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**A**MID surroundings hallowed by innumerable patriotic memories the Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of the American Federation of Musicians was formally opened at Boston, Massachusetts, Monday, June 9, 1930, in the Copley-Plaza Hotel.

The clouds hung low and a rain which seemed to be a mixture of morning dew and ocean spray was constantly in evidence, but the assembled musicians remembered Bunker Hill and proceeded to battle with the elements. With Delegate James T. Kenney of Local No. 9 as Grand Marshal, the scheduled parade formed in line and with a wonderful band under the leadership of Brother Joseph Freni, the delegates marched until an unusually heavy inundation from the weeping skies brought marching to an end and with the taking of the usual convention picture. In connection with this band we wish to say: Many fine marches were played without a single repetition. Too many parade bands start out with one or two marches and repeat them until some cynical observer inquires: "Is their marching repertoire thus abridged?" In this particular Boston set a style worthy of emulation.

Two o'clock found the convention hall filled with delegates and visitors. The balcony was also full. President Thomas H. Finigan of Local No. 9 called the convention to order and introduced the various speakers making addresses of welcome. We wish to compliment President Finigan as a presiding gavel wielder. His own opening address and the manner of his introduction of the other speakers were models of good taste—brief and squarely to the point.

The invocation was offered by Rev. James F. Kelley of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Lieutenant-Governor Youngman welcomed the delegates in behalf of Massachusetts. John M. Casey, representing Mayor James F. Curley, performed a similar service in behalf of Boston. Martin T. Joyce of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor and Nathan Sidd of the

### Executive Officer Chauncey A. Weaver Graphically Reviews Sights, Scenes and Happenings at Boston Conclave

Boston Central Labor Union brought welcoming messages from their respective organizations. These were supplemented by Judge William Day, legal counsel for Local No. 9, who gave warm endorsement to the campaign being waged by the Federation for the maintenance of the true cultural standards in music.

President Joseph N. Weber made proper response to the welcome and briefly reviewed the fight for principle now gathering force.

An enlivening feature of the opening exercises was the musical numbers interpolated at regular intervals by a splendid orchestra under the leadership of Brother William S. Dodge. Mr. Dodge is a son of William G. Dodge, assistant to President Weber, and widely known in Federation circles. He is in the front rank of Boston musical directors and certainly made a hit with the visitors who witnessed his work.

### The Convention Work

The Credentials Committee authorized the seating of 363 delegates.

Within the time limit, which expired at midnight on Wednesday, 64 resolutions were offered for consideration by the various committees. Of this number, 27 were adopted; 4 modified and passed; 5 were referred to the International Executive Board, while 28 were rejected altogether.

From the standpoint of major importance the unanimous direction by the convention for continuance of the Music Defense League will be accorded first place. The delegates were plainly pleased by the showing made that a nation-wide interest has been aroused in the campaign against canned music. With more than two million personal endorsements in President Weber's office already and large additions coming in every day it was felt that any cessation of activity now would be positively unwise. In this connection it was the sounding of a wholesome and encouraging note in the proceedings when Boris Morros, the general manager of the Paramount Public Company and Milton Schwarzwald of the Radio-Keith Orpheum Corporation, addressed the convention and predicted that the opening of another theatrical season would undoubtedly reveal decidedly increased employment opportunities for Federation members.

Another progressive step was the order to the National Executive Board to formulate a new appellate code—especially designed to cut down convention appeals to cases only involving expulsion or the imposition of fines amounting to five hundred dollars or more. An unusually large amount of time was utilized in hearing convention appeals and the delegates realized that a continuance of this situation would go a long way toward transforming the convention from a legislative to a judicial body. To the consummation of this reform the national

board will undoubtedly give much attention during the coming year.

Modification of the transfer law proposals precipitated a lively debate and slight changes were made.

Committees worked untiringly and the convention deliberations terminated shortly after Saturday noon.

Elsewhere in the columns of the International Musician will be found a detailed report of each day's proceedings.

The result of the election of officers constitutes the introductory feature of this convention story.

Chattanooga, Local No. 80, will be entertaining host to the next annual convention and which convenes on the second Monday in June, 1931.

Kansas City made a game fight for the honor, but Chattanooga had been pressing the issue for two or three years—which, together with the fact that the American Federation of Labor is paying special attention to an industrial organization of the Southland these days, helped to win the contest for the picturesque city of Tennessee.

Just before the sounding of the final gavel, we believe that President Weber expressed the unanimous sentiment of the delegates when he said that from the standpoint of far-reaching constructive effort and because of things left undone, the convention was one of the most important in Federation history.

### Bostonian Brevities

The high-water mark of convention entertainment was reached in the manner in which Local No. 9 cared for the Thirty-fifth Annual Gathering of the American Federation of Musicians. Such a program cannot be carried out except by thoughtful pre-arrangement, followed by painstaking execution. In all things there was reflected a unity of purpose on the part of the Local, and a cordiality of manner, which was a source of comment from the delegates and visitors. Local No. 9 may well be assured that it has done its full share in the writing of a red-letter chapter in A. F. of M. convention history.

The stellar day from the standpoint of entertainment was, of course, the Tuesday of convention week when the convention made full surrender to Local No. 9. It was a somewhat cloudy day, but the winds blew in brisk fashion when the delegates and visitors were placed upon a fine steamer and taken to Nantasket Point—some fifteen or twenty miles down the coast. The ride itself was a tonic for tired nerves and with Brother James T. Kenney constantly at hand to point out places of historic interest the journey was bound to be a memorable one. In passing out of Boston Harbor, Bunker Hill Monument pointed heavenward just as it did more than a century before when Daniel Webster, standing at its base, said to the assem-

bled multitude—"Let it rise, let it rise until it meets the day in its coming! May the first beams of the morning play upon it, and the last rays of the setting sun linger upon its summit!" In another direction surged the waters upon whose bosom the celebrated Boston Tea Party was held. In still another section was the territory made famous as the home of the Adams family, which gave two Presidents of the United States to American history and which now guards their silent dust. Arriving at Nantasket Point at 1:30 dinner was ready for which the vigorous sea breeze had generated a robust appetite. During the dinner hour a fine orchestra played standard numbers under the direction of William S. Dodge, and dancing numbers under the leadership of Ruby Newman. Accompanying the excursion was a concert band under the direction of Mr. D. A. Ives. The return at eventide was not without its thrills. The sky clouded and a dense fog settled upon the waters. Fog horns and fog bells mingled their jangling voices. We thought of the lines of Lord Byron in Childe Harold:

Roll on, thou deep and dark blue ocean,  
roll!  
Ten thousand fleets sweep over thee in  
vain;  
Man marks the earth with ruin;  
His control ends with the shore.  
Upon the watery main the wrecks are all  
thy deed—  
Nor doth remain a shadow of man's rav-  
age, save his own;  
When for a moment, like a drop of rain,  
He sinks into thy depths, with bubbling  
groan,  
Without a grave, unknelt, uncoffined  
and unknown!

At a time when the surroundings looked blackest, we touched the home landing place—in just a few short hours to learn that very close to our own steamer's pathway one of the most mournful sea tragedies of modern history had been enacted in the Fairface-Pinthis fog collision. It was an impressive and memorable day for us all.

The convention listened with deep interest to an address by Mr. Aaron Sapiro of New York, the attorney who conducted the successful litigation instituted by Local No. 6 of San Francisco in establishing the inviolability of its contract negotiated with the theatre managers. Mr. Sapiro talked like the able lawyer that he is—and yet explained the legal principles involved so as to be understood by every lay mind that heard him. We hope he wins in the highest court to which he may be compelled to travel as another victory there will be one of the most heartening happenings in the realm of labor litigation in a long time.

The Peoples' Symphony Orchestra concert, under the direction of Dr. Henry Hadley, given at the Hotel Copley-Plaza on the Sunday evening immediately preceding the convention opening, was a most auspicious introduction to the week's entertainment program. It was a cultural keynote. It generated a whole-

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### THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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some atmosphere. It involved the presentation of five notable numbers—every one the creation of Boston talent. Dr. Hadley is a native of Massachusetts. He studied in Vienna and has had extended experience in symphonic conductorship. He has composed four symphonies, five operas, five overtures and many tone poems. His concluding contribution to the evening, "Lucifer Tone Poem," made a fine impression upon the audience with the responsive trumpet corps playing in an adjacent balcony. Dr. Hadley had evidently studied deeply into the kind of a time which "Lucifer" had and has certainly done fine work in translating the theme into vivid harmonic expression. This orchestra is an all-union organization, is taking a constantly firmer hold upon community popularity, and is plainly destined to secure a fixed place among the symphonic institutions of the East.

