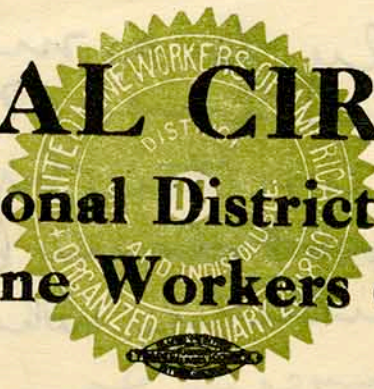


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Provisional District No. 14 United Mine Workers of America



Pittsburg, Kansas,
March 7, 1931.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ALL
LOCAL UNIONS IN DISTRICT NO. 14.

This is to officially notify you that the recent vote taken on the ratification of the contract negotiated on January 21 and for the approval of the action of the Officers and Conference Committee has been officially tabulated.

By the vote of the Local Unions who cast their vote, the action of the Conference Committee has been approved by an overwhelming majority vote of 2,128 for the contract and a vote of 167 against the ratification, therefore the contract recently negotiated in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 21, 1931, will go into effect on April 1, 1931, and continue for a four year period, expiring on March 31, 1935.

We are hopeful that this contract will bring back the lost market during this four year period in order that the miners may obtain more employment, which this field is very much in need of and the Officers assure the members that the rights of the miners will be protected under this contract and will be carried out in letter and in spirit for the best interest of all concerned.

Trusting that this contract will bring back peace and prosperity and the good will of all concerned, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

Henry Allai
Provisional President

Joseph E. Hromek
Provisional Secretary-Treasurer

This will reply to a merger of lies that appeared in the Amer. Mines under date of Feb 28 - written by Alex Howat. ~~I said~~ He did not deny any of the ~~statements~~ made in the article which was published in the mine workers journal, but ~~calls~~ necessary to furnish proof of same, which could be done by ~~member~~ U.M.W.A. He does not mention the fact that I was not a member of the union at the time I was employed at the Liberal Coal Co. and had not been a member of that time ~~after~~ ~~at~~ ~~that~~ ~~place~~ ~~if~~ ~~he~~ ~~would~~ ~~give~~ ~~me~~ ~~a~~ ~~card~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~U.M.W.A.~~ This he refused to do. nor does he say anything about the work I was doing at that time being construction work & is excluded from jurisdiction of the contract. ~~If this had been in 1922 it would have~~

~~about~~ ~~with~~ ~~him~~ ~~of~~ ~~an~~ ~~idea~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~ ~~as~~ ~~he~~ ~~advised~~ ~~hundreds~~ ~~of~~ ~~men~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~ ~~during~~ ~~the~~ ~~Nat'l~~ ~~strike~~ ~~period~~ ~~of~~ ~~that~~ ~~year~~ I know that all we can expect from him is a bunch of lies as that is all his twisted & slimy career is made up of. He says I was discharged from this job which is only another of his lies as I quit the Company of my own accord & could have been working there today for the same manager at the regular scale of wages. He speaks of sneaks in his lying statement. He knows he agreed with Jim Fleming & myself that he would take us (Fleming & I) would take our case to Court & sure for our rights. He would take his before the Nat'l Convention & one of us