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MATTHEW WOLL ANNOUNCES COMPREHENSIVE WAR PROGRAM; GREEN AND MEANY TO HELP

Declaring that "American Labor recognizes that a state of war existed between it and the Aggressor Nations from the first days of their existence and so proclaimed at every convention as well as in our day to day functions and operations," Matthew Woll, A. F. of L. Vice-President and President of the Labor League for Human Rights, announced yesterday a comprehensive program "to put all of labor's forces and resources behind the war efforts of our country and the nation's united with us over and above our efforts in the field of production."

The four-fold program of the League seeks to:—

- 1—Stimulate the fullest participation by labor in all civilian defense activities.
- 2—Conduct an active program of education to clarify the issues of the world conflagration and of labor's stake in the war.
- 3—Build a United Nation's Relief Fund for our own country as well as our Allies.
- 4—Mobilize Women's Auxiliary Organizations for civilian defense, Red Cross and relief work.

Officers of the League include, in addition to Mr. Woll, William Green, Honorary Chairman, George Meany, Honorary Secretary, the Honorable Jeremiah T. Mahoney, Treasurer, David Dubinsky, Thomas J. Lyons, Emil Reive, Victor Olander and Louis Hollander, Vice-President and Abraham Bluestein, Executive Director.

Employers Making Social Security Tax Returns Must Include The Account No. Of Each Employee

Lone T. Proctor, manager of the Charlotte office of the Social Security Board calls attention to the fact that the employer is responsible for the correctness of wage reports, required by the Federal Government, even though he employs some other person to make out his social security tax returns.

Mr. Proctor added that most employers in this section are now preparing their quarterly wage report and tax returns for January, February, and March of this year; and in view of the fact that a large number of new employees have been taken on in recent months, special care is necessary, in compiling this report. The law requires every employer to include the social security account number as well as the name and the amount of wages paid during the previous quarter. The reason for this requirement, Mr. Proctor said, is that the Government maintains an individual wage record for each worker who is covered by old-age and survivors insurance provisions. This is an active account and the wage data obtained from the employer's tax returns is transferred every three months to the worker's ledger sheet.

In this State, alone, social security cards have been assigned to 1,382,388 men and women who have applied for account numbers at field offices of the Social Security Board. In the years to come many of these workers will reach the age of 65, retire from their jobs, and claim payments of old-age insurance.

Roosevelt To Make "Fireside Chat" On Labor April 27—Congress Halts Action On Labor Bills Until Later

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt plans to send a special message to Congress and to deliver a "fireside chat" to the nation, probably on April 27, outlining the Administration's program for holding down the cost of living during the war.

This was announced at the White House following a conference with Congressional leaders who promptly postponed all Senate and House action on labor legislation pending the President's recommendations.

House Majority Leader McCormack told reporters the President's message would "set forth his views on the factors which enter into making up the cost of living."

It is expected that the President will oppose any restrictive labor legislation aimed at abolishing the 40-hour week standard or at destroying the right to strike.

He is expected to cover such major subjects as taxes, profit limitations and price control thoroughly. He is also likely to discuss the complicated subject of wage stabilization.

SENTENCED FOR FRAUDULENT RECEIPT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS—WERE IN JAIL HOUSE

RALEIGH.—Two negroes who had been collecting unemployment insurance checks while they were serving jail terms, were ordered by the Charlotte Police Court last week to pay the penalty provided by law for fraud.

The Unemployment Compensation Commission sent from Raleigh its chief counsel, Ralph Moody, and the senior attorney, W. D. Holoman, to help prosecute the cases which had attracted national attention from a recent story in the Saturday Evening Post of prisoners receiving pay while still in jail.

It was brought out at the hearing that the two negroes, Clarence Adams and John Youngblood, repeatedly took advantage of a day off each week, permitted them from jail for good behavior, to file claims for continued benefits at the Charlotte Employment Office.

