

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE BIG SANDY BUS STRIKE

Last April a contract was signed between Kentucky-Virginia Stages and Transport Workers Union, Local 214, C.I.O. This contract, which does not expire until April 16, 1943, expressly provides that disputes between Company and Union shall be settled by arbitration and NOT BY STRIKE. The arbitration clause in the contract is in the exact words proposed by the Union itself.

A dispute now exists between Union and Company over a single issue and no other. Union contends that one of Company's recent employees, who wants to become a member of the Union, and--since last November--has tried repeatedly to join, is "undesirable" and has rejected this employee without any opportunity to be heard or even to know the grounds for rejection. Company does not believe that any reasonable grounds exist for denying membership to this employee, BUT COMPANY IS WILLING AND HAS CONSTANTLY URGED THE UNION TO ARBITRATE THIS ISSUE, according to its written agreement so to do. UNION REFUSES TO ARBITRATE. It refuses to tell either the Company or this employee WHY this employee is regarded as "undesirable" and has been rejected. INSTEAD, THE UNION HAS GONE ON A STRIKE. The strike is in violation of the terms of the strikers' own contract. The strike is wholly contrary to the principle now being solemnly urged by the War Labor Board and the President of the United States that wartime strikes gravely endanger the safety of our soldiers and seriously impair the ability of our Government to crush the forces of foreign aggression.

The Company deplors this absolutely unwarranted, indefensible and unpatriotic action on the part of the Union, which can only result in great inconvenience and injury to its patrons and irreparable damage to the War effort. The Company still is, and always has been, entirely willing to observe to the letter all of the terms and provisions of the contract now in force between it and Transport Workers Union, Local 214, C. I. O.

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