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United Mine Workers of America

Pittsburg, Kansas
April 6, 1926.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,
ALL LOCAL UNIONS, U.M.W. of A.,
DISTRICT NO. 14.

Greetings:

You will find enclosed, herewith, tabulated report of the vote cast Tuesday, March 30th, on the matter of the Two Per Cent assessment for the relief of the unemployed. By this vote, the proposition was defeated by a majority of 1790 to 1121, and you are hereby so advised.

The payment of relief on hand was discontinued February 27th. Since that time, in auditing various Local Union accounts, there has been returned to the District office approximately Fourteen Hundred ($1400) Dollars. There is still some Three or Four Hundred Dollars that we think will be returned before the first of next week, and by action of the District Board yesterday, we are instructed to advise you that if you have any members who are in extreme need, to immediately file your list with Secretary Burr, so we may have some before next Monday, April 12th, as the balance of this fund will at that time be divided equally among the lists on hand.

As there will be no fund after that date, no applications for aid, relief or loans, either individual or otherwise, can be considered.

With best wishes, we are

Fraternally yours,

District Executive Board.

M.L. Walters, President
Dan O'Donnell, Vice Pres.
Harry W. Burr, Sec'y-Treas.
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Below is a copy of communication received from the International Union, which is self explanatory:

"Indianapolis, Indiana,
April 2, 1926.

Mr. M.L. Walters, President,
Mr. Harry Burr, Secretary-Treasurer,
District No. 14, U.M.W. of A.,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

The International Executive Board on March 25th, 1926, considered the appeal of Local Unions 4497, 2454 and 3960, District No. 14, for a ruling as to the validity of Section 2, Article 6 of the Constitution of District No. 14.

The International Executive Board after full consideration of this matter decided that the section in question is not in line with the principles of the United Mine Workers and is in conflict with the International Constitution. For this reason, the above named section of the Constitution of District No. 14 is declared invalid and inoperative, and the officers and members of District No. 14 should govern themselves accordingly.

Yours very truly,

John L. Lewis, President."

The section of our District Constitution referred to is null and void after the date of ruling of the International Executive Board.

Fraternally yours,

District Executive Board.
M.L.Walters, President.
Dan O'Donnell, Vice Pres.
Harry W. Burr, Sec'y.