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## THE A. F. OF L. URGES OUR COUNTRY TO MODERNIZE AND STRENGTHEN AGAINST "FIFTH COLUMN" TACTICS

When Democratic Governments are forced into war they are loyally supported by Organized Labor. This evident fact was very forcefully brought out in Great Britain and is now being evidenced in the United States through the 100 per cent support of President Roosevelt's Defense Program by the American Federation of Labor, although we are not yet involved in a conflict. The Executive Council of the A. F. of L. has made the following pledge:

"In 1917 the American Federation of Labor demonstrated its readiness and willingness to do everything within its power to assist the Government in the winning of the war. This pledge of support went farther than that of any other national Trade Union movement of the countries which were involved.

"In the present emergency, caused by the necessity for a rapid development of the nation's defense, the American Federation of Labor again pledges its active and co-operative support with industry and with every appropriate governmental agency having to do with the production and construction of material for national defense or any other national requirement to that end."

In regard to an alleged shortage of skilled mechanics and other workers for the Defense Program, the Executive Council added:

"The problem is not a shortage of skilled mechanics but the fact that so many of these have been forced by the depression to seek employment in lower wage occupations."

"The emotional effort to immediately suspend rules and regulations now protecting Labor will not appeal to thoughtful Americans."

President William Green explained at a press conference that it would be disastrous to lower wages and hour standards at a time when millions of Americans are unemployed. He urged that extra shifts be put to work, if necessary, to speed up production of defense equipment. Only if an actual emergency arises and if real labor shortages exist will it become necessary to lengthen hours, he declared.

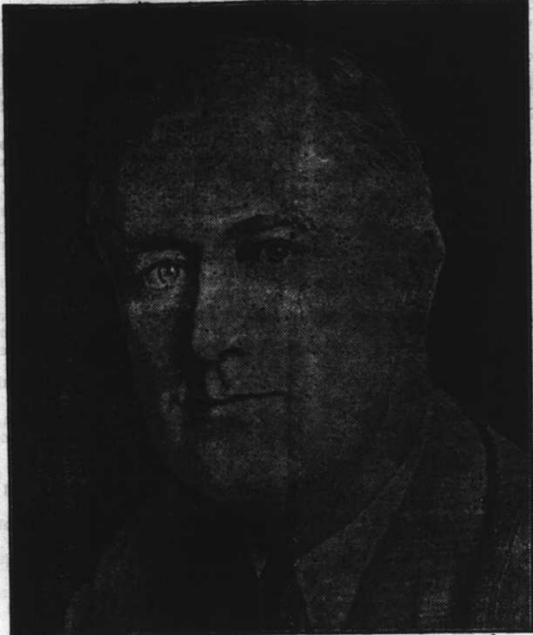
As further evidence of thorough co-operation by the American Federation of Labor, the Executive Council recommended the following program for accelerating the more adequate defense of our country:

"1. This country must quickly strengthen and modernize its defense, taking advantage of the lessons in new military techniques which the present European war affords.

"2. We must not let emotion unbalance our clear thinking nor contribute to the development of war psychology. Rash and hysterical statements should especially be avoided by those in a position to influence public opinion.

"3. We must redouble our vigilance against treachery and the creation of Trojan Horse organizations by Soviet and Nazi adherents in this country."

## Roosevelt Drafted for 3d Term



FRANKLIN DeLANO ROOSEVELT, Chosen at the Chicago Democratic Convention, Thursday Morning, To Head Ticket for the New Dealers

## Local Wage-Hour Force Is Reduced Moved From City

Charlotte will lose practically all of its wage and hour division staff this week with the establishment of state offices for this region in Columbia, S. C., and in Raleigh.

Jack Lang, who recently opened the Columbia office, will have in that office 10 inspectors, three pay roll examiners, nine clerical and stenographic employees, and one attorney, all moved to South Carolina from the Charlotte office.

Major A. L. Fletcher, director of the division, will set up in Raleigh his new headquarters and thus the principal office for this state. A small force will remain in Charlotte under direction of R. J. Cox, Jr., senior inspector. Major Fletcher will move the latter part of the week.

## New Locals Are Installed On The Santee Cooper Job

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 15.—Announcement has been made to the Charleston Building Trades Council that three new local unions have been chartered during the past three weeks. One is a Local Union of the International Teamsters and Chauffeurs of America, and two Local Unions for the International Hod Carriers, Common and Construction Laborers. Charters have been installed for each of three Local Unions, officers named and proper committees appointed for carrying on the work. While all crafts employed on the Santee-Cooper job show large increases in membership of the local unions, the Carpenters and Joiners Local Union shows a tremendous increase. James Coles, business agent for the carpenters, is highly elated over the growth of his organization.

THE JOURNAL has by far the largest city circulation of any weekly published in Charlotte. Your ad in The Journal will bring results from the workers.