Convention delegates learned with sincere regret of the misfortune which has come to Secretary S. E. Desmone of Local No. 417, Connellsville, Pa. At the Denver convention he appeared following the amputation of one leg. Since that time he has lost the other. And yet, as an index of the pluck which has always animated him, he writes a letter to the effect that he "hopes to be with you all next year." Federation members who have become acquainted with him during the many years of his convention attendance will ardently hope that his desires in this respect may be fulfilled.

On a Sunday afternoon we were given opportunity to visit the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dodge, near North Abington, some twenty miles south of Boston. Brother Dodge has been convention delegate from Local No. 9 many times, but in recent years has been one of the assistants to President Weber. This position requires his presence in New York most of the time, but when opportunity affords he hies himself to this picturesque one hundred and sixty acre farm retreat and farms as much as any musician could ever be expected to farm. But "Bill" does not need to farm very much. Nature has provided him a sort of sylvan Utopia where he can eat and hunt and occasionally mow the lawn for exercise. Mrs. Dodge provided her guests with a dinner which was an epicurean dream. May "Bill" and Ethel live long to enjoy their attractive farm home.

We had the pleasure of forming acquaintance with Bandmaster D. A. Ives, who had charge of the fine band which accompanied the Tuesday all-day steamboat excursion to Narragansett Point. Brother Ives has the unique distinction of having been born in Des Moines. He graciously offered the services of himself and his automobile to show us innumerable points of interest, which the pressure of Federation work made it impossible to accept. He nevertheless showed a fine Bostonian spirit which we fully appreciate.

It was a musicians' business convention in a strictly musical atmosphere. The delegates do not take their instruments to a national convention, as many people imagine, but we know they were all delighted with the manner in which this particular entertainment feature was stressed by the Boston committee.

Many delegates knew Mayor James M. Curley of Boston by reputation as a prominent municipal chief executive and were eager to hear the address of welcome which he was expected to deliver. However, a two-year period of illness ended fatally for Mrs. Curley during early convention week, which of course prevented his appearance. The convention passed appropriate resolutions of sympathy and copies of the same were certified and sent to the Mayor Curley home.

Two lady delegates graced the convention deliberations again—Mrs. Mary Rob-

ling, Local No. 79, Clinton, Iowa, and Mrs. Fred P. Keyser, Local No. 787, Cumberland, Md. The lady delegates gave close attention to the proceedings, but perhaps the reason they did not participate in the debate was they felt they "could not get a word in edgeways" among so many loquacious men.

From the standpoint of the art of music Boston still lives up to her finest traditions. In childhood we heard of the New England Conservatory of Music. It still functions. We never saw so many music stores. One can hear a symphony orchestra concert program nearly every night. The prestige of Boston as the Hub of American culture will not soon be wrested from her.

We are glad to pay some words of tribute to Boston weather. The first few days the National Executive Board was in session the heat was all that an Iowa corn raiser could possibly desire; but the remaining part of the convention period was delightfully cool and enjoyable. Even what rain did chance to fall did not materially demoralize any program feature and entertainers and visitors were all justifiably happy.

We have known W. A. Barrington-Sargent personally as a national convention delegate a good many years; as a composer of band music because we have played his compositions; as a band-leader by reputation, but had never had the opportunity of seeing him in action until during the convention. On Monday evening of convention week the Barrington-Sargent band of seventy-three pieces played a splendid concert in the ball room of the Copley-Plaza Hotel. It was as fine and capable an aggregation of bandmen as we have seen and heard in many a day. The program included two new marches played from manuscript. One was entitled "The Old Reliable" and dedicated to President Joseph N. Weber; and the other, "National Convention March, A. F. of M., 1930." They are both splendid numbers and as a timely contribution to the current output of concert and military band music we certainly hope "Bill" will see to it that they are printed and published.

Matthew Woll, First Vice-President of the A. F. of M., was a convention visitor; gave a ringing address on unionism generally, and presented the claims of the Union Labor Life Insurance Company, of which he is the head, for consideration of the delegates.

Eight committees, of twenty-one members each, look after the formative work of convention legislative procedure. Some of these committees could give one new definitions of the meaning of the phrase—"the strenuous life."

The Boston weather man seemed disposed to cater to both the wets and the dries.

It was a pleasure to find genuine Boston baked beans and brown bread instead of the faked imitations so often placed before us in localities which might be named.

If a census of music stores should ever be taken we feel confident that Boston would take the lead.

Even the Boston codfish has a special flavor all its own.

The man who invented the merry-go-round doubtless acquired his idea from trying to thread his way through Boston streets.

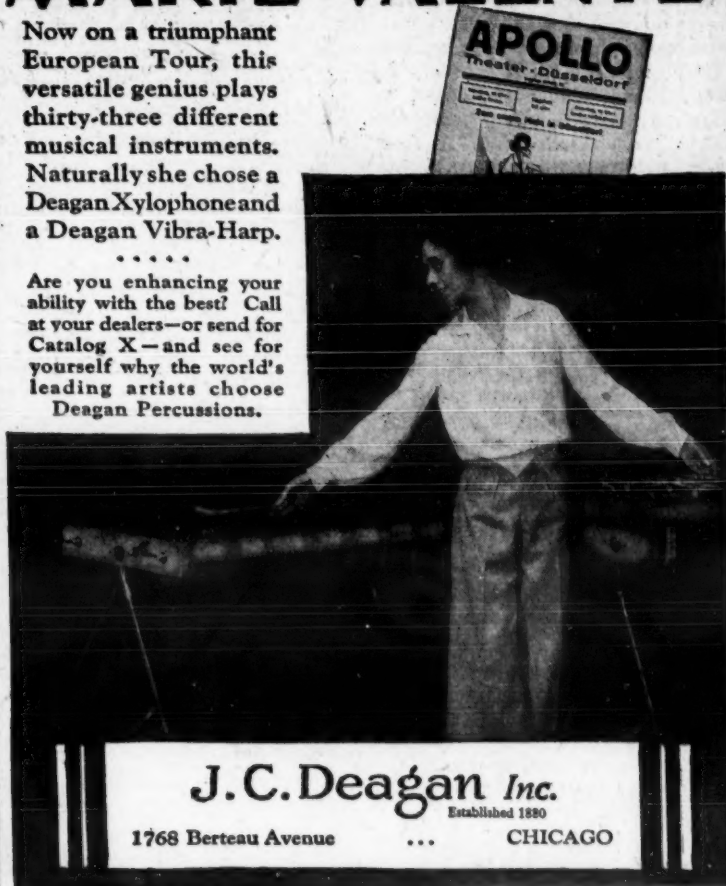
We have seen where the Cradle of Liberty was rocked. The vibrations then and there set in motion are still being felt around the world.

If ninety-in-the-shade stands for ideal Iowa corn weather, then the Boston bean-crop ought by similar token to assume

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phenomenal proportions in the 1930 harvest.

On the Friday preceding the Federation convention we witnessed the impressive sight of sixteen thousand high school cadets, marching to the music of fifty high school bands. For two solid hours these young Americans passed the hotel where the National Executive Board was endeavoring to transact official business. The demonstration seemed to evidence that, regardless of how much we are dedicated to the cause of peace, soldierly drill and marching formation continue to be recognized as an essential feature of youthful education and training. Incidentally we had another reminder that the high school band is here to remain and may prove a valuable feeder to the larger and more diversified ranks of the musical profession.

The Boston census announced during the convention period—780,851.

Among other Boston musicians with a penchant for soil-tilling may be mentioned National Treasurer Harry E. Brenton, who presides over a beautiful twenty-

acre tract twenty miles south. The grass is the most beautiful green the eye ever rested upon; there is a grove in which Aristotle would have loved to wander; and Harry grows strawberries which at first glance might be easily mistaken for tomatoes.

So far as we have been able to learn Delegate Leo Cluesmann, Local No. 16, of Newark, was the first delegate to ever arrive at a convention by airplane. Leo's verdict was—"Fine!"

Where were the long-time Federation twins—Berger and Dutcher—from Duluth? Is a question which was frequently asked. They were scheduled to appear. Their friends will be anxious to know what happened to them.

Many lady visitors inquired for Misses Eileen and Elizabeth Leeder, who usually accompany their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Leeder of Springfield, Illinois. Examinations and commencement time was the answer.

