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Good Morning Friends,

A few days ago a man came to me in my home town of Carthage, a small county seat town, asking for a job - not a political job, just regular work. I said what's the matter? Aren't you working at the cheese plant? He said yes but they have organized a union and now I must join or lose my job and I do not choose to join.

Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, that choice has come to many American workers - the choice of losing his job or joining and paying dues to a union against his will.

Now this cheese plant at Carthage employs only about 15 or 18 workers and it is doubtful that a union will help any of them in any respect, but that is not my point. They have a perfect right to organize a union if they wish and I am ^{strongly} for their having that right, but what about this fellow who doesn't want to join. Isn't he an American citizen, too? Doesn't he have some rights? Well, apparently he will not have a right to work in this cheese plant unless he pays some union business agent for the privilege.

Now right there is where I break with organized labor. I think all workers should have the right to organize and bargain collectively but no one should be forced to join anything, not even a church, to earn a living.

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I cite this case in my home town not because it is important as things go these days - not because it is a new occurrence nor because I can help this poor fellow from being victimized by this economic coercion - but because it relates ^{to} a basic cause of the utterly unconscionable power of labor union bosses, horribly personified by an ego maniac named John L. Lewis.

But before I discuss that bristle-browed national pest who yesterday tucked his tail and ran from an outraged public and firm government, I would like to go a little further with this small home town case.

Now, why has a union been organized in a cheese plant out in the country employing only 15 or 18 people? It did not arise out of unrest among the workers. Indeed, they were pleased with their jobs. It was not because of low wages - the wages are considerable above the

going local scale. What then brought a union organizer to Carthage. I'll tell you - dues - monthly dues out of each check. Let me emphasize out of each check - not just out of the pay check of those who want to join - but a out out of the pay of every worker in the plant. That's ^{one} ~~the~~ meaning of the closed shop.

This soon runs into big business and labor unionism is now one the country's largest businesses - with dues running into many millions

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per month.

Of course, the union bosses' thirst for power is second only to their eagerness for dues and this thirst for power is also behind the drive to organize small plants in out of way places.

Certain union
The labor dictators have grown far too powerful *for the public good* and much of their excess of power stems from the closed shop.

For instance
John L. Lewis operates a closed shop - no man in America can mine coal in a unionized mine, and most all of them are unionized, unless they belong to *Lewis'* the union and I say Lewis' union because that is about what it amounts to. He fixes the dues, he appoints all union officers - even the local officers. He says when, at what and how and the miners have no say whatsoever. They only pay dues and do as John L. Lewis says - that is if they want to work. If they choose to violate his orders, they will be dropped from the union which means that they will be black-balled and barred from work in any unionized mine in America.

Thus Lewis and other union bosses have *satisfies all* strategies of their own.

They acknowledge no responsibility to any one - not even to their government. Indeed, I was astounded to see that Phillip Murray, head of the C.I.O. had publicly stated that American Labor could not and would not submit to *Court* court up fines and punishment. Think of that -

a powerful leader of a union saying that he and his group are not subject

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to the processes of the law while you and I and other people are.

What is this bold claim to immunity to the law but the seeds of anarchy?

It is incompatible with law and order. Either the Republic or this

monstrous threat must go and I agree with Judge Gold^{here} that the Republic will survive.

I am not just talking about John L. Lewis and the coal strike that he called off yesterday. I am talking about this whole threat to freedom of men and equality before the law.

Oh, it seemed exasperating to John L. Lewis that he was in court where he looked just like any other man. Just think of it - John L. Lewis, the great, in court and convicted of contempt and fined - Oh, the very thought of it finally caused him to explode - and the other big and little bosses rallied to his side, asserting that they just wouldn't take it.

Well, the American people had better think of the fundamentals of their society and see to it that these home-grown Caesars are subject to the law and that no person will be forced to pay ^{them} their tribute for the right to work.

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