## A. F. OF L. RAILWAY LABOR UNIONS AND THE C. I. O. PLEDGE SUPPORT TO NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Belief that the needs of national defense might bring an end to organized labor's five-year-old civil war was expressed at the White House yesterday after sixteen officials of the CIO, the AFL and Railway Labor Unions had pledged co-operation in the defense program.

The promise of co-operation was given to President Roosevelt in a letter signed by the labor officials who make up the labor policy advisory committee of the National Defense Commission. This committee was created recently for the announced purpose of preventing stoppages of work in vital defense industries and preserving labor standards.

Expressing "full and unstinted devotion to our country and to the program of national defense," the union leaders told the President:

"We and our membership are united in our effort and determination to give effective and expeditious co-operation in the fulfillment of the defense program, and to contribute to a free and secure democracy."

Stephen Early, Mr. Roosevelt's press secretary, made public the letter and commented that it represented

the nearest thing to a united labor front since the AFL-CIO split developed.

Saying the letter had made the President quite happy, Early added that it was a good one because it showed that national defense might be the means of bringing labor together again.

"At least," the Secretary declared "it holds out that hope."

Early pointed out that the labor policy advisory committee was not a group which had been called together by the President. It was organized recently through the efforts of Sidney Hillman, a CIO leader who is member of the National Defense Commission in charge of organizing workers, and D. W. Tracy, chairman of the executive board of AFL's Electrical Workers, who has just taken office as Second Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Members of the committee have expressed belief that it may be able to help adjust many of labor's grievances without strikes.

Neither William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, nor John L. Lewis, head of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, is a member of the committee.

## TEAMSTERS AND CHAUFFEURS NOTES OF INTEREST

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt appointed Daniel J. Tobin, aggressive President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, to serve as one of his confidential administrative assistants in the White House.

Mr. Tobin will act as liaison officer between the President and all American Federation of Labor Unions engaged in the national defense program.

It will be part of Mr. Tobin's job to see to it that everything runs smoothly and that such co-operation is kept on a high plane of effectiveness.

CHATTANOOGA  
Teamsters & Chauffeurs, Over-the-Road Committee, which has done so much in bringing about closer co-operation between Truck Drivers' Local Unions in this section, which was held in Chattanooga Saturday and Sunday, July 6, 7, with headquarters at Hotel Patten. "Several important resolutions were passed at the Chattanooga meeting." "The Committee also voted to give all possible aid to Striking Truck Drivers of the Rutherford Freight Lines operating in East Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina."

The August meeting of the Southeastern Over-the-Road Area Committee will be held in Birmingham, Ala., Saturday and Sunday, August 10th and 11th, in headquarters at the Redmont Hotel. The September meeting of the Southeastern Over-the-Road Area Committee will be held in Washington, D. C.

TAMPA  
An agreement has been signed between the Kingan Packing Company and Teamsters & Chauffeurs, Local No. 79, covering wages and working conditions. The agreement will run for an indefinite period subject to change or cancellation upon 30 days notice upon election to change any term of the agreement.

The contract calls for regulation of hours of work and wages which gives an increase of about \$1.50 per week for the employee. It sets up overtime for holidays and Sundays and for work performed in excess of over 42 hours in any one week.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
A call for the convention of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablenmen and Helpers of America, by Secretary Hughes. The convention which meets every four years will take place in Washington, D. C. beginning September 9 and will probably continue for 10 days. At this convention the constitution will probably be redrafted to keep up with the times and with the modern way of living and working.

Another topic for deliberation will probably be the sick benefit question. At the present time the union does

not have the benefit system and an increase of per capita tax would have to be voted in case the sick benefit plan were adopted.

The Teamsters and Chauffeurs is the largest union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor with a membership of nearly one-half million members.

H. L. McCORRIE.

## The Millinery Industry In Atlanta Now Unionized

ATLANTA, Ga., July 15.—An agreement was signed last week between the M. Kutz company, millinery manufacturers, and the local union of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, which brings all millinery businesses in this city into the Union. It will be recalled that agreements were signed a few weeks ago between the Union and other millinery manufacturing plants. This is the first time that this entire industry has been operating in Georgia under Union shop agreements.

## Calvine News Notes

To Editor Labor Journal:  
Miss Francis Roy spent the weekend with friends on the Monroe Road at Mrs. Holton's.

Miss Lois Plyler is sick at her home, 3050 N. Davidson street, North Charlotte, but is reported improving.

Mr. C. W. White was visited last week by her sister, Mrs. Henry Faulkner, and family, of Comet, Ala.

James Milton, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvie Davis spent the week-end at Carolina Beach.

Mrs. Zettie Young has returned from a four-week's stay with her sick brother, T. L. Arnette, on the Monroe road.

Hillard McDonald who has been ill for about a year at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mae Henderson passed away Wednesday night of last week. The funeral was held Friday afternoon. The deceased had many friends in this community, and sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

BERTHA HELMS.

Calvine, July 16.

