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home, Arkansas and Texas had a 100 per cent Union of 20,000 members and was one of the most powerful districts in the Miners' Union.

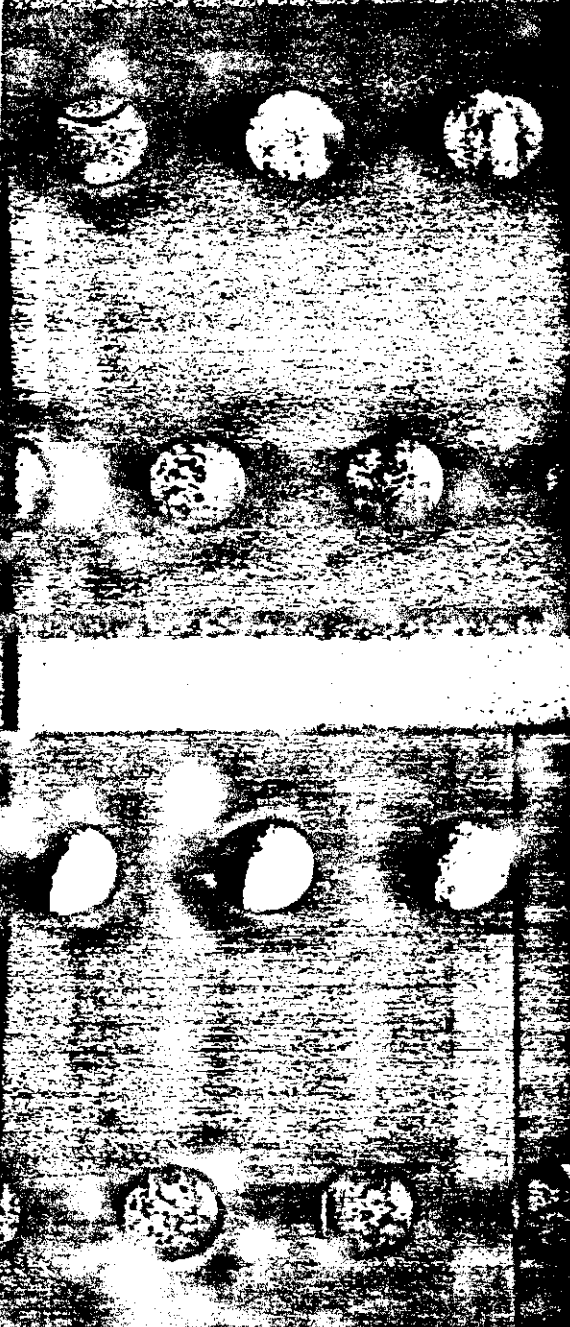
Ohio and the Pittsburgh District of Western Pennsylvania and Central Pennsylvania were among the premier districts—militant, forceful and effective with an aggregate membership of 120,000.

Today the combined membership of all the districts could not make more than a full-sized Local Union of the mine workers employed in these various districts. Defenseless and obliged to accept whatever wages the mine owners are willing to pay.

According to reports submitted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of 1938, the workers employed in the coal fields of Pennsylvania, 19,472 in West Virginia, 12,376 in Kentucky, 22,287 in Indiana and 31,228 in Ohio. The Miners' Union had 100,000 members in 1938. It is reported that the workers in these states are being organized in the Miners' Union of Ohio.

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What is the purpose of the Miners' Union? No honest worker would deny that the purpose of the Miners' Union is to protect the interests of the workers. The Miners' Union is the only organization that has the right to represent the workers in these states. The Miners' Union is the only organization that has the right to represent the workers in these states.



### Seeking to Discredit Illinois

When it cannot destroy a Union, the next best thing is to create discord and division and thus weaken its power for good.

The whole world is trying to do this. In the interest of self-preservation the Illinois miners would demand that the state bomb squad be sent to them where their service is desperately needed and should be deemed an act of honor. They should be drummed out as the enemy would be.

The Illinois miners will pay dearly if they allow themselves to be divided by their evil promoters.

These unscrupulous lawyers are working subtly and insidiously to discredit the officers of the Illinois Miners Union and to win favor for Lewis and aided by him they are disseminating infamously lies about the present year's district elections and the administration of district affairs past and present, and by their vicious activities they are doing every thing possible to cause the miners to feel again the distrust of district officials.

In any case article which will be told about these infamously discreditable the motive behind their activities and something about organized elections. The story will not be about Illinois elections but it will be predicated upon the records so all may see the evidence of corruption if they choose to look.

Those who are disgraced over the terms of the Illinois Wage Agreement should turn to Ohio and there what has happened to the Ohio miners since their Union was broken.

Recently one of the largest coal companies in Ohio posted notices saying that effective as of June 1st, 1929, the wages paid at the mines of that company would be as follows:

Inside Day Labor ..... \$4.00  
Motormen .....



working force and the right to hire and discharge are vested exclusively in the operator.

The above is the wage scale generally paid in Ohio, with the exception of a few small companies, employing a handful of men who were signed up on a \$5.00 per day basis with Lewis' full knowledge and approval.

In addition to the niggardly wages paid, the Ohio Mine Owners are now forcing applicants for employment to submit to physical examination and only the strong and alert employed.

#### Another Warning of Change

For thirty years this company operated under Union conditions and paid exactly the same wages as were paid in Illinois, but Lewis' obstinate refusal to cooperate forced the Ohio Mine Owners to operate non-union with the result shown.

Sincere and courageous leadership could have averted this and would have saved the Ohio Miners' Union and spared them their present degradation.

Lewis had ample warning of the danger. The warning came to the attention of the Jacksonville Agreement. He was told by the Union officers that not a single mine owner in Ohio was paying the Jacksonville rate and the mine owners were constantly suing for terms that would enable them to continue operating on a union basis.

But, no! The owners would take no backward step, and he stubbornly and rapidly held them to an impossible position until they were bowled over backward, head to heels, by economic forces that no human agency could overcome, and now with the Union wrecked the Ohio miners are obliged to accept whatever wages the mine owners choose to pay.

For downright blundering, mad, unreasoning, stupid, destructive and disloyal leadership, Lewis' actions have never been equaled by any leader in the history of the labor movement of America.

now paying a terrible price for his reprehensible stupidity and destructive leadership and they will continue to do so for many long years after he has passed out of the picture.

The Illinois Miners will do well not to forget that it is not long since the Ohio miners were just as solidly and strongly organized as they now are, and they will also do well to guard themselves against the one who wrecked the Ohio Miners' Union as it is not impossible to do the same thing in Illinois.

