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Every Day Is FLAG DAY



WHY UNION MEN PAY DUES

The Wilmington (Del.) Labor Herald under its always interesting front page "Pertinent Comment" on July 6th carries the item reproduced below. It is pertinent at this time and while taking a worthwhile crack at Westbrook Pegler gives a good example of real unionism. We quote:

From time to time someone flings at us a Westbrook Pegler peroration upon the evils of the organized labor—a movement significantly first destroyed in totalitarian countries and their captured states. Pegler goes on especially, to the delight of our hecklers, about the payment of union dues. We belong to a union and we know why we pay dues. We pay dues so that if we are incapacitated by sickness we can spend the rest of our days in a well-ordered home resting at the foot of Mt. Hood. When we are 60 years old we can have a pension of \$32 monthly or take up residence in the Union Printers' Home. When we die our beneficiary will be paid \$550.00 while we live we have the protection of an organization that is thoroughly democratic and responsible. That the scale of wages of unorganized workers is raised by the wage scale of organized workers is recognized even by those who don't like the labor movement; and therefore it may rightfully be claimed that the organized labor movement helps unorganized workers. That's more than can be said for some organizations. Not so long ago a group of employers in a local industry sought the aid of the Chamber of Commerce in correcting a condition that was adversely, and quite seriously affecting their business. It seemed that most of the gentlemen who sought the services of the Chamber did not belong to it and therefore, admitting the evils of the condition, the employers were advised that nothing could be done for them. To our knowledge and to the distress of a segment of local business this grievous condition yet prevails.

It seems that the C. of C.'s protection of interests of local business and industry waits upon the payment of dues, just like a union. Recognizing this fact we always call our friends of the Chamber "brother." They have their union and we have ours.

STUART W. CRAMER

In the passing of Stuart W. Cramer Charlotte has lost one of its most honorable and foremost citizens; humanity has lost a man who has always cast his bread upon the waters; a man who has served in every way to uplift his country, his community and his fellowman; being a graduate of Annapolis, and through the years of his life has never felt superior to the humblest citizen. Worker to him was just a fellowman; Cramerton to him was the home of his employes, and regardless of any rumors to the contrary, his heart lay in his home, his industry, in which he was so great a part, and in his fellow man. Peace be to his ashes.

LABOR GUARDS DEFENSES

That labor is alive to the menace of the "fifth-column" in the huge production job facing the country's defense preparedness program, is evidenced by the recent statements of some of its foremost spokesmen from A. F. of L. President William Green to various international union heads. Frank Powers of the Telegraphers Union warns of the menace of Communists and Nazis in the communications industry handling messages vital to the nation's very life. Dan Tracy, Electrical Workers president, sums up the strategic importance and vulnerability of the nation's power plants, hydro-electric and otherwise, to sabotage from within and bombings from above.

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LET'S RID AMERICA OF THE "RED STREAK"

Are you doing your part towards making America safe for Americans? Have you any information of persons whom you believe to hold views subversive to the American government; who make remarks that would lead you to believe a "Streak of Red" is in their make-up; or that a "Streak of Yellow," with Hitler's victories across the waters would want to place themselves in a non-combative attitude? If you know of any person or persons "Knocking" America, their names should be given the proper authorities and they should be investigated.

Our government is the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave," and both of our great political parties, Democrats and Republicans, are working to the same end, namely, to rid America of the termites who have been eating in these many years; some of America's foes have openly planted the beliefs of the Nazis in our face; others have worked under the guise of benefactors to humanity; spreading charity her and there, taking mental notes of our activities and problems and through their own secret methods transmitting the information to the desired source. We have them nationally and we doubt not that locally we are infested with the same type, disguised as true Americans. Last week The Journal carried an article, "The Fifth Column Worker," by H. I. Phillips, and it sums up the case to the queen's taste. It may seem strange to print the same article the second time, but we will so do. Read it again, preserve it and digest it.

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WHY NOT?

Oh it's star-light on the mountains
But it's moon-light by the sea!
My house is in the backlands,
But not the heart of me!

My Southern plains and hill lands
Are fairer far than most;
But I would own a cottage
By Dixie's gleaming coast!

A far sail, and the breakers!
And her wide, white sands for play,
Where the air is full of sea-spice
And the sunshine's full of spray!

Life smiles on Dixie's uplands
But it laughs on Dixie's lea.
Why can't I own a cottage
Beside mine own blue sea!

A cottage 'neath an oak tree—
Why can't my wish come true,
Where the shore invites the ocean,
While I invite—just you!

OUCH!

A farmer once called his cow Zephyr,
She seemed such an amiable hephyr.
When the farmer drew near
She kicked off his ear
And now the farmer's much dephyr.

