

The Truth Comes Back to Haunt Murray and Carey

You all know that anti-Communism is the stock-in-trade, and the only stock of the new labor heroes who are trying to bust the labor movement. The Murrays, Reuthers, Careys, Rieves, Hollanders, spend most of their time shouting about the wickedness of the Russians, and how the Russian workers are slaves, and Russian unions are government controlled.

Yet less than four years ago the CIO issued an official report on the Soviet Union, written by James B. Carey himself, secretary-treasurer of the CIO, which was full of praise for the Communist state and for the Russian unions.

Writing as chairman of the official CIO delegation which visited Russia in October 1945, Carey declared:

"We were impressed with the character of the Soviet trade unions, and with their many excellent activities in promoting the interest of the workers, in the economic, social welfare and cultural fields - as well as with the most far-reaching character of the social insurance system they operate, which is designed to protect working people and their families against all contingencies from the cradle to the grave.

"While there are many obvious differences in the systems and governments of the United States and the Soviet Union, we found parallels in the functioning of labor unions in both countries, as indeed through the world."

That is from Publication No. 128 of the national CIO. An introduction by Philip Murray says:

"I consider this a document of first-rate importance, not only for American labor but for all who are interested in knowing the truth about the Soviet trade union movement and in promoting friendship and understanding between the peoples of our two countries. Unfortunately there are those who prefer to sow seeds of distrust and suspicion..."

Now some of you may think this all proves that Murray and Carey were once Reds or Communist Sympathizers. That doesn't explain it at all. If you check back, we think you'll find that Carey was a full-blown red-baiter at the time, and most of the delegation and Murray himself were ardent anti-Communists. The reason for Carey's honest report on Russia was that in 1945 the CIO was still hanging to the tradition of FDR, dead less than a year. So it promoted "friendship and understanding". Today, hanging to the coat tails of FDR's Big Business successor, the CIO officialdom has taken over the job of controlling or destroying unions for the benefit of "Wall Street, and it sows the "seeds of distrust and suspicion" which Murray condemned in 1945.

Will the CIO now try to tell us that they did not see the facts in Russia in 1945? Carey said that he saw "all that we asked to see", and obtained "all the information we requested".

No, there was no "iron curtain", and since Carey hasn't gone back since, the lies about Russian unions must be in what Carey says today, for his union-busting purposes of today.

The CIO report tells "wages and working conditions are covered by collective agreement with the union" in Russia, how the delegation attended "a union shop meeting, with about 100 committeemen and active unionists present, that there is generally one shop steward for 10 workers, and all union elections are by secret ballot. There is a great deal more. Perhaps of greatest interest is Carey's description of the Soviet social security system covering all workers with no contribution by the workers. Carey said:

"It includes benefits to women during pregnancy and childbirth; sickness and accident insurance, designed to maintain a worker's income at its average level until he can return to work; support for families whose breadwinner loses the capacity to work; old age and widow's pensions; payment of funeral expenses, and many other features."

"Who's disloyal to American workers? Might it be Carey spreading 'distrust and suspicion'?"

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CAREY GROUP SPREADS FALSEHOODS ON CONTRACT AND OTHER ISSUES

In the past the Carey-Kriss-Fiorillo union-busters have peddled their slanders almost entirely in red-baiting form. Now that Local 301 has exposed their complete lack of a program for GE workers, the stooges are trying to cover up with falsehoods about the contract.

The so-called "IUE-CIO News Bulletin" distributed Tuesday with company permission contained one brazen lie after another. The membership will see through the nonsensical claim that it voted to leave UE. But a few of the lies need specific answers.

The Big Lie

The most vicious attempt to trick GE workers is given by Carey's answers to questions 12 and 13. They tell us that if Carey won a Taft-Hartley election, Carey's outfit would take over administration of the contract and would keep its benefits, and the company would be obliged to maintain the great benefits of the present contract.

It just isn't so. If the GE workers should be tricked into voting for Carey's outfit, that outfit would have the bargaining rights, and nothing else. It would have no contract with GE under the law. GE would be under no obligation to give the workers anything.

In the past two years, in the 38 or 40 UE plants taken over by CIO in raids, the employers took advantage of the disunity and the rotten leadership to drive working conditions down. If Carey won, GE would demand as the price of the contract that Carey accept the GE clauses rejected by UE - destruction of seniority and piece work guarantees. GE would insist on a new contract to the company's advantage.

HERE ARE A FEW MORE OF THE MANY LIES IN THE CAREY LEAFLET:

THE LIE - That the members in GE have chosen the IUE-CIO.

THE TRUTH - The claim that GE workers have chosen the Carey outfit is false, even in those plants where Carey agents control the machinery. The Carey people have nothing to back up their claim. While asking for a Taft-Hartley election, the Carey backers are doing everything possible to wreck negotiations and endanger the contract. UE IS THE ONLY BARGAINING AGENT UNDER THE CONTRACT.

THE LIE - That the word "CIO" was "omitted" from the last GE Contract.

THE TRUTH - The word "CIO" never was in any GE contract.

THE LIE - That CIO helped GE workers organize and negotiate.

THE TRUTH - CIO leaders repeatedly rejected UE proposals for united action in negotiations. UE has had a hard time arguing against bad contract provisions accepted by Steel and Auto.

WATCH OUT FOR THE PEOPLE TRYING TO SELL US A NINE DOLLAR BILL
REJECT THE COMPANY UNION ----- FIGHT FOR UE

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