Moreover, those who are displeased with the Illinois wage agreement should compare it with the wages paid in Western Kentucky where the outside day wage scale is \$2.56 and the inside wage range is \$3.17 to \$3.49 per

When Lewis was first appointed to the position of President of the Miners' Union, Western Kentucky had a District Union of 45,000 members, who were working under standard union wages, conditions and honest, competent leadership. This would have meant a continuation of the same conditions.

#### A Trail of Wreckage and Misery

It is of record that the President of the Kentucky Miners beseeched Lewis to allow a policy that would have saved this district from destruction and he was publicly branded as a traitor by Lewis and his henchmen.

Lewis had his way and now the Kentucky Miners have a Union of 16 members and a wage scale that is a crime against decent standards.

Thus it has been throughout the entire jurisdiction of what was once the matchless Miners' Union, with the exception of Illinois, and Lewis is now working insidiously to break the integrity of that District.

No man's power or influence or force has brought so much harm to the miners and the labor movement of America as has the man who is now the President of the

He has left a trail of wreckage, havoc,

chance, misery and woe and poverty. Distress and despair is sure to follow and be the lot of millions of defenseless men, women and children.

Some may ask what is the motive behind this expose of the havoc caused by Lewis?

There is no motive other than a desire to warn the Illinois Miners to be on their guard against the man who caused the havoc and who is now trying to win their favor by false pretension and who, by the same means is trying to regain the lost confidence of the Illinois Miners by destroying their confidence in others who are earnestly working to protect their interests and save their Union from the deadly influence that has destroyed every other District in the soft coal fields of the country.

No matter how bad others may be, surely there is nothing in this mountebank's record that should convince him to any one but a Union Wrecking Agency and if the Illinois Miners allow themselves to be duped by his theatrical tricks they certainly will pay grand opera prices for their folly.

True to their usual practice Lewis and his sycophantic henchmen will try to discount and discredit this recital of his devastating leadership by spewing a lot of venom on the author, but that will be aside from the question and will be answered when they do; but the Illinois miners should not allow anyone to divert their attention nor be delude them by drawing a red herring over the trail.

The question is: did Lewis wreck the United Mine Workers of America?

The records and the deplorable plight of the mine workers of the country prove he did and the industrialists soon will stand and see him in their own faces regardless of what the character of the attack is, because the facts say so.

To leave the author to be a screen for the industrialists is to leave the subject of the United Mine Workers and the Districts under the domination of Lewis and the Illinois Miners should be on their guard against this

## "Illinois Miners Be On Your Guard"

**M**Y ATTENTION is directed to the fact that certain organizers representing the International Union of the United Mine Workers of America are diligently working among the Illinois miners, and particularly those in Franklin County, in an endeavor to discredit the district leaders and to win favor for John L. Lewis.

This poison bomb squad is using my name in connection with their evil propaganda and is resorting to the circulation of some malicious lies in order to cause distrust and division.

They are using evil, fantastic stories that have no basis in fact about my activities with regard to securing the present wage agreement, about territorial district elections and about the conduct of the district affairs, past and present.

Considering that they have connected my name with their destructive activities, I feel it is my right to speak and explain them and that it is my duty to do what I can to warn the Illinois miners to be on their guard.

They are not killing me, but it is possible for them to harm the Illinois miners. I have a check number and the name of the mine where I work. I can be reached at any time.

My name is not to be used in any way to cause distrust and division among the Illinois miners. I am not a member of the International Union of the United Mine Workers of America.

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Trade Union Movement, than have all other causes combined.

That is the purpose of those who are now busy lying about the Illinois Miners, and to make their work effective they are trying to cover up their own wrongdoing by charging others with transgressions.

That will be their mode of procedure. They will try to distort and discredit my words of warning by trying to discredit me.

They will tell me a refraction signed by me in 1910; but Lewis will not tell that he has steadfastly refused to sign the refraction, and that it was only upon the earnest solicitation of he, Lewis, and other supposed-to-be friends, that I finally agreed to do so.

Then, too, they will again try to bring forth for the attention of the Illinois Miners a letter written by me to the president of the Peabody Coal Company with reference to my conflict with that company.

I am sure that Lewis has not sent out photostatic copies of it before now.

I shall relieve him of the necessity for doing so by now making known the substance of it.

I do not have the letter before me.

By some means, thus mentioned as yet unknown to me, the letter is in Lewis' hands, assuming it is still there.

The letter is a public document, and I have no objection in its being made public in any language that Lewis may see fit to have it translated into.

The letter was written to the president of the Peabody Coal Company, and it is a matter of public record.

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Illinois Miners, and that I could do the Illinois Operators more good by continuing as president of the miners, than I could if I went to work for the Peabody Coal Company, and I told him I would rather be at home fighting for the miners than to be over there among the Frogs and Wops.

Lewis made much ado over this letter when it got into his hands and he placed an interpretation upon it that in his heart he knew was not intended, and made it appear that during the years I served as president of the Illinois Miners, I was acting as a stool-pigeon and spy for the Illinois operators.

In his craven heart he knew that when I said "I could do the operators more good by continuing as president of the Miners," that I meant that by continuing in that position I could do more toward bringing about a workable wage agreement that would enable the operators to sell their coal in competition with non-union coal, and thereby give the miners some work, than I could if I went to work for the Peabody Coal Company.

If while acting as president of the Illinois Miners, I was playing the part of a spy for the operators, Peabody would not have paid me \$25,000.00 per year for three years to get me out of that position. Instead, if that were the case, he would have paid me the amount stated to continue as president as long as my usefulness as a spy would end when I gave up the presidency.

Any simpleton ought to be able to see that.

There is another angle to this matter that requires some explanation from Lewis.

#### How Did Lewis Get Letter?

How did he get the letter?

Peabody would not and has not told me.

He told me Lewis rifled his office files and got it, but that is not the truth.

That story is too flimsy for even an idiot to believe.

How did Lewis get the letter?

Surely I have said on those who stop to think that there must have been an intimate relationship between Lewis and Peabody and a rather close friendship between the two to get rid of me as president of the Illinois Miners' Union, or else Lewis could not have secured the letter from Peabody.

Stop and figure it out for yourself.

How did Lewis get the letter if Peabody did not give it to him?

If I was a spy for Peabody why did he conspire with Lewis to get me out as president of the Illinois Miners?

Who were the operators afraid of—Lewis or me?

My record as president of the Illinois Miners stands without a blemish.

The accomplishments of my administration and the institutions created during twelve years of my supervision still stand as a monument to my efforts.

#### Why Organizers in Illinois?

I did the work that was mine as faithfully and as well as I knew how, and I did it myself, and I fought my own fight as best I could, notwithstanding much opposition to the contrary, and the institutions created latterly and largely under my supervision, is the only one of many others to withstand the heavy blows of Lewis' leadership, and there are hints of the weakness or frailty of treachery in its construction. Had there been it would have fallen with the rest.