## FARMERS' SUBSIDY REACHES HUGE SUM

WASHINGTON.—The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced that total payments already disbursed and estimated to be disbursed in the 1939 agricultural conservation program, including national and administrative expenses, amounted to \$520,360,802 as of April 30, 1940.

## Another Election To Be Held By Copper Basin Workers

COPPERHILL, Tenn., July 15.—For the third time in the past two years the workers employed by the Tennessee Copper company in the Copper Basin will go to the polls for the purpose of electing a bargaining agency. The election will be held on the 25th or 26th of July. The struggle for supremacy between the American Federation of Labor membership and the CIO has been terrific during the past three years, and it is hoped next week's election will decide the matter, once and for all time. Paul J. Aymon, of Chattanooga, veteran A. F. of L. organizer, is in charge of the campaign in the Copper Basin for the American Federation of Labor.

## "STATEMENT"

"The American Federation has refused at all times to compromise or traffic with the enemies of democracy. There is no room in the American Federation of Labor for Communists or Nazis."

WILLIAM GREEN, President American Federation of Labor.

The United States has ever-widening armament expenditure that should keep America out of any war.

## THE MARCH OF LABOR

**THE FIRST COMPLETE WAGE SCALE**

TO BE PRESENTED IN THE U.S. WAS DRAWN UP BY THE ORGANIZED TEAMSTERS OF NEW YORK IN 1900.

PROMPTED BY THE HAZARDS OF THE WORK AND THE PROHIBITIVE INSURANCE RATES CHARGED BY PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SOME RAILROAD UNIONS BEGAN AS MUTUAL INSURANCE ORGANIZATIONS

ORGANIZED WORKERS NOMINATED THEIR OWN CANDIDATES IN 1929.

UNION MEMBERS! VOTE THE STRAIGHT UNION TICKET! BUY ONLY MERCHANDISE BEARING THE UNION LABEL!

**GOMPERS**  
1850 - 1924  
ORGANIZER AND GUIDING GENIUS OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR. HE WAS ITS FIRST PRESIDENT, AND HELD OFFICE FROM 1886 TO 1924—EXCEPT FOR ONE YEAR. HIS CONCEPT OF "PURE AND SIMPLE TRADE UNIONISM" LEFT A PERMANENT MARK IN AMERICAN TRADE UNION PHILOSOPHY.

## Huntersville Textile Workers Organize Local Union No. 2583

HUNTERSVILLE, Ala., July 15.—Charter for Local Union No. 2583, United Textile Workers of America, has been installed here, officers named and the Local is now functioning for the benefit of the membership. This news is most heartening to all labor throughout Alabama, as the CIO has long made desperate to keep the A. F. of L. out of the textile plants in this city, it being one of the few places in the United States where the CIO has any appreciable membership among textile workers. Prediction is freely made now that installation of this charter will soon lead to the formation of other locals in this vicinity.

QUITE SO  
English Exam Question: "Give three collective nouns."  
Student's Answer: "Flypaper, waste-basket and vacuum cleaner."

## Red, White and Blue!

By BEN FAUCET

Red, White and Blue, that is our flag,  
Let not our fervor for it lag;  
RED for the blood that we would shed  
To keep it waving overhead!  
WHITE for the sincere motives we  
Employ to make our people free!  
BLUE for the loyalty we share  
To help our Nation to prepare!

Red, White and Blue, long may it wave  
To make "Fifth Columnists" behave;  
The Eagle screams above its folds  
A warning to the "over-bolds"  
Who might attempt to scourge our Land  
With treachery and underhand  
Approaches we now recognize  
As "Trojan Horses" in disguise!

## WHO'S WHO IN UNIONS



W. J. DONOVAN

## WILLIAM J. DONOVAN

William J. Donovan, General President of the Laundry Workers' International Union, started his labor career in 1906 by organizing teamsters in the city of Chicago. In September of 1937, Mr. Donovan became President of Local No. 46 of the Laundry Workers' International Union. It had very few members and was in debt over \$3,000. There are more than 10,000 dues paying members in that Local. It was principally due to the successful organization of this Local Union that the Laundry Workers' International Union was established.

In September, 1939, Mr. Donovan was re-elected by a referendum vote of 10 to 1. Through his long experience in organization work and his aggressive methods in Unionizing laundries the Union has been placed on a sound membership and financial basis.

His address is: Mr. William J. Donovan, President, Laundry Workers' International Union, Room 608, 10 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.



LAUNDRY WORKERS' LABEL

The Union Label of the Laundry Workers' International Union is stamped on the price lists of all Union laundries. It was adopted in 1900.

For further information regarding Union Labels, Shop Cards and Service Buttons write Mr. I. M. Ornburn, Secretary-Treasurer, Union Label Trades Department, American Federation of Labor Building, Washington, D. C.

And now they are using cotton as a base for a new ice cream, and the cotton growers are jubilant.—American Petroleum Institute.