

## PHILIP PEARL, IN 'FACING FACTS' SAYS ARMY IS WAY AHEAD OF NAVY—GOV'RMT UNDERSTANDS

It seems that some of the Navy Admirals are out of step, as usual. The latest to fall by the wayside is Rear Admiral Ray Spear, who in his annual report as Chief of the Navy's Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, complains that the Walsh-Healy and Fair Labor Standards Acts are retarding expansion of industrial facilities to meet defense needs.

But it's not a bit surprising to hear a Navy Admiral talk like a member of the Union League Club. In fact, the high-ranking officials of our Navy for a more exclusive set than any group of pot-bellied plutocrats in the nation. To some of these Admirals democracy is as foreign as it is to Adolph Hitler. They are used to dictatorial methods. As commander of a battleship, a squadron or fleet, an Admiral stalks the deck with complete authority. He hears no labor problems, he sees no labor problems, he knows no labor problems. With such a background, it is no wonder that the Admirals find it difficult to understand the complexities of industrial production where civilian workers, not men in uniform, are employed.

The time has come to democratize the Navy. We urge no lessening of discipline aboard ship. That is necessary in peace time as well as in time of war. But we do insist that the administrative bureaus of the Navy Department and their personnel take a few lessons in democracy, learn what it's all about and get back into step with the Government and its labor policies.

**THE ARMY IS WAY AHEAD**

It might do the Navy boys a lot of good to take a look at what's happened in the Army. Officials of the War Department have progressed so far ahead of their colleagues in the Navy that they are out of sight. Under Secretary of War Stimson, the Army has adopted an enlightened and progressive policy toward labor. It has not only given lip service, but has shown a sincere desire to abide by the provisions of the labor laws protecting the standards of the working men and women of America. As a result, Army defense projects are being constructed far ahead of schedule. A fine spirit of co-operation exists between organized labor and the Army. There has not been a single strike on any Army defense project by an American Federation of Labor union. In fact, all affected A. F. of L. unions have gone out of their way to help the Army speed up its program and supply the necessary labor, even when that meant transporting large groups of skilled workers to communities far from their homes.

We must not forget that America's first line of defense is not the Navy with its warships and its airplanes, nor the Army with its regiments of drilled soldiers and its mechanized equip-

ment, but the army with a small "a"—the great army of millions of workers in American factories who are producing the vast stores of materials and equipment and new plant capacity so vital to the defense of our country.

Both the Navy Admirals and the Army generals are very careful to provide for their own men. They have learned Napoleon's adage that an "Army travels on its stomach." They know that soldiers and sailors, to fight well must be well-fed, well-housed and in good health.

Then why in the name of what's reasonable can't they understand that it is even more important that the great army of workers, who constitute the first line of defense, must also be well-fed, well-housed and in good health in order to construct the ships and produce the armament without which any armed force would be helpless?

Why in the name of simple logic can't they understand that the Fair-Labor Standards Act, the Walsh-Healy Act and other similar labor laws are designed merely to provide a minimum guarantee of fair conditions to the army of workers?

**THE GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS**

Fortunately, the Government of the United States under the leadership of President Roosevelt does understand these fundamental truths. Fortunately, the leadership of the American Federation of Labor is powerful, influential and aggressive enough to counteract the ignorant beefs of an occasional Admiral.

But, unfortunately, such misleading and irrational statements as the occasional Admiral is likely to make are seized upon for propoganda purposes by greedy industrialists and their screaming stooges in Congress to help their short-sighted campaign for bigger and ever bigger profits out of the defense program at the expense of the workers.

This campaign has now reached its loudest pitch of labor-baiting and the air is filled with demands for anti-strike laws and repeal of labor-protective laws. Don't be too deeply disturbed by all this empty noise and the wide publicity the subservient press is giving to the squawks of big business. Legislation of the type that would shackle labor has no chance of adoption in our democracy. It cannot command more than a few votes in Congress, it is opposed by the Administration and it would be overwhelmingly rejected by the great majority of the American people.

But the very fact that another vicious anti-labor campaign is under way should serve as a warning to labor to be on guard. Labor must be reasonable, it must be strong, it must be self-disciplined, it must be 100 per cent American to continue to command the respect and support of the American people as a whole. This is labor's greatest safeguard.

## Allied Ptg. Crafts Getting Set For Meeting, Second Sunday in Jan.

The second Sunday in January will see a meeting of the Allied Printing Crafts in Charlotte, at which time it is expected that Woodruff Randolph, secretary-treasurer of the I. T. U. and John B. Haggerty, president of the Bookbinders, will address the assembled delegates and guests at a dinner affair, which will combine business with pleasure. Brothers Stalls and Nixon of No. 338 are putting forth much effort to make this gathering a fraternal feast, which will mean much to the Allied Printing Crafts in the Carolinas.

## CHASE BAG COMPANY SIGNS PACT WITH UNITED GARMENT WORKERS

REIDSVILLE, N. C., Dec. 10.—An agreement was signed here last week between the Chase Bag Company and the Local Union of the United Garment Workers of America. An increase in pay, vacation with pay, double time for Sunday work and work done on holidays, and other advantageous provisions for the workers are included in the agreement. Negotiations for the agreement extended over a long period of time, yet President Robert Groff, of Local No. 270, and his committee manifested a persistent spirit throughout the period of negotiations. The Local Union was ably assisted by Miss Sallie D. Clinebell, popular and highly respected general organizer for the United Garment Workers of America.

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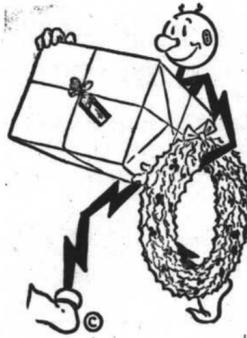
CHICAGO, ILL.—Phillip Morris & Co., well known manufacturers of cigarettes and pipe tobacco, has withdrawn its advertising from the two nonunion sports magazines known as National Sportsman and Hunting & Fishing. The company has requested the Organization Committee of Chicago Printing Trades Unions to advise the labor press of the country of its action.

National Sportsman and Hunting & Fishing magazines are printed by the notoriously anti-union printing concern of R. R. Donnelly & Sons Company (Lakeside Press), Chicago, against whom a nation-wide campaign is being carried on by the Chicago printing trades unions. The campaign has the endorsement of the American Federation of Labor as well as that of all state federations of labor affiliated therewith.

The following firms still persist in advertising in the nonunion National Sportsman and Hunting & Fishing magazines despite the fact that their products have been placed on the "We Don't Patronize List" of hundreds of local unions and central bodies throughout the country: National Distillers Products Corporation, distillers of Old Grand-Dad whiskey; Enterprise Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of fishing tackle; Anheuser-Busch, Inc., brewers of Budweiser beer, and Gillette Safety Razor Co. Members of organized labor and their friends are requested to refrain from patronizing these firms and the two nonunion magazines in which they advertise.

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