Illinois has no service for an International Organizer to perform. Other districts need their service badly. There are hundreds of thousands of disorganized miners elsewhere, but none in Illinois.

Why are organizers assigned to work in Illinois while other districts are neglected?

Why are they telling the Illinois Miners that the  
present wage agreement was fixed up by Farrington and  
Parker and that Lewis was opposed to a wage reduction?

Why are they saying district elections are corrupted?  
Why are they saying your district officials are  
crooked and that everything connected with the adminis-  
tration of district affairs is rotten?

Why are they saying Lewis is going to clean house  
for the Illinois Miners?

And why did Lewis recently issue a public statement  
saying that the wholesale buying of votes and the cor-  
ruption of district elections must be stopped?

Why is Lewis whispering around that there was  
something grossly wrong with the defense of the men  
who were indicted and arrested over the trouble at the  
Lester Strick Mine several years ago?

#### "Clean, Pure Champion of Rights"

And why are his boot-licking lackeys muttering and  
whispering about that affair?

The answer is obvious.

So recently ago Lewis was bitterly despised and right-  
fully scorned by fully 95 per cent of the Illinois Mine  
workers.

Something must be done to win their favor and re-  
store their confidence in him.

His work was one of destruction. There was noth-  
ing in his program that would commend him to them  
or give them cause to rally to his support.

There was but one thing to do.

First one must be pulled down so he could be built up.

The organizers start out to do the pulling down  
by going to discredit the district officials by mak-  
ing the members believe the coming and stealing elections  
and the district officers, looting the district treasury and

betraying the membership in every possible way and then at the opportune time, or when enough members have been deceived by the poison bomb squad, Lewis will appear as the Simon Pure Champion of Right, the relentless Nemesis of all evil-doers, and the one, and the only one, who will protect the membership against the vicious assaults of their district officials and when that time arrives the Illinois Miners will have many reasons to regret their folly.

Lewis, himself, is peddling a grotesque lie about some gross transgression that occurred in connection with the defense of the men who were indicted for alleged participation in the trouble at the Lester Strip Mine, several years ago, and about what a terrible exposure he is going to make in that connection.

The story he is telling is but a vicious and preposterous lie that is easily susceptible of being disproved by records on file in the district office, but that makes no difference to Lewis.

#### Criticism Springs from Envy

When told to the uninformed, the story is hard to believe and creates more or less suspicion in the minds of most of those who hear it. In the minds of those who do know Lewis and his penchant for telling lies and who, of course, is his motive.

In truth, the story is the result of a personal and envious nature.

The success of the District Organization in defending these men, without his aid, by whatever means, was an achievement so much so that anything he has ever done for the Miners, this time, he can not bear to see the victory stand without doing all he can to do.

Organized Labor never... when the complete acquittal... the leader of the Organized Labor...

through a more nerve-racking ordeal than did the one who sponsored their defense.

I truly believe Lewis would rather some of these men had been imprisoned for life or hanged, rather than have victory as the outcome, and there are some who think that the reason he is now circulating his vicious and preposterous lies, is because of the hope that he may yet be able to bring that about.

Chief of the poison bomb squad is one Hefferly, erstwhile vice president of the Illinois Miners' Union under this author, until he decided to run for president.

When overwhelmingly defeated in the election, true to form, he charged fraud, but never in the courts of the Union where he could be made to answer his charge.

Following this, Lewis tied a feed-bag on his nose by appointing him as an International Organizer, for no reason other than because he was opposed to this author.

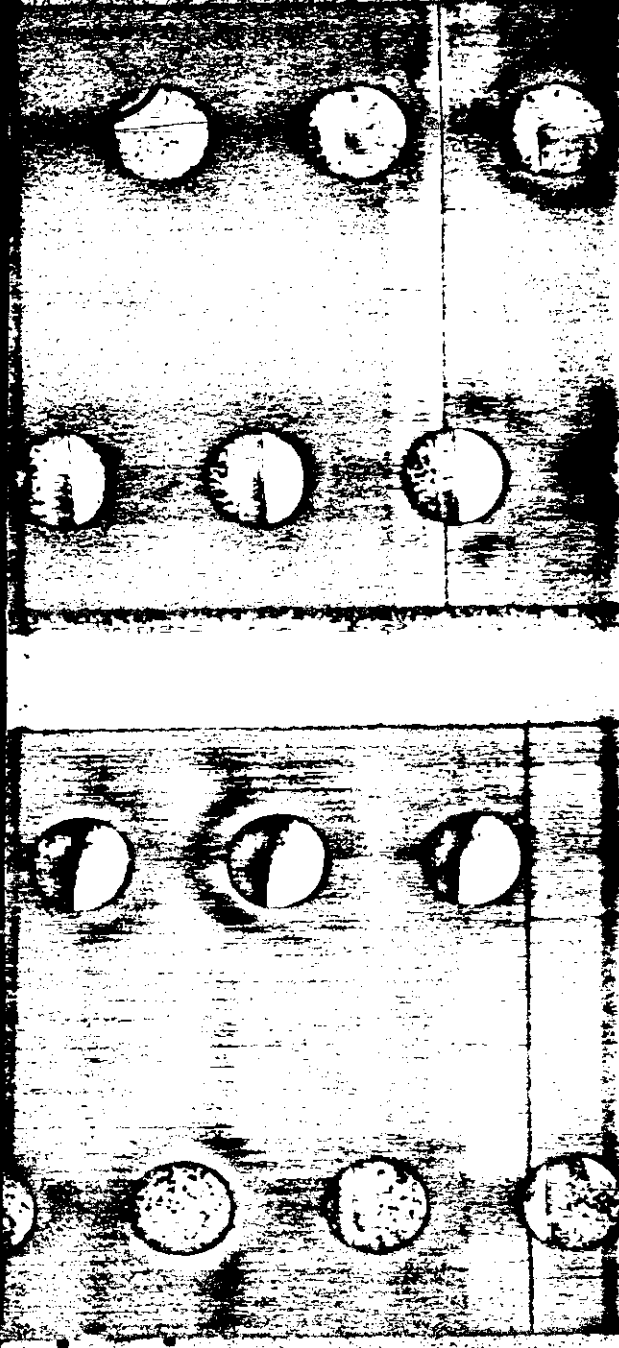
#### No Part In Wage Fight

While acting as vice president and under the decent influence of his official associates Hefferly showed signs of developing into a man, but he truly said that "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," nor can you make a man out of a skunk. So it was not long until he fell back into his old natural trouble-making ways, and he made an ideal organizer.

