

Walter Reuther, CIO Boss Urges Advances for Labor

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—The CIO's new president, Walter P. Reuther, today charted a fighting program to keep the labor organization an active factor in America's industrial life.

Reuther, in a speech accepting the post as successor to the late Philip Murray, said he would strive for the biggest possible gains for workers already organized, and campaign vigorously to organize workers who are now non-union.

Election of the dynamic, 43-year-old Reuther, head of the big CIO auto workers union, came late yesterday as a climax to the CIO's annual convention.

It capped a bitterly-contested fight pitting Reuther against a union organizer and former coal miner, Allan H. Haywood. Haywood, 64, was promptly re-elected as the CIO's executive vice-president after losing the showdown to Reuther.

The split in CIO ranks over the election apparently was quickly healed, at least on the surface. Both the Reuther and Haywood forces pledged continued allegiance to the CIO.

Reuther said:

"I say to the men who sit on their plush cushions of the United League Clubs of America, I say this for you who are convention delegates and I say it for the millions of CIO members back

home, that the fat men on the plush cushions are wrong.

"We are not going to go out of here divided. We are going to go out of here united to carry on this struggle until we win."

Reuther then went ahead with an off-the-cuff speech delving into practically every subject of the day, touching on such varied problems as foreign policy, politics, union affairs and his own personal income.

As to his own finances, Reuther said he was content to keep living on the \$11,250 annual salary he gets as president of the more than a million-member auto workers union.

"I'm in the labor movement not for what they pay me," he told newsmen. "I'm in here because I believe in what they're doing."

Reuther, it was reliably reported, will undergo an operation soon for removal of gallstones. The condition has bothered him for some time, and surgery has been delayed for six months.

A man with a meteoric career in the labor movement, Reuther has come up through the tough days of organizing the auto indus-

try. A one-time Socialist, he has supported numerous social change ideas.

In outlining his aims to the CIO convention, Reuther spoke as if the social changes accomplished under the New Deal and Fair Deal were only stepping-stones to the goals he wants.

Despite Reuther's declarations that the split within CIO ranks would close without scars, some CIO officials were afraid of future dissension because of the close vote.

The ballot result was announced at 3:07 p.m. for Reuther, and 2:03 p.m. for Haywood, giving Reuther a margin of about 8 per cent of the CIO's claimed membership. The votes were cast by some 600 delegates, with certain numbers of ballots allocated to various unions in the CIO.

Mother Kills Self, Children

SUNNYVALE, Calif. (AP)—A mother recently treated for a nervous condition drove her car in front of a speeding train yesterday, she and her three children were killed.

State highway police and sheriff's deputies, who found one note in Mrs. Sedora Wilson's purse and two more at her home, called it suicide.

Killed with their 37-year-old mother were John, 10, Sedora, 9 and Cirica, 7.

Witnesses who saw the crash—which happened just after Mrs. Wilson dropped her husband off at work—said she pulled her car up alongside the Southern Pacific tracks, waited until the Daylight Limited was a short distance away, then drove onto the tracks.

LION DEATHS

BOMBAY (AP)—Indian Wildlife experts wonder what happened to the 10 dead lions recently found in the nearby Gir Forest sanctuary, just haven of the Asiatic lion. Villagers discovered the dead beasts scattered through the jungles with no marks of wounds. Officials plan an investigation to determine whether some disease was responsible.

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