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# BEWARE OF THE SIXTH COLUMN

LABOR IS DOING ITS PART

LABOR WILL ALWAYS DO ITS PART

President Roosevelt defined Sixth Columnists at his March 24 press conference as Americans who wittingly or unwittingly spread rumors and doubts devised by enemy Fifth Columnists about America's war effort. These Sixth Column rumors have now been concentrated into a vast smear campaign against American workers and their unions.

Words won't win this war—hard fighting will. Sniping at each other won't win this war—national unity will. New laws won't win this war—hard work will.

We are the workers of America, its production soldiers. We are on the job. We have only one aim right now, and that is to help America win. We are working night and day to produce the ships, planes, tanks and guns our armed forces need for victory.

WE ARE GIVING THIS JOB EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT! WE WILL STICK TO THIS JOB, COME HELL OR HIGH WATER! UNTIL THIS WAR IS WON! THAT IS OUR PLEDGE TO AMERICA!

### AN UNDECLARED WAR

The Sixth Columnists are waging an undeclared war against President Roosevelt and against us.

They are doing this by putting the heat on Congress to pass the Smith-Vinson Bill and other dangerous legislation aimed at the President's war labor policies.

The Sixth Columnists are trying to fool the American people into believing such legislation is needed to speedup production and win the war. Don't let the Sixth Column fool you!

What are the facts? President Roosevelt and the heads of our war agencies are in the best position to know the facts. What do they say?

They agree unanimously that the Smith-Vinson Bill and other proposals of the same kind can do no good.

They agree unanimously that such measures will hurt morale, retard war production and throw our victory drive into chaos.

Whom do you believe—President Roosevelt or the Sixth Columnists?

The sponsors of this legislation say they are honest and sincere. If so, why do they persist with it when our Commander-in-Chief urges them to stop?

It's high time to cut out such sniping against our President and his policies. Let's get together on the one important job before us—to win the war. Let's have real national unity in America.

### LABOR'S WAR RECORD

Who is fighting America's war on the front line? The sons and brothers and loved ones of American workers right alongside American citizens from all other walks of life.

Who is carrying on America's victory production program on the home front? The loyal, hard-working men and women of labor who are breaking production records and beating schedules every day.

Who fought beside our Marines at Guam and Wake? More than 1,100 union mechanics who are now prisoners of Japan.

Who is sailing America's merchant ships and tankers on the high seas, braving daily submarine attacks? Union seamen who are carrying on although hundreds of their fellows have lost their lives.

Who rode the Burma Road? Union teamsters who are now transporting supplies by other routes to China despite enemy bombers.

Who is building America's defense outposts in Hawaii, Alaska, the Canal Zone and other bases? More than 100,000 American workers who gave up safe jobs at home to do their bit.

Who built all the Army camps and Naval stations in record time? A civilian army of union workers who in six months constructed forty-six new "soldier cities" from scratch.

American workers are paying their full share of the cost of this war—in blood, in sweat, in sacrifice, in taxes. They are not squawking. They entered this war with their eyes open as free men and women and they are determined to come out of this war free men and women.

### FOUR MILLION WOMEN WILL BE IN WAR PRODUCTION BY END OF 1943 MISS THELMA MACKELVEY, CHIEF OF WOMEN'S LABOR SUPPLY SERVICE

Four million women, almost six times as many as are now so employed, must be directly engaged in war production by the end of 1943, according to a statement made today by Miss Thelma McKelvey, Chief, Women's Labor Supply Service, Labor Division, War Production Board, before the 21st Annual Massachusetts Defense Safety Conference in Boston.

Addressing a group of industrialists from the New England area, Miss McKelvey pointed out that the expanding manpower needs of war production call for a war labor force of 15,000,000 workers by the end of 1943. To meet these manpower goals, we must draw millions of new workers into the labor market.

"Women are our most important labor reserve," Miss McKelvey said. The Women's Labor Supply Service of the Labor Division predicts that three or four million women workers, possibly even more, will be drawn into war industry this year.

Miss McKelvey said that "We must start training these workers now so that they will be ready as jobs open up. We cannot afford to wait until the last minute."

The place of women in industry was established during the first World War. To win this war the Women's Labor Supply Service emphasizes the necessity of drawing women into industry in ever increasing numbers. Miss McKelvey pointed out that women's adaptability to factory work is limited only by the physical strength requirements of certain jobs. In many kinds of precision work, she said women are superior to men.

Stressing the principle of "equal pay for equal work," Miss McKelvey urged employers to utilize the local labor supply and thus to avoid unnecessary labor migration with its resulting housing congestion and transportation difficulties.

IF YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS IN ARREARS SEND IN A CHECK

Each night a providential sunset separates us from tomorrow's problems.

### Wars, Conflagrations and Depressions

WARS	CONFLAGRATIONS	DEPRESSIONS
1846 Mexican War	1835—New York City	1819
1861 Civil War	1945—New York City	1837
1898 Spanish-American War	1851—San Francisco	1843
1917 World War I	1866—Portland, Me.	1857
1941 World War II	1871—Chicago	1873
War 2	1872—Boston	1893
	1877—St. John, N.B.	1907
	1889—Seattle; Spokane	1921
	1901—Jacksonville, Fla.	1929
	1904—Baltimore	
	1906—San Francisco	
	1908—Chelsea	
	1914—Salem	

### NO INDIVIDUAL'S WAR—BUT OUR WAR

It's Capital's War! It's Labor's War! IT'S OUR WAR. Let's hark back to the days of '76. Think of Valley Forge. No fight then for profit. We have got the Fifth Column boys about eliminated. Now we have the Sixth Columnists—Big Business—Our PROFIT PATRIOTS, who would wax rich off the blood of our boys and government restrictions of the workers.

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. WORKERS WILL DO THEIR DUTY TEN TIMES OVER TO - Win this War -

### CENTRAL LABOR UNION "DIGS" AT REYNOLDS

Charlotte Central Labor Union at its regular meeting last night, at the Labor Temple, paid its "compliments" in no uncertain terms to Robert Rice Reynolds for his anti-labor stand. In other words it regretted the "all-out for Reynolds" stand taken in the days when Labor fed the hand that is biting it today. But "Robert" will find that he will need more than his newly acquired millions to place him in the United States Senate from North Carolina again if the vote of labor amounts to anything.

That was the "theme song" of the meeting, along with the regular routine of business. Good reports from locals, everyone working, and in its new home, a spirit of unity prevailed. President Scoggins presided, and Secretary Wm. S. Greene was at his post again after an absence of a few meetings.

Tomorrow's production won't give us victory today. Today's production will prevent defeat today and provide victory tomorrow.

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### It's OUR FLAG



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