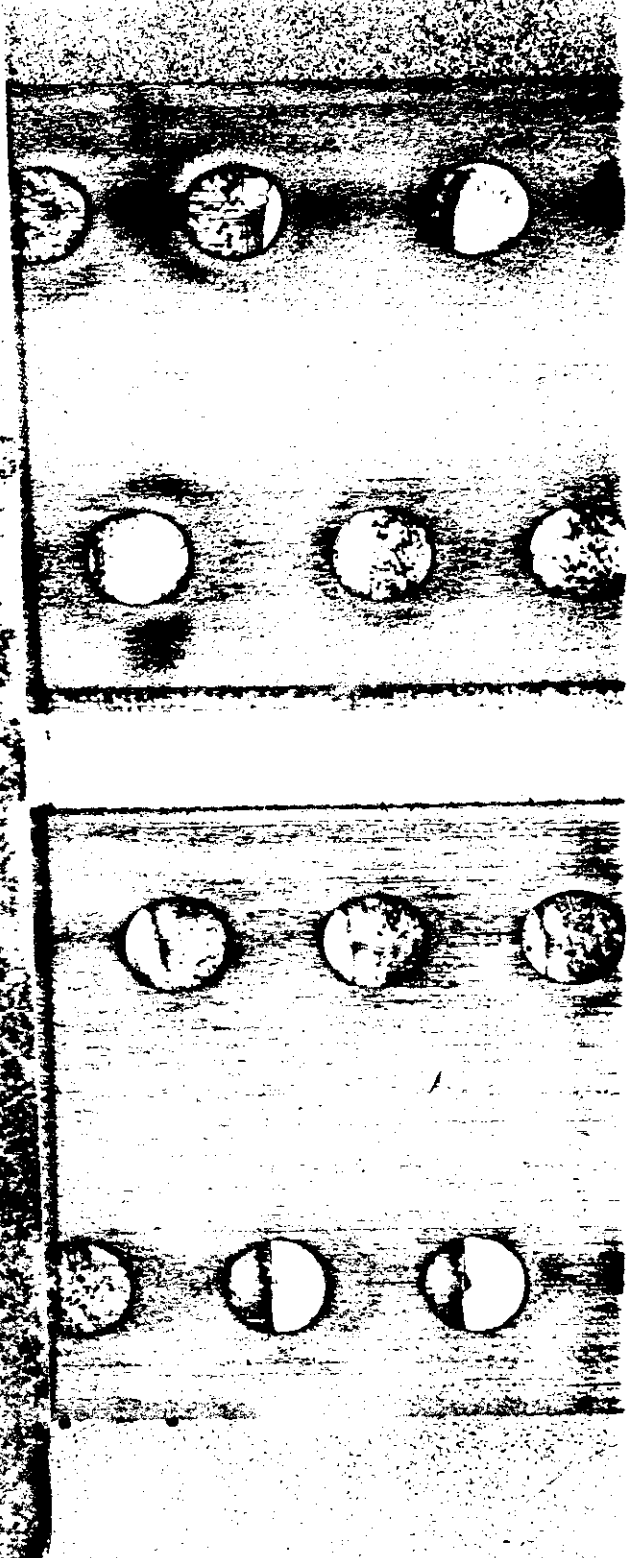
If you do not believe this, is a skunk, ask him to let you smell his breath. You will be quickly convinced, unless you wear a gas mask.

As for the story of these corrupt practices, the part told in many of the present day papers, there is not a word of truth in it.

It is nothing whatever, and the matter is known to all. The agreement that he praised the members of the Miners' Union for making, and told them there was nothing in it, is a lie.



The Committee on the Administration of Justice in the District of Columbia  
 has reported to the District of Columbia Council on the progress of its work.  
 The Committee was organized in 1935 to study the administration of the  
 courts and to recommend measures for their improvement. It has since that  
 time conducted a thorough investigation of the judicial system and has  
 issued several reports. The most recent report, dated in 1941, contains  
 a comprehensive study of the courts and their administration. It  
 compares the District of Columbia courts with those of other cities and  
 states and finds that the District of Columbia courts are generally well  
 administered. However, it does point out certain areas where improvement  
 is needed. These include the selection of judges, the organization of the  
 courts, and the methods of selecting judges. The Committee recommends  
 that the District of Columbia Council should take certain steps to  
 improve the administration of the courts. These steps include the  
 creation of a judicial council to select and discipline judges, the  
 reorganization of the courts to eliminate overlapping jurisdictions,  
 and the improvement of the methods of selecting judges. The Committee  
 believes that these steps are necessary to ensure the highest quality  
 of the judicial system in the District of Columbia.



The following information was obtained from a review of the records of the  
 FBI, New York Office, and the New York State Department of Social Services,  
 Albany, New York, regarding the activities of the subject, [REDACTED],  
 during the period from 1945 to 1955.

On 1/15/46, the subject was arrested at his home, 123 West 110th Street,  
 New York City, on charges of possession of a concealed weapon. He was  
 released on \$500.00 bail and appeared in court on 1/22/46. He was  
 found guilty and sentenced to a term of 90 days in the New York State  
 Prison at Dannemora, New York. He was released on 4/10/46.