Boston Local No. 9, A. F. of M., came into being in 1894. It has a membership



















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### New Laws, Effective August 1st, 1930

THE FOLLOWING changes of laws are among those enacted at the 35th Annual Convention held in Boston, Mass., June 9th to 14th, 1930, and become effective on August 1st, 1930:

The International Executive Board is directed to consider a revision of the law governing Conditional Membership, and therefore all cards issued prior to that date will expire on June 11, 1931. Due notice will be given in these columns of changes hereafter effective in the issuance of said cards.

The International Executive Board was directed to revise the laws to provide that appeals can only be made to a Convention where the original fine involved exceeds \$500 or where the original penalty imposed was expulsion.

When an individual member enters the jurisdiction of a Local, establishes a residence and deposits his transfer, all fines or penalties imposed upon him for violation of local laws shall belong to the Local imposing same. (This does not apply to members of traveling organizations).

Locals have the right to insist that local leaders or contractors engage local members to fulfill miscellaneous engagements outside of the local jurisdiction.

Locals shall receive 5 per cent for services in collecting Theatre Defense Fund Tax, not to exceed \$75 in any one week.

Any Local which obstructs the Federation or its officers in enforcing the laws of the Federation or carrying out the instructions of a convention, either by scurrilous attacks, circulars or other means, may, after being tried and found guilty by the International Executive Board, have its charter revoked by the authorities of the Federation.

If a member deposits his transfer card and remains in the jurisdiction of a local for a period exceeding four weeks and then withdraws his card and later wishes to re-deposit said card within ONE YEAR, it shall be optional with the local to either accept the card or permit the member to take out full membership.

Members found guilty of the violation of any provision of Sections 9 and 10, Article XIII, or any provision of Article XIV (By Laws) cannot, without the consent of the Federation, return to the jurisdiction wherein they offended to play a permanent engagement as members of the same orchestra or band in the same location or for the same employing parties involved in the violation for a period of two years next after conviction. In each instance before enforcement a local must secure consent of the Federation.

Traveling Musicians (other than those with traveling companies) when playing any engagement in a jurisdiction in which local musicians are required to pay a tax on engagements, shall be required to pay such tax to the local in whose jurisdiction they are playing.

If the members of a traveling orchestra are found guilty of violating the laws of the Federation, then the local union in whose jurisdiction the violation was com-

mitted may, with the consent of the authorities of the Federation, in addition to fining such members, also order them to immediately terminate their engagement in connection with which they had violated the law. Members who fail to obey instructions to withdraw from the engagement suspend themselves by such act from membership in the Federation, and may only be reinstated under conditions as stipulated by the International Executive Board.

If a local submits evidence to the Federation that an employer has in collusion with members of the Federation circumvented the laws of the Federation by paying musicians less than the price, then the Federation may place the establishment of such employer upon the forbidden territory list and advise him that he cannot employ members of the American Federation of Musicians except through the local union in whose jurisdiction he desires to use them. All such cases shall be disposed of under Section 1 of Article 1 of the By-Laws of the Federation.

Rules governing Traveling Orchestras have been changed to provide as follows:

A contracting member or leader, as the case may be, must, if requested by the authorities of a local union in whose jurisdiction an engagement is played, allow the local, if it desires, to collect the money for the engagement and pay the members of the band or orchestra, provided that where the local believes that the law is in some manner being violated, it shall have the right TO DEMAND THAT THE CONTRACTING MEMBER OR LEADER SHALL PAY THE MONEY DUE THE BAND OR ORCHESTRA TO THE LOCAL, NOT TO EXCEED 48 HOURS AFTER SAME IS COLLECTED ACCORDING TO CONTRACT, and to hold for such limited period as it may decide, subject to the approval of the International Executive Board or President, the 30 per cent in excess of the local scale as provided by Sections 9 and 10 of Article XIII.

Transportation charges for members with traveling orchestras or bands must be made per man at not less than the lowest rate obtainable by available public transportation service regardless of whether or not members travel by privately owned automobile or other conveyance.

Members of the Federation who, either individually or as members of a band or orchestra, play engagements of one week or less in the jurisdiction of any local, on demand of the local whose jurisdiction they have entered, must identify themselves as members of the Federation by submitting their membership cards to the local for inspection. If they fail or refuse to do this, they may be fined by the Local a sum not exceeding \$5.

Members of bands and orchestras other than those traveling with theatrical companies playing engagements over one week shall not later than thirty-six hours after they begin same, submit their local membership or transfer cards to the local for inspection and at the beginning of the second week deposit their transfer cards with the local and are obliged to pay dues from the time they entered the jurisdiction. Members traveling with theatrical companies must identify themselves with the local house leader or a representative of a local during the first day of their engagement as members in good standing (see Paragraph A, Section 17, Article XII).

Members who fail to submit their local membership or transfer cards within the time provided for in this section may each be fined not exceeding \$25 by the local in whose jurisdiction they have entered. Members who fail to identify themselves as provided for in this section and in addition fail to deposit their transfer cards at the beginning of the second week of their engagement may each be fined a sum not exceeding \$100. Members who in accordance with this section do not deposit their transfer cards with the local may each be fined by the local a sum not exceeding \$50.

A local in whose jurisdiction a member traveling with a theatrical company fills an engagement shall, if the engagement extends over four weeks, issue to such member a privilege card, good for three months, for which the member shall pay an amount equal to one-quarter the annual dues paid by the other members of the local. This card shall date from the time of the beginning of the engagement and must be renewed every three months on payment of a sum equal to a quarter's dues, until such time that the engagement terminates.

Article X, Section 29, is changed to read as follows:

Section 29. Members of the Federation are only permitted to accept, solicit or negotiate engagements to play in bands or orchestras from members who contract to furnish bands or orchestras, never from the employers or the agents of such to whom the band or orchestra is furnished. Provided, that in States or Provinces where laws exist, which prescribe a different method of contracting, or where the provisions of law are such that to contract as above described would be contrary to the interests of members, Locals are authorized to establish such method of contracting as may best conserve the interests of members.

However, members may accept engagements from traveling theatre company managements direct, provided their contract, in addition to the signatures of the contracting parties, is countersigned by the musical director of the company or the member of the Federation who engages the members for the company. Furthermore, members may contract with symphony orchestra management direct in conformity with all local and Federation laws.

The following increases in salaries for traveling members with theatrical companies become effective August 1, 1930:

With Grand Opera Companies of the first class, increase from \$150 to \$157; second class, \$130 to \$137.

Leaders with Comic Opera Companies, Musical Comedies and like attractions, from \$95 to \$125; with Vaudeville or Vaudeville Acts, from \$90 to \$100.

The International Executive Board is instructed to advocate through our locals and all affiliated bodies that State laws be enacted, setting up State examinations throughout this country and Canada of a nature that would compare well with the examination of other professions, without which no one could give service for remuneration, in order to preserve our culture and eliminate objectionable, detrimental and unfair competition.

The following resolution was adopted:

In support of labor's demand that to Station WCFL, representing the voice of labor, an appropriate wave length be granted and as a protest against the action of the Radio Commission in giving to said station a wave length of insufficient frequency, the American Federation of Musicians endorses House Joint Resolution No. 334 and instructs our local unions throughout the United States to communicate with all political party candidates for U. S. Senate and House of Representatives in their respective States and by forwarding to them for their information, House Joint Resolution No. 334 as appearing in the Congressional Record of May 19, 1930, for their consideration and reply before the next general election to be held on the first Tuesday in November, 1930.

## Labor Queries - - -

Questions and Answers on Labor: What It Has Done; Where It Stands on Problems of the Day; Its Aim and Program; Who's Who in the Ranks of the Organized Toilers, etc., etc.

Q.—In what Southern State were wages in colonial times paid in pounds of tobacco?

A. In Virginia wages were quoted not in money, but in tobacco. Tobacco was in fact money, the standard of value and tobacco warehouse receipts, or "tobacco notes," took the place of metal currency and was used in general business transactions.

Q.—Where and when was the first textile mill in this county established?

A.—At Rowley, Mass., about 1643, by twenty skilled textile workers from Yorkshire, England, who brought their equipment with them.

Q.—How does the Standard Dictionary define a trade union?

A.—"An organized association of workmen formed for the protection and promotion of their common interests."

Q.—What union has just secured agreements with employers providing for the workers receiving life insurance, total disability insurance and an old age pension?

A.—The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has secured such an agreement for its many thousands of members in St. Louis and New York City.

Q.—When is Union Label Month?

A.—During April.

