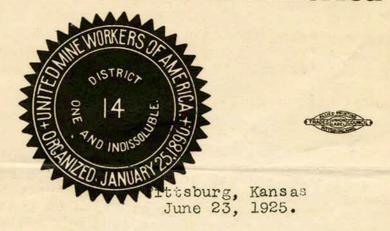
## OFFICIAL CIRCULAR

## **United Mine Workers of America**



To the Officers and Members, All Local Unions, District No. 14, United Mine Workers of America.

Greetings: -

A short time ago our membership adopted a policy of assessing themselves Four (4 %) Per Cent on their gross earnings, to conduct strikes in our district. In the handling of this fund, we find that a great deal of dissatisfaction has occurred. The amount levied is not sufficient to care for all of the unemployed and properly prosecute the strikes.

At this time, we feel that a large number of our membership who are in idleness, should, if possible, be cared for in some way, and certainly there is only the one way to care for them. That would be to increase the levy. We also find considerable sentiment throughout the district to increase this levy for the purpose of caring for the unemployed who are idle through no fault of their own.

No. 19 Sheridan has adopted a resolution and mailed it to this office, requesting a proposition to be submitted to the membership, increasing the levy Six (6%) Per Cent, to care for the unemployed mentioned above.

The Board feels that the responsibility of the success of this movement largely rests with the rank and file of our membership, and to that end, we feel that the Board should be informed as to the sentiment of its membership concerning the increase of the levy. All Local Unions are requested to reply to this communication at the earliest possible date, stating whether they are in favor of submitting this additional levy of Six Per Cent to a Referendum Vote, or not.

Fraternally yours,

District Executive Board.

M. L. Walters, President. Dan O'Donnell, Vice-Pres. Harry W. Burr, Sec'y-Treas.

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