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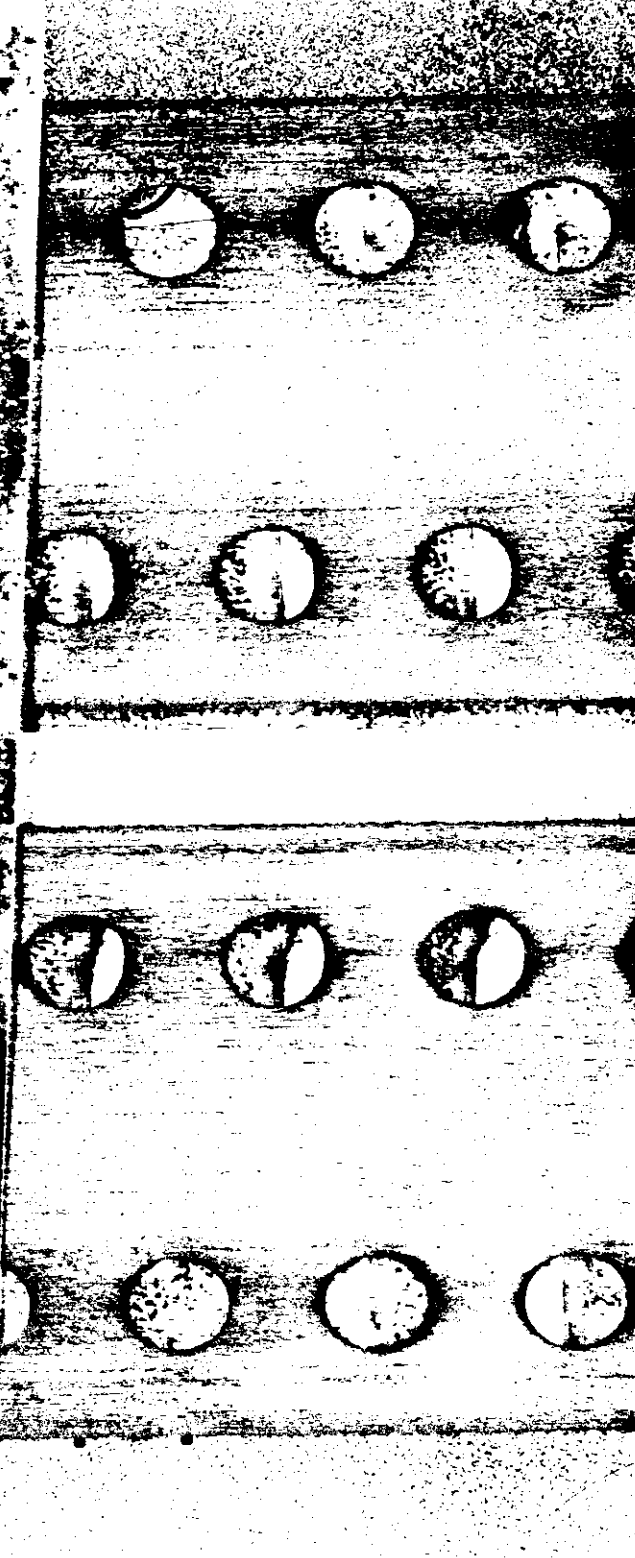
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61	Forrest City	287	7
131	Old Forge	225	
213	Scranton	685	13
286	Dupont	1134	3
311	Plymouth	255	2
409	Wanamie	890	
490	Shickshinny	376	
623	Wilkesbarre	362	
727	Wilkesbarre	651	37
838	Nanticoke	272	1
844	Carbondale	650	43
870	Plymouth	200	7
877	Carbondale	387	2
879	Dinmore	391	1
989	Nanticoke	839	1
991	Taylor	750	8
957	Glen Lyon	425	
996	Wilkesbarre	399	1
1005	Jessup	402	4
1026	Jermyn	672	38
1036	Mineola	514	21
1122	East Plymouth	939	11
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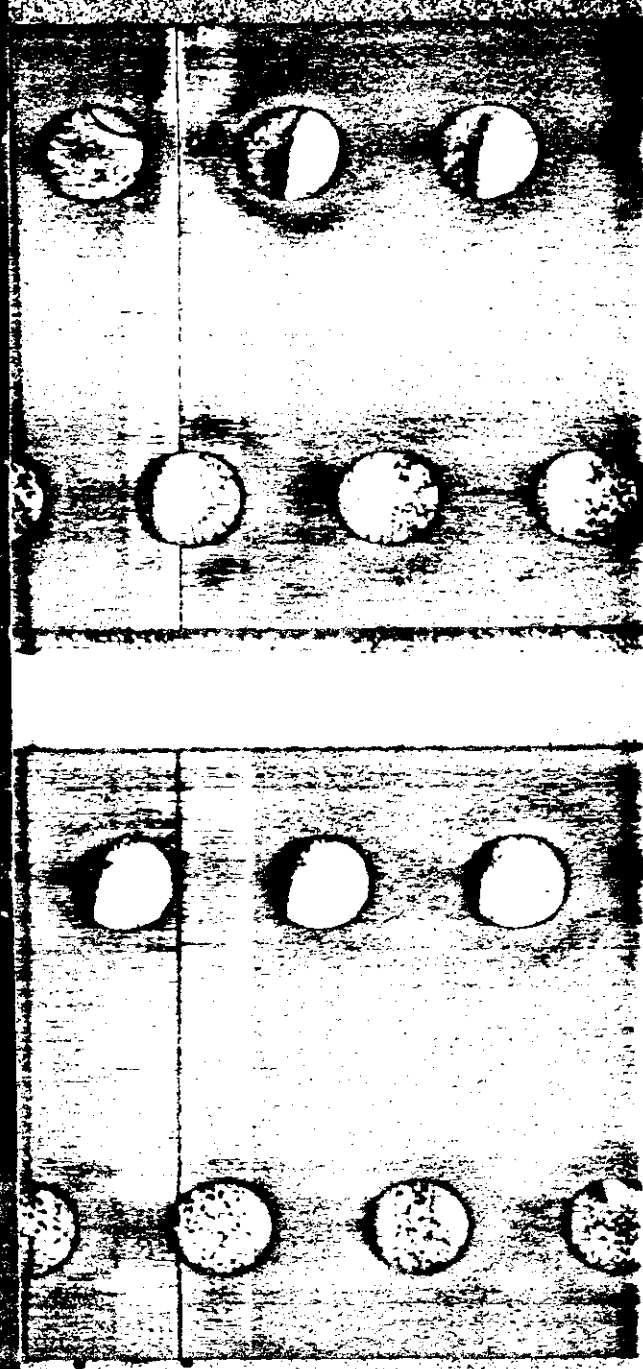
Twenty local unions in District No. 5, Pennsylvania, voted as follows:

A. H. No.	Location	Votes Cast	
		Local	Group
73	Liberty	62	
62	Scranton	145	
72	Scranton	21	
797	Scranton	276	
821	Scranton	49	
844	Scranton	170	

878	Broughton	100	6
1100	Ellsworth	107	1
1100	Lawrence	58	
1722	Carrick	40	
2025	Jacobs Creek	149	3
2108	Proctor	290	3
2143	Elizabeth	130	1
2147	Morgan	234	5
2148	Bellevernon	150	3
2363	Castle Shannon	458	19
2363	Cuddy	643	
3806	Russellton	491	8
3713	Indianola	376	5
5683	Imperial	60	1

Twenty local unions in District No. 7, Pennsylvania voted as follows:

L. U. No.	Location	Votes Cast	
		Lewis	Brophy
400	Freeland	70	
800	Hazleton	275	
1400	West Hazleton	110	2
1400	Hazleton	300	
1507	Shary	407	2
1518	Jedah	503	41
1518	Freeland	631	14
1521	Upper Lehigh	247	
1527	Shepton	210	
1530	Coaldale	521	3
1571	Tamaqua	1020	
1572	Lehighford	700	7
1600	Freeland	160	
1710	Lansbury	300	
1730	Lansbury	400	
1900	Beaver Meadow	500	
2477	Jedah	340	1
5000	York Glass	300	
2887	Freeland	120	
4000	Coaldale	50	



