

# John L. Lewis

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If there is to be peace in our industrial life let the employer recognize his obligation to his employees - at least to the degree set forth in existing statutes.

~John L. Lewis

The labor movement is organized upon a principle that the strong shall help the weak.

~John L. Lewis

Workers have kept faith in American institutions. Most of the conflicts, which have occurred have been when labor's right to live has been challenged and denied.

~John L. Lewis

The balancing of the budget will not in itself place a teaspoonful of milk in a hungry baby's stomach, or remove the rags from its mother's back.

~John L. Lewis

Courage is not how a man stands or falls, but how he gets back up again

~John L. Lewis

Out of the agony and travail of economic America the Committee for Industrial Organization was born.

~John L. Lewis

In the steel industry the corporations generally have accepted collective bargaining and negotiated wage agreements with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

~John L. Lewis

Who gets the bird, the hunter or the dog?

~John L. Lewis

The organization and constant onward sweep of this movement exemplifies the resentment of the many toward the selfishness, greed and the neglect of the few.

~John L. Lewis

The real breeders of discontent and alien doctrines of government and philosophies subversive of good citizenship are such as these who take the law into their own hands.

~John L. Lewis

The men in the steel industry who sacrificed their all were nor merely aiding their fellows at home but were adding strength to the cause of their comrades in all industry.

~John L. Lewis

Labor was marching toward the goal of industrial democracy and contributing constructively toward a more rational arrangement of our domestic economy.

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