

C. A.'s 'No Bargaining' Ruling Challenged by Union Spokesmen

Newspaper accounts of an opinion by Torrance City Attorney C. Douglass Smith were challenged by Samuel J. Berland, international representative of the United Public Workers, CIO. Berland's statement regarding the City Attorney's opinion that cities could not recognize, bargain or sign contracts with unions read as follows:

"No responsible public official, especially an Attorney could possibly deny the right of city workers to organize into unions, and bargain collectively on behalf of its members. To label

City Attorney Answers Union Leader's Reply

City Attorney C. Douglass Smith, when advised of the reply from the United Public Workers, CIO regarding his ruling that cities may not bargain with unions, stated: "In rendering my opinion I quoted from the late President E. D. Roosevelt—himself a great lawyer. I quoted also attorney generals from all over the United States. I quoted also from a recent ruling of the State Supreme Court of California. "The United Public Workers' representative's statement that cities may bargain with unions is only a matter of his opinion."

this as 'rebellion against the government' is fantastic.

"The fact of the matter is, that hundreds of thousands of government workers in City, County, State and Federal Governments all over the United States of America are today organized into CIO, AFL, and Independent Unions which are recognized by their respective governmental authorities.

"Most federal government agencies, such as the Post Office Department, the Navy, Army, and Veterans Administration, etc., actually provide official rules and regulations for the recognition of unions representing civil service employees in their departments.

"In California, tens of thousands of civil service workers are organized into unions which are recognized by their respective governmental jurisdiction. This is true in Los Angeles, City and County, as well as San Francisco, City and County, where the United Public Workers' union is not only recognized, but enjoys the pay-roll deduc-

tion plan for the collection of dues, insurance, premiums, etc. "It seems that the controversy which brought about the ruling by the Torrance City Attorney, was the demand of the Torrance City workers, Local 360, for a lunch period for Torrance Bus Drivers, as well as time and a half pay, for all time over 10 hours in any one day.

"These two issues were resolved in favor of the employees after a union committee met with the Torrance City Council Transportation Committee. The discussion of these matters and the settlement were certainly legal.

"As to the mention of strike, in several of the news items, this is purely conjecture on the part of some UNAUTHORIZED source. A strike of the city bus drivers has never been contemplated or discussed by the union or its members, not to speak of any strike vote being taken. Although there have been strikes of city workers in various cities throughout the State of California in the past few years, none of the participants have even been found to be treasonists, or rebellious against the government. At any rate, this is not an issue in the present current situation, neither is the question of a written union contract.

"It seems that someone is attempting to stir up a tempest in a teacup, to create confusion with the purpose of trying to break up the Torrance City Workers' Union.

"All the resources of the union, if necessary, will be thrown into the fight for the protection of the rights of the Torrance City Workers to organize and be represented by a union of their own choosing. "The union has requested a copy of City Attorney Smith's opinion to which its attorneys will prepare an immediate legal reply."

HUSBAND ILL
Mrs. Roy Sullivan, who was called to Fort Ord by the serious illness of her husband, returned this week to rejoin the couple's three small children. Her husband's condition is still critical, Mrs. Sullivan's reports.

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