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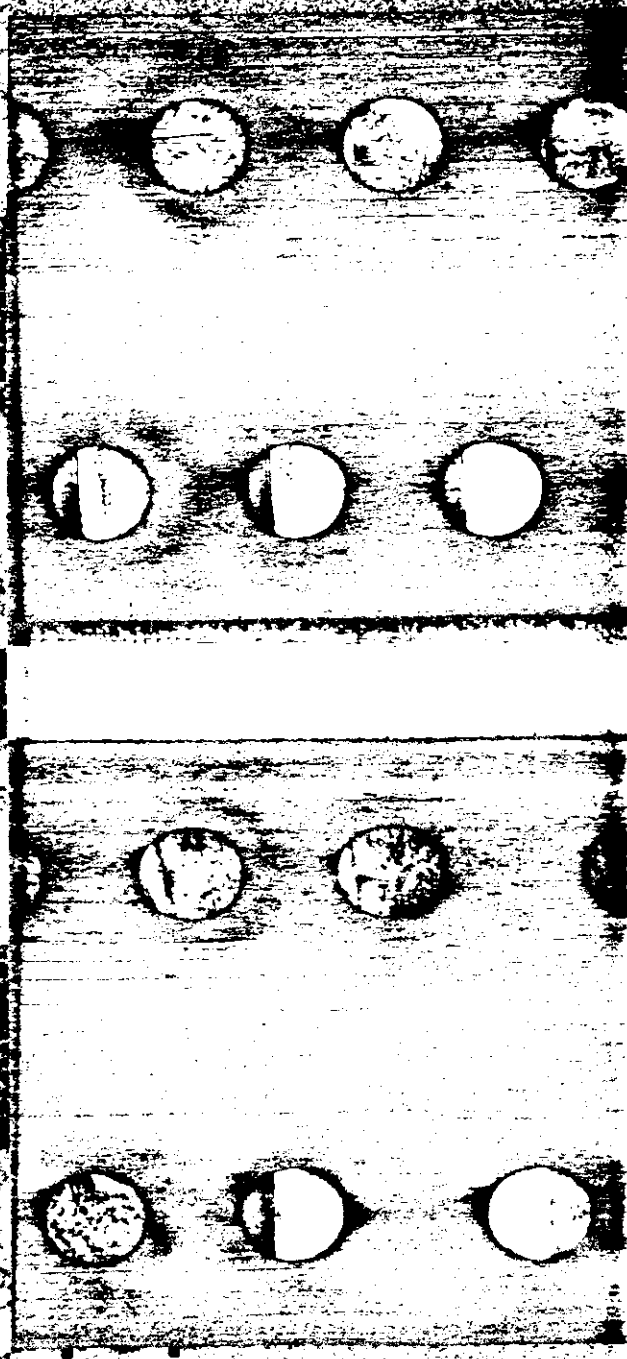
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of appointment by Lewis, by the world-renowned, military genius and champion vote-getter of the world, Colonel Samuel Pascoe of Illinois, who in return for favors extended and to make the feed-bag secure, turns in a rousing vote for Lewis each election year.

### The Colonel's Arduous Duties

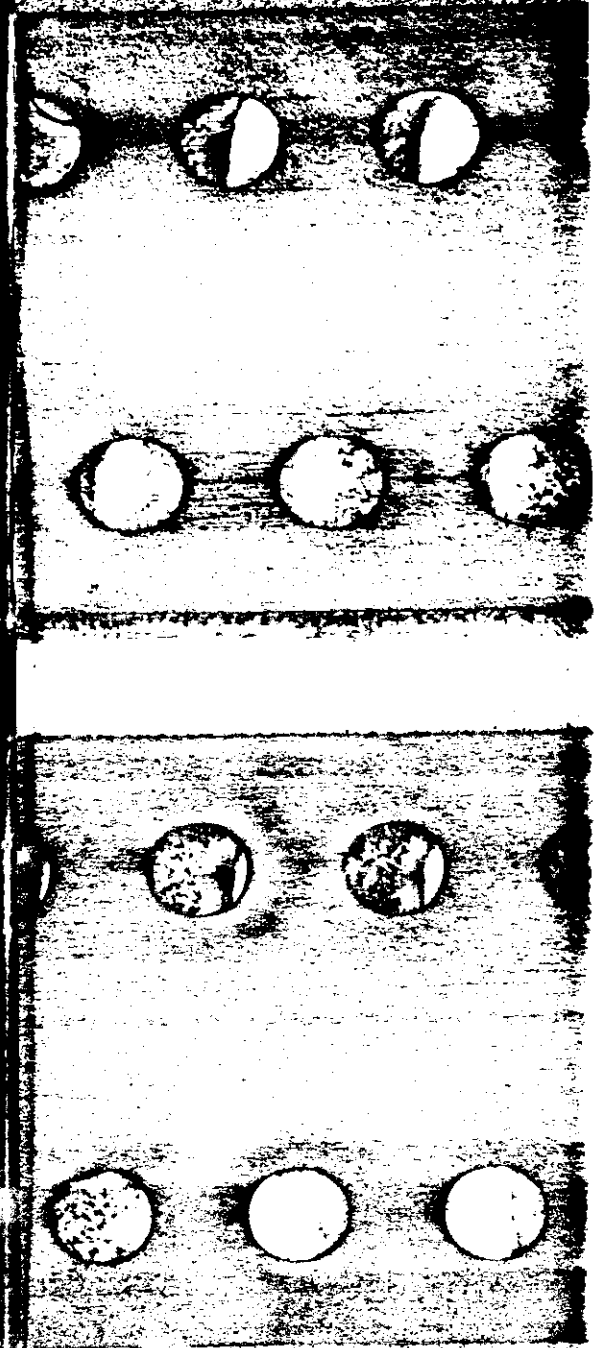
The Colonel's duties are arduous, indeed, as must be the duties of one who is obliged to vote for 2687 1/2 dead men every two years. One of less rugged constitution than his, would surely succumb to the rigors of his many duties, but being of a self-sacrificing disposition the Colonel has consented, due to the instructions of his superior, to leave his multiplicity of duties long enough to tell the Illinois Miners how badly they are cheated in their district elections, and he is now so engaged. But the Ashland miners may rest assured that he will return to his regular post in ample time to cast their votes in the next International election, should they be needed to overcome the vote of some presumptuous person who has the temerity to aspire to his superior's position, as president of the Miners' Union.

