

Reuther-Meany Rift Appears Increasing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Differences between Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers Union, and George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, widened the rift between the two big union groups Wednesday but both sides appeared to be dodging a showdown.

Reports that Reuther's union owes \$270,000 in back dues to the AFL-CIO were emphatically denied Wednesday night by the UAW.

A terse statement from the UAW said:

"The UAW has consistently followed the policy of meeting its financial obligations within the labor movement. The UAW has never been and is not now delinquent in its financial obligations."

A spokesman refused to elaborate.

Despite the bluntness of the UAW statement, there were indications that the Auto Workers had temporarily been behind in payments but now fulfilled its financial obligation to the AFL-CIO.

SAID IN RED

Sources within the AFL-CIO had indicated earlier that the UAW was in the red in its payments and under the rules could be suspended.

A UAW source said, however, that Reuther has no intention of severing relations between the two union groups.

And the AFL-CIO also ap-

peared to be in no hurry to oust the 1,500,000 member UAW, biggest single union in the federation.

Reuther, who has been at swords' point with Meany for months over major policy issues, said Tuesday he would conduct his fight inside the federation rather than break away.

Auto workers aides said Reuther's quarrel with Meany was over a broad range of issues, including foreign policy, organizing of new union members, collective bargaining tactics, and political action.

CLASHED BEFORE

Reuther and Meany had a clash several months ago over the AFL-CIO's firm foreign policy and Reuther's charges that Meany's course was undermining U.S. efforts to ease tensions with the Communist world.

While other labor leaders were publicly staying out of the Reuther-Meany fight, many of them privately believe Reuther is increasingly isolating himself from the rest of the AFL-CIO and might even wind up with his own private labor movement.

Meany has headed the federation since it was formed 11 years ago in the merger of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Unions.

Reuther, then head of the CIO, nominated Meany, AFL president, to be chief of the new organization.

Flood Of Money To Aberfan Brings Bitterness, Quarrels

ABERFAN (AP)—A flood of money has poured in on Aberfan since a huge black slag heap crashed down on the Welsh village Oct. 21, killing 144 persons, including 116 children.

But instead of comfort, the money has brought bitterness, suspicion and quarrels to Aberfan.

The tragedy that cost this town of 5,000 almost a generation of young children when a school was crushed had brought \$2,430,000 so far for its disaster fund from all parts of the world. The final amount may reach nearly \$6,000,000.

Some of the money came from Canada, which had Aberfan disaster funds in several communities.

The fund is administered by a committee set up by Mayor Stanley Davies in nearby Merthyr, administrative centre for the area.

This committee so far has paid out \$336,000, including \$600 to each parent who had a child in the school and \$5,000 to those who lost their homes.

Many are bitter because only one person from Aberfan is on the committee. A permanent trust committee will be set up later and the villagers want a greater say in how the fund will be spent.

CAN ALL BE USED

Mayor Davies, a businessman, said: "The law says it must all be spent in Aberfan and I am determined that this will be so. The amount doesn't frighten me. I think it can all be used there."

Parents agree that the thing most urgently needed in Aberfan is a temporary school for the 90 survivors of the crushed school building. This now is under consideration by the committee.

Canada today presents a cheque for \$100,000 to the United Nations Children's Fund as a living memorial to the Aberfan children and to 19 school students who died in a bus-train collision at Dorton, Que., Oct. 7. George Ignatieff, permanent Canadian representative to the UN, will make the presentation in New York.

This gift is in addition to Canada's annual \$1,000,000 gift to the children's fund.

The Aberfan children, aged five to seven, have been kept together since the disaster. Each day they go to the Workingmen's Club at Aberfan and play games, but there are no facilities for studies.

A permanent new school will be built but parents point out this will take two years.

Canadian Nazi Is Acquitted

TORONTO (CP) — William John Beattie, self-styled Canadian Nazi party leader, has been acquitted on a charge of using language likely to stir up hatred against Jews and Negroes.

Magistrate Charles Cpper said freedom of speech is a matter for legislation only by Parliament, and is beyond the legislative powers of a municipal council.

Beattie was charged under a city bylaw in connection with a speech June 19 in Toronto's Allan Gardens. The bylaw is against inciting racial hatred in city park speeches.

Court was told that a double ring of detectives and mounted policemen surrounded Beattie during his speech and held back and angry crowd of more than 2,000.

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