

Dennie Lewis Plans Drive to Organize Chemical Workers

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 United Press International
 Washington — (UPI) — A. D. (Dennie) Lewis, younger brother of John L. Lewis and head of United Mine Workers' District 50, said today he plans stepped-up organizing drives in the chemical and highway construction industries.

He said a little-noticed effect of the new labor reform law will help enlist workers in District 50, a diversified union including gas station attendants, taxi drivers and factory workers in its membership.

Under the new law, District 50 can petition for National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) elections in which workers choose bargaining representatives.

Barred Under T-H Act
 It was barred from doing so under the old Taft-Hartley Act because John L. Lewis, UMW president refused to sign the non-Communist affidavit required before the union could use the NLRB's facilities. The new law eliminated that requirement.

District 50 lost no time in taking advantage of the change. It has filed 57 election petitions since President Eisenhower signed the legislation on Sept. 14.

Dennie Lewis said District 50 already has won some important elections, including a Union Carbide Co. plant in Wheeling, W. Va., and a Dow Chemical plant in Marquette, Mich.

The younger Lewis, who was named to his post on the recommendation of his brother, indicated that the multi-million dollar treasury of the parent Mine Workers was available to back the organizing drive.

He said District 50 now has about 200,000 members—more than the number of miners now working in the soft coal fields who belong to the UMW.

"On Its Way"
 "District 50 is on its way," the younger Lewis said in an interview. "We are willing to try to give the protection of a labor organization to anyone who sincerely asks us for it."

AFL-CIO and other independent unions long have accused District 50 of raiding their jurisdictions because of what they call its catch-all organizing tactics.

Dennie Lewis, who has the same features and bushy eyebrows that characterize his more famous brother, says District 50 is the union that gets raided, however.

"More than 85 per cent of our members are in plants that were bypassed by other unions because they were too small, or too hard to get, or for other reasons," he said. "After we organize a plant—we're raided."

Wall Street Chatter

New York—(UPI)—It appears that the steel strike has not seriously affected consumer confidence while its influence on national buying power, so far, has been only localized and limited, says Investors Advisory Institute.

Other considerations of a more tangible nature than retail sales weigh on the favorable side, the institute notes.

The strike, it points out, has served to reduce the total of manufacturers' inventories, but even before the strike there was no disturbing signs of over-speculation in inventories or in other areas calling for correction of over-optimism, except in the stock market itself.

Spear & Staff advises: purchase American Viscose, hold General Foods and buy Chrysler on weakness.

Standard & Poor's looks up on textbooks as a growth industry. It bases this appraisal on population trends and projected school enrollments. "The top quality stocks now available for investment are Prentice-Hall, McGraw-Hill and Henry Holt, all selling in line with prospects and constituting sound long-term investment in growth accounts. Allyn & Bacon and Prentice-Hall strike us as currently offering the best values relative to future possibilities."

Blair & Co. says the patient investor looking for a profitable capital gains vehicle might look into United Asbestos Corp., Ltd. Its long term outlook continues promising.

Treasury Receives Back Tax Money

Washington—(UPI) — Treasury Department officials said Wednesday the department received an envelope postmarked Chicago containing \$4,000—22 \$100 bills and 36 \$50 bills.

An unsigned note with the money said only: "Gentlemen: The enclosed sum is due to our government for back taxes."

Young Fireman Needs Practice; Makes It

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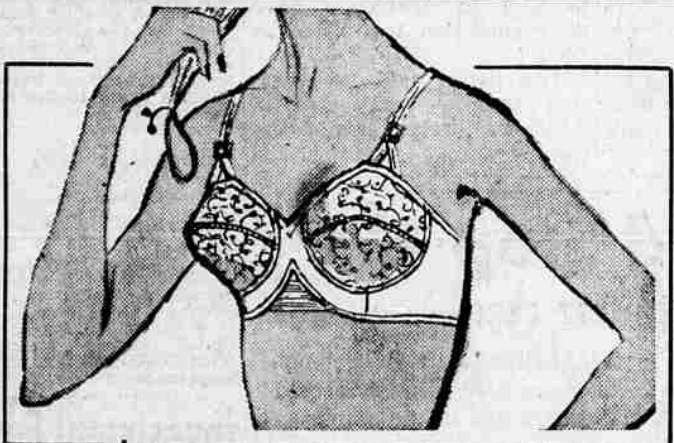
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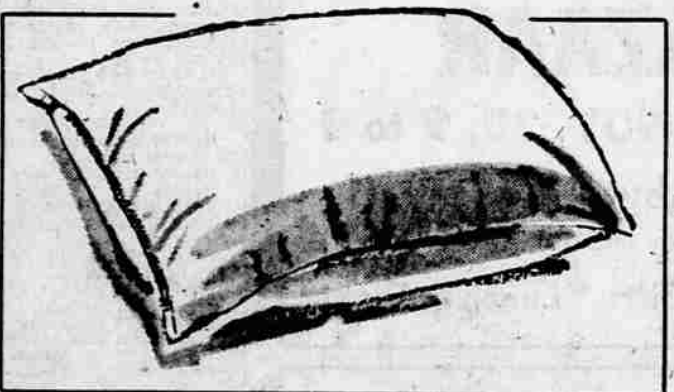
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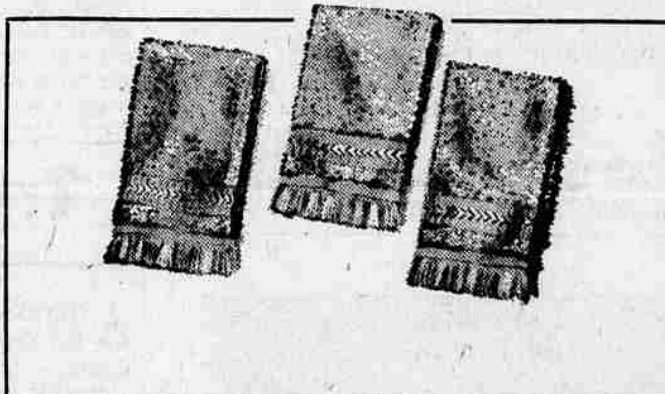
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