Q.—What label appears on union-made awnings?

A.—The awnings label of the Upholsterers, Carpet and Linoleum Mechanics' International Union of North America.

Q.—Does a reproduction of the Statue of Liberty appear on any union label?

A.—Yes. It is part of the label of the American Wire Weavers' Protective Association.

Q.—Has any State passed legislation making effective the Hawes-Cooper convict labor law passed last year by Congress?

A.—New York has passed a law, being the first State to act.

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

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**Board re-convenes.**

Charges against members of the Federation by member J. Edgar Spengle are considered and on motion laid over for further investigation.

The Board considers the illegal payment of strike benefits by Local 406, Montreal, Canada, in a late theatre controversy. The Board finds that money has been illegally drawn from the funds of the Federation and that Local 406 shall be called upon to return such amounts to the Federation. Referred to the office of the President for determination as to the exact amount.

The Board again considers the application for membership of Lawrence A. Applebaum and on motion the national initiation fee of \$100 is reduced to \$50.

Matters of importance to the Federation and its interests are again considered at great length and which include an explanation of the President as to why the plans to enter into an international broadcasting advertising campaign did not come to a successful culmination. The entire question of broadcasting and the instances of some local stations becoming locally as well as nationally unfair was given exhaustive consideration and the future policy of the Federation in the matter is determined upon.

A matter of strike payment to members of Local 374, Concord, N. H., is considered. On motion, the strike pay was allowed.

The President lays a request of member Eugene Urban of Local 60, Pittsburgh, Pa., for reopening of Case 164 wherein judgment was rendered by the International Executive Board against such member in favor of Local 66, Rochester, N. Y., before the Board for consideration. On motion the request for reopening was denied.

**Meeting adjourned.**

New York City, Nov. 22, 1929.

Meeting of the International Executive Board called to order by President Weber at 10 A. M. All present.

Matters of importance to the Federation are discussed at length.

President Frank Walter and former Secretary George W. Decker of Local 14, Albany, N. Y., appear in answer to summons concerning the failure of that local to pay its proper per capita tax. On motion the local is called upon to immediately pay the shortage on said tax.

**Recess taken.**

**Session resumed.**

The members of the Governing Board of Local 802, New York City, N. Y., and a committee consisting of officers of the Musical Mutual Protective Union of that city appear before the Board and ask for advice in the matter of a proposal of the latter that Local 802 rent the building of the M. M. P. U. for the headquarters of the Local.

After prolonged discussion, the Board holds that the authorities of Local 802 may consider entering into a lease with an individual or a solely realty-holding corporation for headquarters, in such manner as in their opinion would best subserve the interests of the local; provided, however, that such lease be not entered into with any organization which in the opinion of the American Federation of Musicians operates under a State charter as a musical union or organization or otherwise functions as such.

**Session adjourns.**

New York City, Nov. 23, 1929.

Meeting of the International Executive Board called to order by President Weber at 10 A. M. All present.

Bro. Matthew Wolf of the Union Labor Life Insurance Co. appears before the Board and gives a detailed explanation of the business of the company and its successful operation.

Matters of general importance to the Federation are discussed at length.

**Recess taken.**

**Session resumes.**

The Board considers charges of unfair dealing against member Virgil L. Brown of Local 683, Lancaster, O.

All the documents in the case are read. The member is found guilty and on motion a penalty of expulsion is imposed with the proviso that he cannot be restored to membership without the consent of the International Executive Board.

Consideration is given to the application for reinstatement of Jack Hoyt. On motion a national initiation fee of \$500 is designated.

The request of Ralph Livengood for a remission of a \$50 fine which had been imposed by Local 77, Philadelphia, Pa., for a violation of the laws of the A. F. of M. in that jurisdiction, was on motion denied.

A request from Local 802, New York City, N. Y. for permission to amend certain laws is referred to the President for investigation and with authority to thereafter approve of same.

The present advertising campaign is discussed at length.

The Board approves of the campaign as conducted by the President and the expenditures to date thereunder and directs that it be continued as explained in his report of proposed further expenditures.

The present situation in the jurisdiction of Local 2, St. Louis, Mo., in regard to employment in theatres, is fully explained by the President.

On motion a contribution of \$1250 is made for the assistance of the Textile Workers in the South through the medium of the American Federation of Labor, and the locals of the American Federation of Musicians are requested to consider direct contributions to this cause.

**The meeting of the Board adjourns.**

Copley-Plaza Hotel,  
Boston, Mass., June 4, 1930.

President Weber called the International Executive Board to order at 2 P. M. Present: Mayer, Brenton, Weaver, Hayden, Greenbaum, Birnbach, Henderson and Kerngood.

The Board considers the reports of the President and Secretary on the defalcation and other illegal acts of Henry Oentendorf, who was employed in the office of the Secretary as his assistant and as bookkeeper of the printing plant.

The entire session is consumed in discussion of the matter.

**Recess taken.**

**Session resumed at 7:30 P. M.**

The Board considers Case No. 597, claim of member Edward Ruderman of Local 16, Newark, N. J., against member Henry Busse of Local 802, New York City, N. Y., for moneys alleged to be due for back salaries and railroad fare. On motion a claim of \$34.70 is allowed at this time, and payment of balance deferred pending collection from the employing parties.

The minutes of the original trial are read in the matter of the appeal of John Colaprete from an action of Local 77, Philadelphia, Pa., in expelling him from office as President and imposing a fine of \$2,000 upon him, commencing at 8:45 P. M. and continuing until 12 midnight, when adjournment is taken.

Copley-Plaza Hotel,  
Boston, Mass., June 5, 1930.

Meeting of the International Executive Board called to order by President Weber at 9 A. M. All present.

The Board resumes reading of the minutes of the trial of President John Colaprete in the matter of appeal from an action of Local 77, Philadelphia, Pa., in removing him from office and imposing a fine of \$2,000 upon him. On motion the case is remanded back to the Local to be reopened and continued for the purpose of permitting Defendant Colaprete the opportunity to introduce his witnesses and defense. Furthermore, Colaprete shall be given until July 10, 1930, to prepare his defense. The continuation of the case shall be under the supervision of a sub-committee of the International Executive Board, and at the close of the hearing the case is to be re-submitted to the International Executive Board for final decision.

A request to be permitted to print on a musical composition a note that a percentage of the profits of its publication shall accrue to the Music Defense League was on motion denied.



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The Board considers Case No. 370, claim of member Sam Marziale against Fred Mack, theatrical producer, for \$102.50, alleged to be due him. On motion the case is referred to the office of the President for later report thereon.

Case No. 342, claim of manager Ed. Zarada, Thorp, Wis., against member Art. S. With of Local 10, Chicago, Ill., operating the Amusement Service Corporation, for alleged loss of \$200 sustained through breach of contract, is considered. On motion the claim is dismissed.

Consideration is given to Case No. 391, appeal of member David Broudy from an action of Local 60, Pittsburgh, Pa., in imposing a fine upon him. On motion the appeal is denied, but amount of fine reduced to \$250.

**Recess taken.**

**Session resumed at 2 P. M. All present.**

Case No. 388, appeal of member Jerome Mayhall of Local 60, Pittsburgh, Pa., from an action of that Local in imposing a fine upon him, is considered. On motion the appeal is sustained.

Case No. 393, appeal of A. E. Kochendorfer from an action of Local 60, Pittsburgh, Pa., in imposing a fine upon him and expelling him from membership, is given consideration. The appeal is on motion sustained.

The Board considers Case No. 399, appeal of member Geo. Belshaw of Local 463, Lincoln, Nebr., from an action of Local 20, Denver, Colo., in imposing a fine upon him. On motion the appeal is sustained.

Case No. 400, appeal of members Don Abbott, Mrs. Florence Belshaw, Jos. Brown, Clyde Davis, Clarence Miller, Wm. J. Peterson, Buford Trego and Bernard Wahlin of Local 463, Lincoln, Nebr., from an action of Local 20, Denver, Colo., in imposing fines upon them, is taken up. On motion the appeal is sustained.

Consideration is given to Case No. 508, appeal of member Mischa Guterson of Local 40, Baltimore, Md., from its action in imposing a fine upon him and render-

ing other judgments against him. On motion the appeal is denied, but fine of \$25 is set aside.

Case No. 516, claim of member Eugene Rauth of Local 802, New York City, N. Y., against manager Emmett Callahan for \$180, alleged to be due him, is considered. On motion the claim is denied.

