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EDITORIAL

A CHALLENGE TO THE PARTY

The Democratic Party in North Carolina has been challenged and it must answer that challenge before it is too late. Not only its ancient political foes, but also those within the ranks of the party are demanding election law reforms.

The recent Democratic primaries, June 6th and July 4th, have opened the eyes of the people of this State to the many faults in the present primary laws. To charge fraud and corruption, in view of the action of the State Board of Elections this week, is futile. The elections are over and the official counts have been made.

But the faults remain and the cry from one end of the State to the other is for immediate and drastic changes. We do not charge the party with a deliberate attempt to defend laws which are unfit to be on the books: we do charge that the last session of the legislature had an opportunity to help the situation and refused. Our own Senator advocated abolishing the absentee ballot, about which so much scandal has been raised in the past two elections. He was voted down but today there are thousands in the State who know he was right and who know the Democratic Party would have been much better off had that reform been made.

The absentee ballot must go along with other loopholes and chances for evil in our present system. The system of having any person to assist, with the wholesale assistance that follows, must be changed. Poll workers must be done away with. Extra safeguards must be thrown up to insure fair voting and fair counting.

As long as these evils or appearances of evil exist, our party stands challenged and vulnerable. The youth of today are the voters of tomorrow. The youth of today is graduating by the thousands from our High Schools. They are independent; thinking for themselves; they will need no assistance, will ask for no assistance.

This enlightened electorate of tomorrow will demand these election reforms to the end that all elections will be held honestly and fairly and every candidate will get exactly what is coming to him, no more, no less. If the Democratic Party does not make these changes, your electorate of tomorrow may turn elsewhere for relief.

We urge the next session of the legislature to give us better election laws and thus preserve the integrity and the future of the Democratic Party in North Carolina.

THE A. F. OF L. SPLIT

The eyes of the nation turn anxiously to the bitter struggle now being waged between two factions in the American Federation of Labor. By this time, drastic action may have been taken by those in the majority to oust the minority which is led by John L. Lewis.

The group of labor leaders led by Lewis are

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for unionizing labor by industries instead of by crafts. The American Federation of Labor is made up of many craft unions and this majority refuses to agree with Lewis and his crowd. The result has been a bitter feud between rival labor leaders, each trying to carry his point and thus hold his job.

When the insurgents began a drive to unionize the steel industry as a whole, paying no attention to the various crafts in the industry, the lid blew off and William Green, president of the A. F. of L., summoned the Lewis group before the executive committee, now in session. They refused to appear and the rift became greater.

Meanwhile, the Lewis group are going ahead with attempts to unionize the steel industry, one which has always maintained the open shop principle. They are meeting with resistance by that industry which says its workers are satisfied and have their own agencies thru which to carry on collective bargaining with their employers. The industry says it will not make it a condition of employment that a person belong to any organization.

What worries the rest of the country is that the steel industry may be slowed up in case strikes are called. This will affect every business in the country, starting with railroads and heavy building and coming on down to the smallest store in the country. The public which will thus be affected and injured is much perturbed at this possibility of slowing up general prosperity which is now evident.

Organized labor thus faces two major problems. It stands to lose the goodwill which the general public has had for it and which it must have in order to make gains. And it faces a bitter fight within its own ranks, a fight which has been brought on by the selfish ambitions of its own leaders, each seeking to better his own position rather than that of those whom he is supposed to represent.

VITAL STATISTICS

Vital statistics of vital importance to Halifax County show the death rate of white and colored about the same, the birth rate among the colored five times that of the white in all the county outside of Roanoke Rapids. The population today is about evenly divided. At the present rate, 50 years from now there would be about five times as many colored as white in Halifax County. We talked to a well-to-do white man who had a dozen brothers and sisters. He has no children.

TOWN TALK

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Collier spent Sunday at Moore's Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Newsome and son, Shirley, Mrs. Texas Kitchen of Franklin, Va., spent Sunday. Mrs. Charlie Harlowe is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gray, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wynne, in Maysville.

Miss Louise Brown has returned to Fayetteville after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown.

Leonard Langston, Russel Lyles, Claude Hopkins, Richard Lyles, Julian Bell attended the ball game in Rocky Mount Sunday.

Misses Dorothy Harris, Sarah Thompson are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson in Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Cleo Gumes is visiting relatives in Mount Airy.

Miss Blonnie Taylor of Raleigh spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor.

Miss Angelia Hardy has returned from a visit to friends in Branchville, Va.

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