GO, AND SPEND THE DAY

There was a time, a good old time,
Not many years ago,
Before the motor age had brought
Its jazz and radio.
When folks would fill a wagon box
Chuck full of fragrant hay—
Then old and young would tumble
in
And "go and spend the day."

The women talked of many things:
Of marriage, church, and chicks.
The men pitched horseshoes by the
barn.
Or argued politics.
The children played at hide-and-
seek
Around the ricks of hay.

No hurry and no worry—when
They went "to spend the day."
The discontent that everywhere
The motor age has wrought
Could be effaced it seems to me,
At least relieved a lot,
If folks would take more time to
play.
And every now and then take time
To "go and spend the day."

—A. J. DUNLAP.

The Fifth Column Worker

By H. I. PHILLIPS

HE TAKES all America has to offer with a smile and awaits a chance to return the favor with a machine gun.

HE COILS in the flag, hides in the quartet singing the national anthem and crouches behind the Bill of Rights.

HE ACCEPTS your invitation to dinner and makes a mental blueprint of your home so he can return and snatch the silver.

HE LETS you help him on with his coat while he plans to steal your shirt.

HE LETS you pay his golf fee while he figures out how much powder it would take to blow up the clubhouse.

HE BECOMES your week-end house guest and spends most of the time estimating how good a target for bombers the children's bedroom would make.

HE APPLAUDS America First programs and laughs himself to sleep over the fact his face didn't betray him.

HE STANDS when "The Star-Spangled Banner" is played, but eases his conscience by assuring himself that he was tired of sitting, anyhow.

HE LOOKS like a man, but performs like a rattlesnake.

HE SHAKES your hand while his wandering eye measures you for a knife in the back.

HE IS THE SKUNK that walks like a man, the hyena that waltzes like a patriot and the rat that masquerades as a human being.

HE EXPRESSES astonishment at the genius of American industry, but puts in plenty of time reporting back to the enemy on weak spots for attack.

HE NOT ONLY BITES the hand that feeds him, but eats the other hand for dessert.

HE SAYS, "It can't happen here," while planning to help the enemy do it.

HE IS THE KIND of rodent who would accept help from the good Samaritan, ask the Samaritan to wait for him in the corner drug store and then bomb the drug store.

HE RENDERS evil for good, thinks the doublecross is the noblest work of man and eats with his knife because he never wants to have to depend on a fork when the time comes to stab his host.

Furniture Fancies



By BETTY BARCLAY

When a chair one hundred and eighty years old sells for \$33,000—that's news. When this is a mahogany chair—that's proof of the durability of this attractive wood.

If more proof is needed, you might visit the Cathedral of St. Domingo. This Cathedral, completed in 1650, has much carved mahogany woodwork, some of it considered the finest in the world, still in splendid condition after nearly four centuries in the tropics. A rough hewn mahogany cross preserved in this Cathedral, dates back to 1514—four hundred and twenty-six years ago. Surely this is proof that your choice of mahogany furniture for your home or office will assure you of something that will outlive you and yours for many generations.

The golden age of mahogany was the 18th century and the first quarter of the 19th. During this period furniture became modern in size and proportion. Chippendale, Brothers Adam, Hepplewhite, Shearer, Sheraton, Duncan Phyfe and others developed styles of sheer beauty that have never been surpassed. The Georgian eventually gave way to the Empire or Classic styles, which merged into the Victorian with mahogany always the

REPRODUCTION of the famous Van Pelt Chippendale Mahogany Highboy. This piece brought \$44,000 at the Reifsnnyder Sale in 1929—an all-time record. At the same sale a Chippendale Mahogany Wing Chair made by Benjamin Randolph of Philadelphia, about 1760, brought \$33,000—the highest price ever paid for a chair.

This wood has been supreme, without a serious rival for over two centuries down to the present time.

Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence on a mahogany desk. Independence Hall preserves the mahogany of our early Congress. The Supreme Court has never handed down a decision except in a mahogany furnished court room. George Washington, Patrick Henry, Abraham Lincoln, General Grant, Robert E. Lee and Longfellow are but a few of our great whose homes were made beautiful with mahogany furniture.

If solid genuine mahogany could be obtained only by those able to purchase antiques, few of us would enjoy it. But new sources of supply have been opened up since tractors blossomed in the wilderness, and solid mahogany furniture is to be found in the better furniture stores of today—in the medium price range. Solid mahogany furniture, as always, is made of plain, straight-grained lumber. When you seek the highly figured mahogany, such as crotch, swirl or mottle, you will choose furniture with the larger surfaces of plywood panels.

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