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The American Federation of Labor will never surrender the principle of democratic control or yield to minority force and domination. It will ever cling to Democratic ideals and will most jealously guard and protect the principles of Democracy and Democratic procedure. It will never accept a dictator or submit to autocratic control. It is upon that sound and solid American basis it has taken its stand and there it will ever remain.—WILLIAM GREEN, President American Federation of Labor.

**BROWDER GUILTY OF TREASON, SAYS  
OBSERVER EDITORIAL**

The Observer Monday carried the following editorial which should meet the approval of every true American citizen. It has been the Journal's view all along. The sooner America is rid of such men as Browder the better it will be for America:

Earl Browder, leader of the Communist party and its nominee for the Presidency of the United States, strikes us as being guilty of high treason and self-condemned by some of the statements made in his speech of acceptance yesterday.

It is not for us to say that he should be arrested, tried and convicted for treason against the United States, although the minds of many of the people of this country must have been sparked into wondering after hearing him how far a subversive influence can go before it is criminally subversive, or how intelligent is the American right of freedom when it is permitted to go to the point of exercising "freedom to destroy freedom."

It is not, however, this which is in mind. Browder is clearly guilty of preaching doctrine subversive of the Soviet philosophy which he represents and which he will carry into his campaign for the White House in demanding that the United States have done with its preparedness program, and that, instead, it commit itself to the ways and habits of peace, letting "the two imperialistic powers of Europe" fight it out among themselves. That is his view and attitude as stated in his speech of acceptance.

He is a militant pacifist, and, therefore, treasonable to the philosophy of Communism as incarnated in its chief High Priest of Moscow.

Stalin does not believe in letting the "two imperialistic powers of Europe" fight it out alone. Indeed, he jumped into the fray himself after collaboration with Hitler, sending his legions to pounce upon and blast Finland off the map, seizing the booty which was surrendered to the impious and bloody hands of his armed forces when they had beaten these free people into an enforced surrender.

If Stalin, therefore, the head of Communism in the world, is committed to war, is backing Hitler now in his enterprise to subjugate the continent of Europe to his imperial brutality, how is it that Earl Browder, the representative of Stalin and of the Communist government of Moscow, can be so passionately committed to the cause of pacifism and so rebellious against the idea of the United States taking up arms even for no more outrageous end than to keep itself from suffering the fate of other democracies? What is this if it is not outright treason to Communism?

Major A. L. Fletcher, who has come to Charlotte to take up his duties as director of the Carolinas region of the Federal wage and hour division is well and favorably known in labor circles, he having always gone down the line fair and square. Jack Lang, who has been serving as regional director, it is understood will be in charge of the South Carolina office at Columbia.

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**SOCIAL WORK LEADERS ARE PESSIMISTIC**

The 67th National Conference of Social Work, in session last week at Grand Rapids, Mich., was worried over how the U. S. could best adjust itself to meet the effects of war on social economic and political systems of our nation. Thousands of men and women attended, and they got "nowhere fast." A few expressions of the leaders are quoted:

Katherine Lenroot, chief of the Children's bureau, U. S. Department of Labor: "The American people cannot afford not to spend whatever sums may be required to provide both internal and external security."

The Rev. William B. Spofford, New York, editor of an Episcopal church weekly: "The economic system under which we live has completely broken down."

Frank E. Samuel, Topeka, Kas., national adjutant of the American Legion: "The age of the millennium is yet here . . . the spirit of conquest still rides abroad."

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland: "The fiction of national security through strict neutrality has been shattered forever."

Vera Michales Dean, New York research director of the Foreign Policy association: "It is not impossible that, for the duration of the present emergency, we may find . . . that we shall have to accept social and economic controls undreamed of in this country."

Miss Grace L. Coyle, retiring president of the conference, emphasized a feeling of uncertainty with the remark that the "whirlpool of events through which we must move makes it difficult to get, or to keep, the necessary perspective to give meaning and direction to our work."

Aliens, we are told, are seeking haven in the United States. It would appear we are top-heavy with aliens now, many of whom we would like to get rid of. It may not be a good idea to slow down on all immigration for a few years and clean house of what we have in stock.

Mr. John L. Lewis appears to be in for a little rough sledding to keep his strangle hold on the C. I. O., with such leaders as Sidney Hillman backing his radical ideas, which have dominated that organization since it was founded to kill the A. F. of L.

By political maneuvering, or juggling, it is destined to be Governor Broughton. All hail to the King!

Senator McKellar urges candidates to withdraw in favor of Roosevelt, which is unnecessary, for if the President will serve a third term it appears that all contestants are automatically eliminated—so to speak.

"C. I. O. Leaders Attack Curb on Aliens," says headline on meeting of executive board of that organization. The board also "decided registration and finger-printing of aliens." And along these lines John L. Lewis, head of the C. I. O. and the Non-Partisan Labor Political League would have Labor follow him—which it will never do.

The United States Supreme Court has upheld the Flag Saluting Rule in a 8 to 1 decision, Justice Stone dissenting. When anyone in these United States should have to be compelled to Salute the Flag, he or she is not a good American citizen.

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**Wage and Hour  
Representative A  
Journal Visitor**

Harry L. Griffin, formerly one of Observer's ace newspaper "slaves," but now with the wage and hour division of the Department of Labor, working out of Washington, D. C., was in the city Tuesday and gave The Journal a call. Mr. Griffin will be in this territory about 30 days, working out from here. He reports that his job keeps him busy and eternally on the go, but he likes it. Wonder how long it will be before he is back in the newspaper game?

**Sec. Houston Reports  
Teamsters-Cha'eurs  
Coming Along Nicely**

Business Agent and Secretary H. W. Houston, of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Local No. 72, reports his organization as getting along in fine shape with new members being added each week. This is the largest labor organization in Charlotte in point of membership, having over 500 on the roll and is in a healthy condition from every point of view.

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