

# Congratulations, Governor!

GOOD CITIZENS of all walks of life will applaud both the nature and the timeliness of Governor Allred's declaration closing the State's borders against invasion by the alien sit-down. No such defiance of the fundamental law of civilized conduct which all good citizens instinctively obey is likely to evolve in Texas itself, and the Governor is entirely justified in insisting that none shall be brought into the State by outsiders.

Texas organized labor can very well get along without this anti-American device—a fact which no group appreciates better than organized labor itself. The orderly progress of unionization minus the artificial stimulation of racketeering methods, is far better for the permanent good of the working man. Organized labor has had every encouragement in Texas, and as a result there has been almost a total absence of anti-unionism in this State. Responsible leaders of Texas unionism are unanimous in the desire to protect unionism's favorable position in the State from its greatest danger—that from law defiance in its own camp.

The official warning that the sit-down will not be tolerated in Texas puts up directly both to state and out-of-state labor leaders the question of peace or war. So long as those from out of the State confine their organizing activities in the State to lawful bounds, they will be welcomed by public opinion as well as by labor. But they have their notice, before they come to Texas, that they must stay within the law. If, in contempt of that notice, they endeavor by utilizing a few radical-minded or otherwise deluded workers, by illegal occupation of property, to coerce Texas workers and Texas employers into an arrangement neither wants, there will be found in Texas a Governor with the courage to act and the means for defending the right of Texans to run their own show.

The Governor's action is to be praised as a constructive precaution. Had the Governor of Michigan, where the sit-down strike has come into prominence, and the authorities at Washington in charge of labor relations taken a similar stand at the outset, a situation that has seriously injured organized labor, interrupted business, and that threatens the very recovery for which the Administration has worked since inauguration, might not have developed, or, if it had developed, might have been more quickly ended.

The timeliness of Governor Allred's declaration is of great importance. Since the warning has been officially issued, any attempt at a sit-down strike will be an overt act. Not only will it be a challenge to law and the law-abiding sentiment of the public, but it will be a challenge in the face of fair warning. In such circumstances, there would be nothing left but to enforce the law by whatever action and whatever course might be called for. In such an eventuality, which every good citizen hopes will not materialize, public opinion would be unreservedly behind the Governor and the workers and the cause of labor, unfortunately, would suffer.