Consideration is given to Case No. 449, appeal of member Abe Salinger of Local 77, Philadelphia, Pa., from an action of Local 661, Atlantic City, N. J., in imposing a fine upon him. On motion the appeal is denied.

The Board considers Case No. 460, claim of member R. C. Johnson of Local 463, Lincoln, Nebr., against member Harry Shannon, Jr., for \$690.64 alleged to be due him. The claim is on motion allowed for \$690.64.

Case No. 555, appeal of member Jean Raemier and members of his orchestra, the Radio Co-Eds, from an action of Local 15, Toledo, Ohio, in imposing fines upon them for alleged violations of the laws of the A. F. of M. in that jurisdiction is taken up. On motion the appeal is sustained.

The Board considers Case No. 601, charges preferred against members Harry Shannon, Jr., and R. C. Johnson for alleged violations of the laws of the A. F. of M. On motion a fine of \$1,000 is imposed on member Shannon, and a fine of \$250 on member Johnson.

Case No. 500, appeal of member Chalmers B. Harris from an action of Local 187, Sharon, Pa., in rendering decisions against him and imposing fines for alleged violations of law is considered. On motion the appeal is denied, but fine reduced to \$10.

The Board considers Case No. 545, appeal of member Keith Chambers of Local 223, Steubenville, Ohio, from an action of Local 626, Stamford, Conn., in imposing a fine of \$100 upon him. The appeal is denied.

Case No. 563, claim of Frank Brookhiser, manager Danceland, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, against member Joe Morris of Local 10, Chicago, Ill., for \$200 alleged to be



- JAMES C. MAGEE, Local 661.
- H. W. WAIDMANN, Local 20.
- MICHAEL MURO, Local 20.
- F. J. LEIBOLD, Local 20.
- JOHN M. BOYD, Local 595.
- C. E. NIEMAN, Local 399.
- WM. F. SEIBOTH, Local 373.
- JOHN M. POLICASTRO, Local 373.
- M. E. JOHNSTON, Local 60.
- SELIG FINKELSTEIN, Local 16.
- P. HARRY SPAGNOLA, Local 473.
- F. O. KNOLLS, Local 204.
- G. L. HEINEMEYER, Local 151.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7—LAW**

Amend Section 37, Article X, by adding the words "declared to be" after the word "organization" on the second line.  
W. J. DOUGLAS, Local 76.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8—FINANCE**

WHEREAS, Considerable time, effort, and expense are used by Locals in the assessing of fines for violation of National Laws.  
BE IT RESOLVED, That some portion of all fines assessed by any Local for the violation of National Laws be paid to such Local as a reimbursement for such time, effort, and expense.  
SOLON T. KLOTZ, HAL CARR, J. G. JOHANSEN, Local 15.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9—LAW**

BE IT RESOLVED, That Section 10 of Article XII be amended as follows: That the 4th paragraph of said section be made the 1st paragraph and the 1st paragraph be made the 2nd paragraph thereof.  
That paragraph be further amended by inserting the words "to fill an engagement of more than one week" be inserted following the word Local in the third line of said paragraph.  
SOLON T. KLOTZ, HAL CARR, J. G. JOHANSEN, Local 15.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10 MEASURES & BENEFITS**

Amend Section 9, Article XIII—last paragraph on page 105, and first paragraph on page 106.  
To change \$30.00 per man and \$45.00 leader to read "\$20.00 per man and \$30.00 leader."  
Time of playing not to exceed three hours daily.  
C. P. THIEMONGE, M. D. FRIEDMAN, Local 256.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11—LAW**

WHEREAS, The theatrical syndicates are constantly combatting the interests of the A. F. of M., decreasing employment opportunities for our members by m...g their interests, and through the inroads of synchronized, or canned music, may eventually disbar the living art entirely from all moving picture theatres; and  
WHEREAS, The advertising campaign of the A. F. of M. is successfully educating the public to disapprove of canned music, but has so far failed to create the facilities through which the public can show their preferences, without which the education is useless; and  
WHEREAS, The only qualified, practical and legitimate solution would be the creation of competition nationally that would feature orchestras in the interest of the unemployed and the perpetuation of the art of music; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, That the American Federation of Musicians in meeting here assembled authorize the appointment of a committee, to find ways and means by which competition would be stimulated so as to create greater employment opportunities for our members, principally by establishing a fund with which a chain of theatres could be introduced that would feature orchestras, and further, to seek the co-operation of picture producing corporations, or create picture producing facilities of our own; and further, seek co-operation from any other source necessary for success.  
Said committee to be granted all facilities for procuring information, statis-

tica, etc., and report their findings as to its feasibility, and if so, a definite plan of action to the next convention.  
Fraternally submitted,  
ADOLPH HIRSCHBERG, ROMEO CELLA, Local 77.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12—LAW**

WHEREAS, The profession of music is acknowledged to be the highest type of all cultural arts, and the most difficult to become proficient in; and  
WHEREAS, Inefficient music is detrimental and most distressing to the human sense of hearing; and  
WHEREAS, There is a constant increase in the number of new pupils brought through semi-educational institutions and instructors emanating from factories, department stores, schools and colleges; and  
WHEREAS, These new pupils unhesitatingly accept remunerative engagements that make great inroads upon the employment opportunities of the professional musician through competition by offering their services cheaply; and  
WHEREAS, Such incompetent and cheap service is as great a detriment to the culture as is canned music; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, That our National Executive Board is hereby instructed to advocate through our Locals and all affiliated bodies that state laws be enacted, setting up state examinations throughout this country and Canada of a nature that would compare well with the examinations of other professions, without which no one could give service for remuneration, in order to preserve our culture and eliminate objectionable, detrimental and unfair competition.  
ADOLPH HIRSCHBERG, Local 77.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13 MEASURES & BENEFITS**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Federation of Musicians, in convention assembled, direct the Secretary to write to the President of the United States, Secretary of War, Acting Chairman Congressman H. C. Ransley of Pennsylvania, of the Full Military Affairs Committee and to Sub-committee Chairman Congressman Carroll Reece of Tennessee, informing them of our continued interest in House Resolution 10,677 as presented by Congressman Reece and passed by the Senate as proposed by Senator Hiram Bingham of Connecticut. This bill provides for the commissioning of Band Leader of the Regular Army, National Guard and Reserve;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this convention request that such action shall take in the present Congress.  
A. N. TETA, Local 234.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 MEASURES & BENEFITS**

BE IT RESOLVED, In National Convention of the American Federation of Musicians, that this convention deplores the retardment by the Military Bureau, a branch of the War Dept., in not sending out the order separating the National Guard Bands from the Service Companies. The War Dept. having sent out this order of separation over two years ago. The Regular Army Bands have already been separated.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief of the Military Bureau be so notified of our action.  
A. N. TETA, Local 234.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15 GOOD & WELFARE**

In order to simplify the reading of the "Unfair List" and make it easier to find and locate names, places, etc., on the unfair list; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, "That the International Musicians paper print the name of each State and Province and under that caption print the Unfair List that is within that State or Province."  
Dr. H. C. ZELLERS, W. RALPH FETTERMAN, Local 463.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16 MEASURES & BENEFITS**

Amendment to Article VI—Delegates—How Elected. To be known as Paragraph A of Section 7.  
All delegates attending an annual convention of the American Federation of Musicians, shall upon their arrival at the convention city, be required to register with the Local Arrangement Committee and pay a registration fee of \$10.00, and an additional fee of \$5.00 for each guest that he or she may bring to the convention. The money so collected to be paid into the treasury of the Local in whose jurisdiction the convention is held and

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- F. J. LEIBOLD, Local 20.
- MICHAEL MURO, Local 20.
- H. W. WAIDMANN, Local 20.
- JAMES C. MAGEE, Local 661.
- WM. OCKENLANDER, Local 661.
- VINCENT E. SPECIALE, Local 661.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17 GOOD & WELFARE**

Amend Article XII, Section 15, Page 87, after eleventh line add:  
"A Conditional Membership Card must be deposited with some Local of the Federation, such Local shall issue a quarterly certificate of membership under same restriction as Conditional Card, but successive Quarterly Cards shall be withheld unless all monies as may be due the Theatre Tax Fund, shall have been remitted to Local issuing the Quarterly Card."  
E. D. GRAHAM, Local 375.  
G. F. FOX, Local 94.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18 GOOD & WELFARE**

Amend Article VIII, Section 3—Letter "B".  
Communication, except those of general nature, notices to appear before the Executive Board of any Local, decisions of any such Board to any member of the Federation, official contracts and certificates of membership will not be considered official unless such instruments bear a numbered seal of a Local of the A. F. of M.  
E. D. GRAHAM, Local 375.  
G. J. FOX, Local 94.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19 MEASURES & BENEFITS**

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Federation is in accord with the principles of the American Federation of Labor in efforts to secure a Five-Day Week.  
E. D. GRAHAM, Local 375.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20 MEASURES & BENEFITS**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Federation of Musicians, convened in national convention at Boston, heartily endorse the pay bill increases for all branches of the service of the United States; and be it further  
RESOLVED, That the President of the United States, Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy and the Chairman of the Committees of the House of Representatives and the U. S. Senate, be so notified of our endorsement.  
A. N. TETA, Local 234.

