations.

The General Board meeting discussed how to raise money for the 500,000 strikers who have stayed away from their jobs for 68 days.

It was expected the board would ask every AFL-CIO member to contribute to the cause.

The drive for support for steel workers was kicked off by a \$1 million donation Thursday from the United Auto Workers.

A UAW resolution said, "the fight of the steelworkers is as much our fight as if we were on strike for the same principles."

The resolution said the steelworkers "are fighting not only for themselves, but for all of labor against a big business conspiracy to bring labor to its knees."

Vietnam Prisoners Will Be Interrogated

Vientiane, Laos—UPI—Seven Communist north Vietnamese prisoners will be handed over to United Nations fact finders for interrogation next week, a Lathan government spokesman said today.

Some scientists claim the universe is about four billion years old and the earth about three billion years.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. T. M. — She won't let us question Jack.

Phyllis M. — I don't want to hear about the past.

Mrs. T. M. — My husband and I are terribly upset about our 26-year-old daughter, Phyllis. She made an unhappy marriage five years ago and has a four-year-old son. She was divorced two years ago and hasn't gone out much until recently. Now she is going out with a man of unsavory reputation.

This man, Jack, moved into our community about a year ago. Soon rumors started cropping up about his having deserted his family and gotten involved in shady business dealings. Some people even said he had served time in jail.

He wants to marry Phyllis and we feel that he is really after getting into my husband's business. He has asked Phyllis many questions about it. We are no millionaires, but there is enough there to serve as an incentive. We want to question him about his background but Phyllis won't allow it.

Phyllis M. — I believe in Jack no matter what anyone says! If he ever got into any trouble I'm sure it wasn't his fault. He hasn't got it in him to be a criminal.

If there is anything I ought to know about his background Jack will tell me himself. I just know it. He isn't the type to trick anyone. He has a heart of gold. People are gossips and they viciously attack anyone new in our community. My parents make me ashamed when they listen to this kind of thing.

I have never been as happy in all my life as I have been since I've known Jack. I don't even want to talk about the past with him because I don't feel like discussing my own. I want to live in the present and future. I'm sure Jack would marry me if my family didn't have a cent. They have no right to trouble him with suspicions.

The Council: Phyllis appears to be living in desperate fear that her bubble will burst.

According to police records, women who get tricked by scoundrels left themselves open to just such situations by getting involved with men about whom they know little or nothing. The average woman

using her common sense and instinct will be able to detect a fraud — if she wants to.

Underneath, Phyllis must have some fears aroused by the talk she has heard and by her parents' suspicions. Even if there had not been such talk, common sense would tell her to ask questions concerning a man about whom she knows nothing. But Phyllis will not allow her natural, normal fears to assert themselves.

Phyllis could be perfectly right about Jack. Or it is possible that he is a basically good man who has gotten into trouble. He may sincerely want to build a better life for himself and put the past behind him.

But whatever the case, it is vital to know the real facts about the past. Phyllis should face these now before venturing any further. The truth has never destroyed true love, but true love may easily be destroyed by lies.

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Next Step Waits X-15 Rocket Ship

Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.—UPI—The rocket-powered X-15 has passed its first powered flight with flying colors.

Next major step: Taking man 100 miles up to the fringes of space at speeds of more than 4,000 miles an hour.

The sleek 50-foot craft proved beyond expectation Thursday that it is an airworthy half rocketship-half airplane—that can streak through the thin upper atmosphere under its own power.

North American Aviation test pilot Scott Crossfield showed that the powerful craft will respond to the commands of its pilot.

Crossfield expertly guided the stubby-winged X-15 over a 100-mile course above the Mojave Desert for 11 minutes before bringing it down on Rogers Dry Lake at 200 miles an hour. Any lesser speed might cause the craft to drop like a stone because of its abbreviated wings designed for the thin ionosphere.

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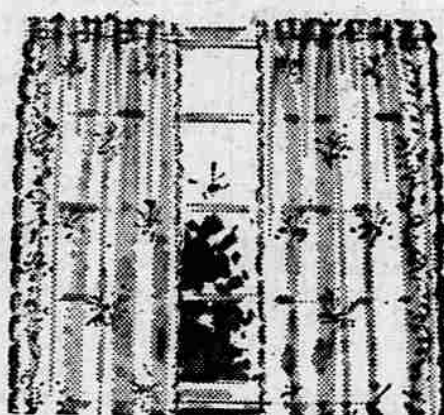


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