Just a glance at the votes, as shown above, and as taken from the records of the International Union should suffice to convince the Illinois Miners who it is the guilty of corrupting elections, as well as proving to show how utterly impossible it is to defeat Lewis for the presidency of their Union.

### Voting Abandoned

These votes were recorded by International Miners and sent into International Headquarters by mail, and there are hundreds of abandoned local unions that can be used in just the way.

These records were as pure as Chris... and as... Lewis... that... mine... with... the... for Lewis and... for...



office who would be the beneficiary of such palpable fraud and then babble about clean elections, is a cheat and a mountebank of the worst kind.

Any man worthy of the presidency of the Miners' Union or any man of probity or that is worthy of the miners' confidence would spurn an election accomplished by such means, and any union that condones such things is bound to perish of its own corruption.

**The time is present for the Illinois Miners to act in defense of their Union.**

It is the only protection they have against niggardly wages and degraded working conditions and Lewis' unscrupulous agents are creating dissension and division in their ranks and placing their Union in jeopardy. Its solidarity is endangered and its power for good is being weakened by their vicious activities.

This is not a condition to be lightly regarded by the Illinois Miners, as it means that they, their homes and their dependents are threatened with disaster.

#### **Act Before Too Late**

In the interest of their homes and their dependents they should act before it is too late. They have overtaken with the same fatal disaster which has overtaken the miners in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania, and South and the Southwest where the Union has disintegrated and perished under Lewis' greedy leadership.

This is no time for inaction.

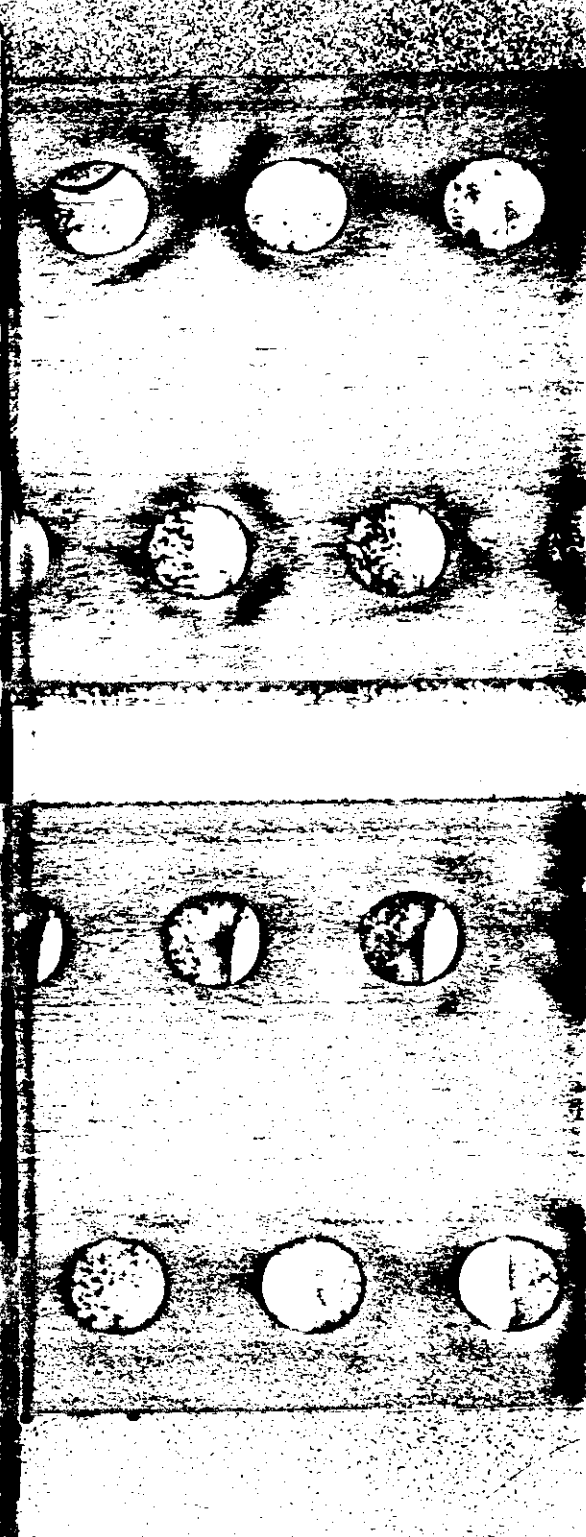
Every loyal member should know the truth about this and think for himself. Remember that in 1917 of 100,000 men named Lewis, only six months ago, the loyal miners should remember that the approval of the else to the swamp does not make a legitimate way.

Do not be deceived by the evil influences of those who are in your district. Support your district organization. Do not let your district union be taken over by any other organization. Do not allow to disintegrate.

Help to hold up their hands; aid them in their work; drive out the trouble-makers; hold your Union intact; do not allow anyone to use it for a political football, nor to satisfy selfish purposes!

Remember that in your Union is your only hope for a better home and a happier life for you, and those who are dear to you, and that without it, or if it is weakened by dissension and division, you and they will surely sink to the depth of poverty and despair.

Your duty is a solemn one, neglect it and you perish with the rest who just yesterday was as strong as you are today.



## Autocratic Power Over Miners' Union

**T**HE incumbent President of the United Mine Workers of America has arrogated the power of an autocrat.

No feudal lord ever ruled his vassals with less consideration for their welfare than Lewis has ruled the Miners' Union and that once peerless institution is now writhing in the throes of death because of his despotic rule.

No institution of freemen could survive the havoc of his tyrannical conduct. Every semblance of constitutional rule is arrogantly brushed aside if needs be to enable him to reach his objective. It is his practice to ruthlessly sweep aside all those who oppose his will.

One of his principal weapons is to strike down constitutional government as created by the miners for their protection and to install a so-called "provisional government" in its place.

This means he is able to ignore and frustrate every officer that speaks out against his policy and divinely elected and duly elected officers who have the courage to oppose him. He has appointed his own officials and has the personal selection of those who are appointed to his will. He has appointed to his office those who are appointed to his office.

It is inevitable that the miners would resist great harm to the Union by the autocratic control of the union is bound to be autocratic instead of democratic.

With the knowledge in their hearts that the union is not for them, they will sweep them from their offices of



some trumped up charge of his own fabrication, as he has done, and appoint "provisional officers" in their places and set up a "provisional government" in their respective districts if they oppose his will, men cannot be free to express their honest opinions on matters of Union policy if their opinions be opposed to his.