Sessions adjourns at 12 noon.

**Second Day**

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass., June 11, 1930.  
Convention called to order by President Weber at 1:40 P. M.  
The following communication is read:

New York, N. Y., June 10, 1930.

"Joseph N. Weber, President American Federation of Musicians, Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass.:

"Regret that important business engagements all this week will prevent my personal attendance at your convention. Please convey my greeting to your delegates and best wishes for the most successful meeting in your history. The officers and directors of the Federation Bank and Trust Company extend to your officials and delegates our appreciation and thanks for the enthusiastic way in which the American Federation of Musicians and its Local Unions in this vicinity have given their support toward making the entry of Organized Labor into the field of finance a success. This institution is just seven years old, having started with a half million dollars in May, 1923, which was over twenty-two million on our seventh birthday and has established a splendid record of paying regular dividends to our stockholders and in addition has built up very substantial reserves for future emergencies so that every trade unionist, and especially officers and delegates to your National Convention, can point with pride to our success. We are especially anxious to convey this greeting of success to your convention because your organization, both Local and National, was one of the first to subscribe for our stock and I am glad to say have given us their hearty co-operation from the first day we opened for business. Again regret that I cannot personally convey this thanks and appreciation to your convention and wish you all the best of success.

PETER J. BRADY, Pres. Federation Bank of New York.

A committee of three, consisting of Delegates Finigan, Renney and Bope, is appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of the beloved wife of Mayor Curley of Boston.

The Law Committee continues to report:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2—LAW**

Amend Article 1, Section 1, By-Laws, by striking out all that portion beginning on the 6th line with the words "It shall also be his duty" and ending on the 18th line with the words "do not make provision"—and substituting therefor, the following:

"It shall be his duty and prerogative to exercise supervision over the affairs of the Federation; to make decisions in cases where, in his opinion, an emergency exists; and to give effect to such decisions he is authorized and empowered to promulgate and issue executive orders, which shall be conclusive and binding upon all members and/or Locals; any such order may by its terms (a) enforce the Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Resolutions, or other laws, resolutions or rules of the Federation or (b) may annul and set aside same or any portion thereof and substitute therefor other and different provisions of his own making; the power so to do is hereby made absolute in the President when, in his opinion, such orders are necessary to conserve and safeguard the interests of the Federation, the Locals and for members; and the said power shall in like manner extend to and include cases where existing laws are inadequate or provide no method of dealing with a situation.

- J. W. GILLETTE, Local 47.
- FRANK E. JUDY, Local 47.
- C. L. BAGLEY, Local 353.
- F. CAROTHERS, Local 47.







**RESOLUTION NO. 40—MEASURES AND BENEFITS**

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Article V, Paragraph 1, change first line to read "Biennial Conventions" instead of "Annual Conventions."

ED. D. HAUG,  
H. PFIZENMAYER,  
B. W. COSTELLO,  
Local 4.

**RESOLUTION NO. 41—LAW**

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Article X, Paragraph 1, Repeal Paragraph 1, Section 16.

ED. D. HAUG,  
H. PFIZENMAYER,  
B. W. COSTELLO,  
Local 4.

**RESOLUTION NO. 42—LAW**

Be It Resolved, That this Convention go on record instructing the International Executive Board and all Locals of the A. F. of M. to have enacted, through State legislation wherein the musicians would be considered as of a preferred claim of labor, in cases of default of payment, by reason of Bankruptcy, Hands of Receiver, etc.

ED. D. HAUG,  
H. PFIZENMAYER,  
B. W. COSTELLO,  
Local 4.

**RESOLUTION NO. 43—LAW**

Resolved, To add in Section 3, Article XIII, the following clause:

With Spectacular Dramatic Productions such as Shakespearean Plays, requiring special incidental and Entr'acte Music, nine (9) performances or less, \$125.00.

ALBERT E. BRAY,  
J. C. MOLINARI,  
J. I. PAQUET,  
Local 406.

**RESOLUTION NO. 44—LAW**

Resolved, That amplifying the music of the regular orchestra employed in any Hotel or other Public Building into any other public room within such building (excepting guests' private rooms) shall be forbidden, violation of which shall be subject to withdrawal of the regular orchestra employed therein with one week's notice.

ALBERT E. BRAY,  
J. I. PAQUET,  
J. C. MOLINARI,  
Local 406.

**RESOLUTION NO. 45—LAW**

Resolved, That Article XVI, Phonograph Section, be amended to include the following:

One Session, not to exceed two (2) consecutive hours .....\$14.00

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One hour or fraction thereof.....\$10.00  
Thereafter 15 minutes or fraction thereof .....\$2.00

ALBERT E. BRAY,  
J. C. MOLINARI,  
J. I. PAQUET,  
Local 406.

**RESOLUTION NO. 46—LAW**

RESOLVED, That no Radio Broadcasting Contract in Steady Season Engagements of not less than four (4) weeks, shall extend beyond the following Labor Day of the current year throughout the entire jurisdictions of the A. F. of M. and that in the event any Center is in dispute, all Centers within control of the A. F. of M. shall as a consequence become automatically involved, a provision for which shall be stipulated in all contracts.

ALBERT E. BRAY,  
J. C. MOLINARI,  
Local 406.

**RESOLUTION NO. 47—LAW**

RESOLVED, That in consideration of the acute Theatrical Unemployment situation at the present time and the consequent depression resulting therefrom, musicians employed in steady engagements earning \$75.00 or more per week of six or seven days, shall not be permitted to accept, solicit or fulfill any other steady engagement of four (4) weeks or more, whether it be one or more performances per week. Miscellaneous engagements, however, shall be permitted.

ALBERT E. BRAY,  
J. I. PAQUET,  
J. C. MOLINARI,  
Local 406.

**RESOLUTION NO. 48—GOOD AND WELFARE**

WHEREAS, Organized labor and the organized farmers represented by Radio Broadcasting Station WCFL, one of the pioneers before the creation of the Federal Radio Commission in the field of radio broadcasting, short waves, and television owned and controlled by the American labor movement under a public mandate of trusteeship from the American Federation of Labor, have found it impossible to secure national broadcasting facilities for this station from the Federal Radio Commission, notwithstanding the outlay of great sums of money and the assured financial and moral support of five million dues-paying members of organized labor in the United States, and the added financial and moral support of large sections of the organized farmers in the United States, the commission having arbitrarily and with a display of bias refused to make an appropriate reallocation of broadcasting facilities after having granted Station WCFL a construction permit for a fifty-thousand watt station on October 15, 1928, basing its refusal on General Order Numbered 40 and the allocation of November 11, 1928, and having limited Station WCFL's broadcasting facilities to a frequency of nine hundred and seventy kilocycles and a power of one thousand five hundred watts and having required it to cease operating at sunset on the Pacific coast, and having denied WCFL's application for authority to operate with fifty thousand watts power and unlimited time on a cleared frequency of seven hundred and seventy kilocycles, which was one of the frequencies theretofore designated by the Federal Radio Commission as a "cleared channel" in the fourth zone; by virtue of the aforesaid refusal to allocate appropriate power and time, the Federal Radio Commission has practically confiscated labor's property at considerable financial loss and then and there seriously crippled the efforts of Station WCFL to provide a unique service calculated to exert an uplifting force upon the thinking, the habits, the character and the progress of mankind; and

WHEREAS, On May 9, 1930, Congressman Reid of Illinois introduced House Joint Resolution No. 334 to amend the Radio Act of 1927 by providing that the Federal Radio Commission shall assign three cleared-channel broadcasting frequencies to the Departments of Agriculture, Labor, and Interior, which shall be licensed to the radio stations recommended by the heads of those Government departments as being most representative of the labor, agricultural, and educational interests of the United States.

THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the American Federation of Musicians in annual Convention assembled in Boston, Mass., that we endorse House Joint Resolution No. 334 and instruct our Local Unions throughout the United States to communicate with all political party candidates for U. S. Senate and House of Representatives in their respective States and by forwarding to them for their information House Joint Resolution No. 334 as appearing in the Congressional Record of May 19, 1930, for their consideration and reply before the next general election to be held on the first Tuesday in November, 1930.

JAMES C. PETRILLO,  
ALFRED G. RACKETT,  
ED. T. BORRE,  
Local 10.

**RESOLUTION NO. 49—MEASURES AND BENEFITS**

WHEREAS, The present published index of the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Resolutions of the A. F. of M. is most unsatisfactory, giving little or no assistance in the location of the various subjects therein contained, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the International Executive Board be, and is hereby authorized and instructed to cause a comprehensive index to be prepared, and to make whatever expenditure is necessary to have this work performed.

JOHN E. BIRDELL,  
HARRY C. MANVELL,  
Local 161.  
FRANK L. DIEFENDERFER,  
Local 135.  
C. G. YARDWOOD,  
Local 1  
RANGVAL OLESON,  
Local 70

**RESOLUTION NO. 50—LAW**

RESOLVED, That fifth and sixth lines, page 107, National By-Laws, be changed to read as follows:

"In addition to this they must charge cost of transportation for such engagements on a basis of existing railroad rates."

Also change the last paragraph on page 109 to read the same as above.  
WM. W. ELY,  
Local 103.



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**RESOLUTION NO. 51—LAW**

RESOLVED, Add to last line on page 106 the following:

"Said contractors to pay one-third of the 30 per cent to the Local in whose jurisdiction the engagement is played."

WM. W. ELY,  
Local 103.

week .....\$100.00  
One-half of salary for lay-off weeks to prevail further than 50 miles from beginning of set route of engagement.  
Compulsory Union Contract as specified in Article X, Section 20, to apply for such engagements.

Submitted by  
**CAESAR BRAND,**  
Local 6.

**RESOLUTION NO. 52—LAW**

WHEREAS, Mechanical devices, mass production, so-called speed-up methods and other deep-seated economical causes have resulted in unprecedented unemployment and acute conditions of over-production; and

WHEREAS, American standards and American institutions are endangered as a direct result of these conditions; and WHEREAS, It has become apparent that these conditions must be fundamentally and permanently remedied if the standards and prosperity symbolical of America are to be perpetuated; and

WHEREAS, Political alignments, connections and obligations make it impossible to expect any satisfactory solution of these conditions along party lines; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the American Federation of Musicians, in Convention assembled, request the Executive Board of the American Federation of Labor to petition the United States Congress to appoint a non-partisan commission composed of an equal representation of industrialists, organized labor and nationally known economists to thoroughly investigate this situation, define the causes and recommend a remedy, thus affording the freedom of public and personal discussion of this most vital subject without the attendant results of political or organizational misunderstanding.

J. W. GILLETTE,  
Local 47.

**RESOLUTION NO. 53—LAW**

**TRAVELING LEADERS**

Amend Article XIII, Section 3 of the By-Laws, 18th line, to read:  
With vaudeville acts per week.....\$100.00  
19th and 20th lines to read:  
With vaudeville acts and directing orchestras traveling with such act, per

**RESOLUTION NO. 54—LAW**

Resolution to add to Article 9, By-Laws of the American Federation of Musicians the following section:

A Local shall have the right to consider any violation of its Constitution or By-Laws by a minor child of any of its members (said child not being a member of the Federation) as having been effected by such member.

Such member shall be punishable for any such violation, as provided for by the Constitution or By-Laws of the Local. This also to apply to rulings, resolutions and orders emanating from the American Federation of Musicians or the Local, or any constituted authority of either or both of them.

A. JACK HAYWOOD,  
Local 6  
CAESAR BRAND,  
Local 6.

**RESOLUTION NO. 55—MEASURES AND BENEFITS**

Be It Resolved, That the practice of exhibitors in having moving picture machine operators play overtures, intermissions, and exit marches, through the use of records on vitaphone or similar turntables represents an invasion into the employment field of musicians and unfairly makes possible the release of many musicians.

We therefore ask the International officers of the A. F. of M. to take up this matter with the proper officials of the I. A. T. S. E. with a view to eliminating any musical reproduction by moving picture machine operators, except that which is synchronized to the film, this also to include exit marches or "chasers."

JOS. M. KORN,  
Local 278.





cut can be made in the number of men employed. The delegation inquires if there can be any restriction on the members selected for lay-off under this proviso. Can a first-chair man be laid off and a second-chair man be retained?

The Board holds that under the conditions extant in the case, the reduction in the number of men employed may affect any member of the orchestra.

The delegation further inquires as to whether a member can be laid off under the terms of the agreement if there appears to be the motive of punishing a member for Union activities or any similar action? The Board holds that if the evidence is conclusive he cannot be discriminated against by discharge.

The delegation further requests advice in the matter of a pending controversy with the management of the Philadelphia Orchestra, which is imparted, and the same is referred to the office of the President for disposition.

Member Milton Schwarzwald, the general musical director for the Radio Keith Orpheum Corporation, appears in regard to a situation in Cleveland, O. The matter is held in abeyance.

Delegates Samuel P. Meyers, Harry E. Hoffman and William H. Williams of Local 2, St. Louis, Mo., are heard in regard to claims of Members Chas. P. Seymour and Frederick J. Richt of that Local for reimbursement in the matter of loss sustained by being unable to perform at the Arena, which latter is on the National Unfair List.

The members of the delegation present their contentions as to why strike benefits should be paid in this instance.

The law on the subject of payment of strike benefits on other theatre engagements is explained by the President.

After due deliberation, the Board finds that strike benefits cannot be paid in these instances under the laws of the A. F. of M.

The delegation asks and receives advice in other matters of interest to the Local.

Delegates Chas. P. Theimonge of Local 256, Birmingham, Ala.; Joseph Henkle of Local 71, Memphis, Tenn., and C. B. Bearden of Local 148, Atlanta, Ga., are heard in connection with the competition of orchestras from elsewhere by means of arrangements made by the local broadcasting stations with the radio chains. The delegates relate how their individual locals are suffering from this competition.

The matter is referred to the office of the President.

Delegate W. B. Hooper of Local 192, Elkhart, Ind., appears in the matter of a protest against the actions of Local 278, South Bend, Ind., and which is laid over until the representatives of both Locals can appear.

Delegates F. J. Leibold, Michael Muro and H. W. Waidmann of Local 20, Denver, Colo., ask for advice in several local perplexities and the information requested is imparted to them.

Delegate D. A. Doty of Local 289, Dubuque, Iowa, is heard in relation to a drum corps situation prevailing in that jurisdiction.

A request is received from Local 278, South Bend, Ind., for permission to reinstate Russell V. Hupp, a former member of that local. Permission is granted to reinstate upon payment of a National Initiation Fee of \$50, in addition to proper local fees, conditional upon his availing himself of the offer within 30 days from date of notification.  
Meeting adjourns.

The Committee on President's Report submits its report through Chairman Walter A. Weber:

Delegates Kelsey in the chair.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of the American Federation of Musicians:

Greetings:  
Another year has passed, one of the most critical and vital in the history of our organization. The developments of the past year make the report of our President an important, illuminating and unique document, one that should be read with care and discernment by our members.

The report begins with a historical resume which is a necessary introduction to the report itself. Following this prelude the President successively discusses the two elements of the professional and semi-professional elements.

Following this, information is given as to the number of men employed in theatres and the amount paid in to the defense fund with other vital figures showing loss of employment during the two-year period of 1928-1930.

The report then treats with the development of the machine in industry and traces the steady mechanization of industry from the earliest beginnings.

A report is made of the tremendous publicity campaign on which we are now embarked and which has made history in the advertising world. This subject is considered in detail and many letters are presented which show the deep interest and real sympathy of many people in various walks of life and in widely separated communities with our problems.

The matter of theatrical employment receives a great deal of consideration. Successively we learn many interesting facts concerning the music tax, the immigration problem and the radio situation.

The Hoover conference is touched upon briefly, but, in our opinion, most effectively.

During the year a situation arose wherein a Local Union presented the unique theory that the opinion of its members was superior to that of the opinion of a National Convention of the American Federation of Musicians. Of course such premise is not only fallacious, but entirely dangerous in theory because if every union could set itself up to be the superior to the dictates of the National Officers of the Federation or of a Convention of the Federation, in a very short time there would be no Federation. Presumably the Local Union has now realized the weakness of its position and we are confident that such a situation will not soon arise again.

That the business of the Federation is constantly increasing is evidenced by the report of the activities of the officers of the Federation and the report shows that many jurisdictions were visited by National Officers and many adjustments made throughout the year. In addition to the work of the National Officers it was found necessary to provide the services at various times of members of the Federation not employed in any official capacity.

The President has treated also of the developments and activities of organized labor, its beneficial results and the reason of the failure of its general recognition.

We now come to a section of the report that should challenge our most careful attention and consideration. It deals with the attempt to proselyte our members to Communism. Many of our members seem to believe that there is no real danger or menace in Communism, but that it is merely an attempt on the part of certain men high in the ranks of organized labor to cry "wolf" upon every occasion and perhaps divert attention from their own shortcomings. That such is not the case is clearly proven by our President. That we should be ever alert and watchful that this red menace may not destroy everything constructive and beneficial for which we have labored these many years, our members should be constantly on the alert.

The other subjects treated in this report are the "Shorter Work Week," "Our Relations with the I. A. T. S. E.," "Television," "The Finances of Our Federation," "The Executive Board In Its Relation To The President's Office," and "The Laws of Our Organization," wherein appear a number of recommendations for necessary changes of law. The report concludes with the future of our organization in which President Weber sums up many vital items.

We call particular attention to the final paragraph of this section of the report which reads as follows:

We now have a better organization than we had thirty years ago and thirty years ago Local Unions had better conditions for their members than musicians of previous generations enjoyed and so on. Progress is nothing but a succession of events proving of advantage to the masses. To turn such events in particular to the advantage of the members of our organization was and is our problem. This is true of entire organized labor. Nothing is stationary in life or in economic relationship. Everything is subject to continual change and even if we may be entirely satisfied with present conditions we will find it impossible to retain same, but must comply and conform to the conditions of tomorrow and tomorrow. This remains true for all time. Only by recognizing this can we perform the best possible service to the members of our organization and fully meet the mission for which we organized, namely, to secure for the individual member such conditions in life and alleviation from hardships as he cannot secure for himself. As time goes on the present disturbing change in the employment field of our mem-

bers will become a matter of history, but the successful future of our organization will largely depend upon the constructive manner in which we have met this change.

In conclusion, we recommend a careful reading of this report to every member of the Federation.

As usual, the President speaks with clarity, conciseness and authority. Moreover he has such a vast and intimate knowledge of every matter connected with the workings of the Federation that any report that he makes is not a mere throwing together of half-baked facts and figures, but becomes a human living document.

Our only regret is that we cannot devote more time to the consideration of all the matters discussed by President Weber.

- WALTER B. WEBER,  
JOE WEATHERBURN,  
FRANK WALTER,  
WILLIAM H. STEPHENS,  
JOHN P. MILLINGTON,  
EDGAR T. CALLIO,  
JAMES C. MAGEE,  
MICHAEL MURO,  
ROY SINGER,  
J. McCLURE,  
JOHN E. CURRY,  
W. B. HILDENBRAND,  
ALBERT GEHRING,  
R. S. ATCHISON,  
N. J. SCHMAUCH,  
MYRON KAUFFMAN,  
LEON G. BIERRE,  
W. B. HOOPER,  
J. NORRIS ROBINSON,  
WM. J. CONNORS,  
DR. H. C. ZELLER,

Secretary.

Moved and seconded to concur in the report. Carried.

President Weber in the Chair.

The Committee on Finance reports through Chairman Laffell:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8**

The introducer asks leave to withdraw the resolution. The Convention consents.

The following further report is submitted:

To the Delegates of the Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of the American Federation of Musicians:

Your Finance Committee begs leave to report that they have carefully checked the reports of the Auditors and the Treasurer and find them correct and submitted in a manner so as to be easily understood by the members of the Federation.

Your Committee regrets to report that for the first time in the history of the American Federation of Musicians a former trusted employee of the Federation has committed a defalcation of the funds of the American Federation of Musicians in an amount of approximately \$15,000.00.

Your Committee, fully realizing the seriousness of this situation, summoned the International President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Mr. Fred Chandler, personal representative of the auditing firm of James T. Swan Company, to appear personally before them.

Your Committee, after a very thorough investigation, found that while the defalcation took place in the office of the International Secretary, that the Secretary was in no wise negligent in the duties of his office, and further, the Secretary had used every precaution that was possible in the matter of handling of the funds of his office. In fact, it was pointed out to your Committee by Mr. Chandler, representative of the Auditors, that it was beyond any human agency to discover the defalcation as practised by Mr. Ostendorf.

Your Committee has appended herewith a copy of the confession as signed by Mr. Ostendorf, which reads as follows:

Newark, N. J., May 7th, 1930.

Mr. Joseph N. Weber, President,  
American Federation of Musicians,  
1440 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you that during the past four years I have taken from the funds of the American Federation of Musicians approximately \$14,260.28. I have covered up this shortage by making false entries on the books of the International Musician. I have kept no details of the amounts so taken, but I have furnished the auditors with a list as complete as I could remember.

All this amount has accrued to my own benefit and no officer of the American Federation of Musicians or the International Musician is involved. I am making this statement of my own volition.

(Signed):

HENRY W. OSTENDORF.

Witness: JAMES T. SWAN.

Your Committee recommends that hereafter a periodical audit of all the books of the Federation be made not less than four times in each year, as it is the opinion of your Committee that this would further safeguard the funds of the Federation.

Your Committee wishes to compliment our Treasurer in the matter of the handling of the detail work connected with his office, which has been greatly increased since the inception of the Theatrical Defense Fund.

GEORGE P. LAFFELL,  
Chairman;

- B. W. COSTELLO,  
LOUIS J. NETT,  
SOLON T. KLOTZ,  
MIKE CELLES,  
WILLIAM BRAKEMAN,  
CARL METZ,  
HENRY SCHULTE,  
J. D. BYRNE,  
JOSEPH HENKEL,  
CHESTER S. YOUNG,  
JOHN MacLUSKIE,  
L. A. PROCTOR,  
HARRY C. MANVELL,  
VINCENT CASTRONOVO,  
BARNIE G. YOUNG,  
FRANK MELLOR,  
RALPH FELDNER,  
VINCENT E. SPECIALE,  
GEO. A. KEENE,  
ALFRED TROYANO,

Secretary.

Motion made to adopt the report and recommendations.

Amendment offered to provide that the audit provided for shall be at least once each quarter.

Discussed by delegates Keene and Tocher.

The amendment is adopted.

The report as amended is then adopted.

The President explains a general plan of bonding all officers and employees:

The Committee on Secretary's Report, through Chairman Bowen, submits the following report:

**REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON A. F. OF M. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

To the Officers and Delegates of the Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of the American Federation of Musicians:

The International Secretary's Report for 1929-1930 has been carefully considered by your Committee.

The statistics contained therein for the general information of the delegates and members of the Federation cover the usual activities of the Secretary's Office, and reveal that 675 cases were before the International Executive Board for their consideration and disposal, which is about seventy-five less than reported at the last Convention. Also, that 673 conditional memberships and twenty-three conditional transfer cards were issued. These figures are practically the same as given in the previous year's report.

Your Committee is indeed pleased that it can report that the loss to the Roster of Locals is but eight (8) in number as compared with a loss of thirty-eight (38) last year. This Committee highly commends the Secretary upon the excellent appearance and arrangement of the contents of his report, as submitted to this Convention. Furthermore, it is the unanimous opinion of your Committee that the Secretary has conducted the duties of his office with his usual high sense of its responsibility and importance to the members of the Federation.

That portion of the report pertaining to the International Musician and printing plant was in the hands of the Committee on that matter.

Respectfully submitted,

- H. G. BOWEN, Chairman,  
H. C. CHENNEOUR,  
SAMUEL P. MEYERS,  
J. I. PAQUET,  
CAESAR BRAND,  
GEO. M. DIEMER,  
HAROLD F. WILLIAMS,  
WM. H. POHLE,  
HAL CARR,  
WM. W. ELY,  
HENRY MAYERS,  
LARRY DALY,  
EDWIN McCLURE,  
TIMOTHY F. McCARTHY,  
ERNEST KRAPP,  
E. F. BORRE,  
C. W. PURCELL,  
GEO. E. WEATHERBY,  
DANIEL BRUNO,  
F. J. LEIBOLD,  
WM. GROOM,

The report of the Committee is on motion adopted and concurred in.

(Concluded in the August Issue)