There could be no more harmful, evil condition than this: Through the exercise of this arrogant, autocratic power, instead of being free agents with opinions of their own and the courage to express what to them is the best policy for the Union to adopt to protect the interests of the membership, the Executive Officers are made to be a lot of cringing, fearful figureheads, who with servile alacrity, defer to Lewis' opinions because of the dread that he will remove them from office if they oppose him and the sequel to this condition, the Union is deprived of the benefits attending of the wisdom and opinions of all the executive officers and is forced to accept the decisions of one man whose policies have wrecked the Union.

#### Kansas Checks Provisional Officers

To contend that the mine workers in Kansas are in a position to elect their own officers is a gross misstatement of the facts. The mine workers in Kansas are not free to elect their own officers because of the presence of Lewis' Provisional Officers.

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and degrade the working conditions of the Kansas miners. To this day the Kansas miners have not recovered from the effect of Lewis' action.

His next exploit of this kind was in Sub-District No. 9 of District No. 12.

In this venture the Gods of Fortune seem to have played into his hands in that since a "provisional government" was arrogantly established in that Sub-District, it is alleged that it has been discovered that three of the many deposed officers are guilty of misappropriating union moneys but this was not the basis of Lewis' first action against them.

There is no word to say in the dere... one can condone such betrayal of confidence. If these men are guilty as alleged they should be made to pay the full liability for their misconduct, but that is a matter aside from the principle involved and the miners should not allow themselves to be deceived by the blaring trumpets that is sure to occur over the discovery of the alleged misconduct of these former Sub-District officers.

Others who were not involved in this wrongdoing were equally... by Lewis' high handed...

The International Union has... million of dollars for strike relief and it... Lewis' experience in knowing how... that enabled him to uncover...

#### Criticism of Lewis'...

...real money... go to... wo... and children... thing... would do... unwor... with... felle...

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what Lewis must answer for while the three Sub-District  
officers answer for their transgression.

Therefore, it is to be hoped that the miners  
will think things over for themselves and that  
they will not be duped by the innuendo about how  
Lewis hunts down the crooks and perhaps his  
cause as their deception, place their confidence  
where it does not belong.

The miners should not be deceived or tricked by the  
drive and false smoothings of the paid agents of Lewis  
nor by Lewis himself, but they should search for the  
truth and then think and think long and soberly, and  
then set on a way that will protect their union and their  
homes and those whom they cherish, and then they  
should place their confidence with those whom their sober  
judgment tells them are doing the very best they can to  
protect their interest: and the miners should co-operate  
openly and actively with those whom they believe are  
doing this to the end that their Union may be solidified  
and made strong against the trouble makers and those  
who seek to divide it with internal dissension and harm-  
ful strife.

The Illinois Miners' Union is very close to  
disaster and upon the Illinois miners depend  
whether or not it goes over the knuckle into the  
hard road along with the rest of the district  
unions in the soft coal fields of continued struggle  
and indignation against all oppressors.

Lewis was without any constitutional authority to  
strike at Sub-District No. 2 in the manner he did.

What his motive is, only he knows, but the miners  
should be on their guard.

Section No. 2, Article No. 3, of the Constitution of  
the International Union of United Mine Workers of America  
is read as follows:

*All districts, sub-districts and local unions*

must be chartered by and shall be under the jurisdiction of and subject to the laws of the International Union and rulings of the International Executive Board. Charters can be revoked only by the International President, whose action shall be subject to approval by the International Executive Board.

To say the above quoted section of the International Constitution vests in the International President the power to revoke district or sub-district charters and create self-constituted "provisional governments" in self-supporting districts or sub-districts and thereby automatically remove from their official positions men who have been duly elected by the rank and file in the respective divisions and to then appoint men of his personal choice to function in their stead is to read into the law language that is not there, and is to disregard and to deny other sections of the same constitution and which provide for the reverse of what is attempted.

When other sections of the International Constitution are considered one must indeed distort Section No. 2, Article No. 3 to find warrant for the exercise of such dictatorial action. One must, by distortion, breathe into said Article No. 3 powers that are not therein intended and that were not intended by the framers of the Constitution and that would be foreign to the principles of democracy and abhorrent to those in whom rests the right of self-government.

It would be aberrant reasoning not to differentiate between newly and sparsely organized immature districts or sub-districts without the means to properly function, and long organized self-supporting and properly functioning districts or sub-districts in trying to arrive at a just determination of this controversy.

Though substantial reasons may be advanced in support of such dictatorial action where a district or a sub-district is still in the initial stages of formation of small

membership and still dependent on the financial support of the International Union, no valid reason can be adduced in support of such action where these branches are perfectly organized, self-supporting and independent of outside aid from any source.

To take such action in the latter instance is to arrogate power not granted and that in fact is denied and is a high-handed and unconstitutional attempt to gain, by circumvention and illegal practice some desired end that cannot be attained by adherence to other specific and regulative provisions of the International Constitution.

Admitting that the aforesaid Section No. 2, Article No. 3, does vest in the International President the right to revoke district and sub-district charters, certainly said Section does not, either by written word or by implication, empower him to go beyond the act of revocation and also tear down properly constituted governments, unceremoniously remove duly elected officers and to set up self-created "provisional governments" and to appoint self-selected officers to preside over them.

There is no reason why the International President should have such wide autocratic power and the enactment of the International Convention never intended that he should have such power.

X In fact the International Convention, which is the law-making body of the International Union, clearly defined the authority and power of the International President as to his right to remove or suspend from office and as to his right to appoint in Sections No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 10 of Article No. 9, International Constitution.

Said sections read as follows:

Section 3. "He may suspend or remove any International Officer appointed, employed, or elected for insubordination or just and sufficient cause."

Section 4. "He may appoint a member"

whose duty shall be to collect and compile statistics on the production, distribution and consumption of coal and coke, freight rates, market conditions and any other matter that may be of benefit to the Organization. Said statisticians shall make a report to the regular convention."

Section No. 8. "He may appoint such organizers, field and office workers as may be necessary to conduct the affairs of the International Union."

Section No. 9. "He shall appoint from among properly elected delegates the committees necessary to transact the work of International Conventions, and in effect the Resolutions, Constitution and Grievance Committees to meet at headquarters sufficiently early to enable them to be prepared to render at least a partial report on the first day the Convention convenes. But if a Convention is to consider charges regularly filed, against the President, the Grievance Committee shall be elected by the Convention."

Section No. 10. "He shall appoint, subject to the approval of the International Executive Board, one or more competent traveling Auditors, and appointees to be agreed upon by the Districts and International Union. Said traveling Auditors shall examine the accounts of all local unions at least once every year and assist in establishing a uniform system of bookkeeping in the local unions. Should such audits develop any irregularities, those responsible for the same shall be penalized as hereinafter provided. The traveling Auditors so appointed shall submit a correct report of their findings to the International District and Sub-District officials, and shall also forward a copy of the same to the