The decision in the cases of Adams and Youngblood rested on the incorrect addresses which they had given, and on their statements at the time of claiming unemployment insurance that they were "able to work, and available for work," it being charged that as jail inmates they could not be available for work.

Youngblood who drew \$3 a week for 12 weeks was sentenced to 30 days in jail, since his previous term had expired. Adams who drew \$6.50 a week for 14 weeks was given a sentence of six months, beginning at the end of his present term. In finding both defendants guilty, Judge David J. Craig declared that by taking advantage of the unemployment compensation system, they had been "fleeing a beneficent government."

PLEDGE YOUR FAITH

By RUTH TAYLOR

If you glory in the Past—

If the story of the great trek of the freedom hungry people, of their turning from the tyrannies of Europe to an unknown continent; if the saga of their craving a home out of the virgin wilderness, of the rise of this rich land of ours, whose very name—the United States of America—breathes of the effort of men to work together in mutual understanding and co-operation; if these tales move you, give you inspiration and courage; if you feel the glory of the past heritage of this country of ours—

Then for the preservation of that glory, for the preservation indeed of the very ideals for which those pioneers fought and died, then—in equal spirit with those men who said "millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute,"

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If you believe in the present—

If the democratic way of life means anything to you; if you have faith in a republican form of government, in majority rule and minority rights; if you wish to see the Organized Labor movement live and men work as free men and not as serf labor; if you believe in the sanctity of the home and family, that the state is made for man, not man for the state—that the obligation of citizenship means equal treatment for all without regard to race, creed or color; if you hold that man should be free to worship God according to the dictates of his own individual conscience; if you believe in the Bill of Rights and its practical application—

Then prove your faith. If you can fight—fight. If you are needed for Defense work—work to the extent of your strength and ability—and then some. And whatever you do—help supply the sinews of war.

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If you hope for the future—

If you wish to see the dawn of a new world order of free men; if you wish the world of tomorrow to offer to your children an opportunity greater than your own for growth and knowledge and service; if you want to be certain that your children and your children's children may choose, without fear, to seek God in the way they choose for themselves and not as some over-lord dictates; if you wish the sacrifices of those who paved the way for you, added to your sacrifices of today to make smooth the path for those to follow, so that the law of love may be fulfilled and the children of the future grow up, unafraid, in a world of brotherhood—

Then pave the way now! Do your share in fighting and working for this country of ours—the last hope of free men. Prove your faith—invest in yourselves—for this country of ours is not a thing apart, it is you and me and our neighbors. Pave the way to a new future—fight, work, pray—and pay.

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Nothing Strange In The N. A. M. "Running Out" On Understanding; Only Small Portion Manufacturers Represented By Anti-Labor Body

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The presidents of the AFL and CIO, William Green and Philip Murray, accused the National Association of Manufacturers today of "running out" on the understanding of industry and labor with President Roosevelt.

A joint statement by the two labor leaders referred to a recent NAM advertisement which said "America wants victory—not the closed shop." Green and Murray said "a more honest statement of the NAM's position would be 'we want the open shop even at the expense of victory.'"

The labor leaders said that the President, after consultation with spokesmen for industry and labor, set up the War Labor Board composed of an equal number of industry, labor and public representatives, and that on March 18 it agreed by resolution that the union security issue was a proper matter for consideration by the board.

"Now," the labor statement said, "the NAM is running out on industry and labor's joint understanding with the President of the United States. It is repudiating the commitment made in behalf of American industry by the four industry representatives on the War Labor Board. The NAM is trying to slip over a fast one by having Congress freeze the in-

justices by law."

The two labor leaders expressed the view that "fortunately the NAM speaks for only a minority of American employers and does not express the views of American business as a whole."

Assessing that such restrictive legislation would not have a chance in normal times, Green and Murray said "the NAM is trying to take advantage of the war to secure special protection that it could not get in peace time for a few selfish, recalcitrant employers who hate unions more than they hate Hitler."

"Of course the NAM charges that organized labor is attempting to take advantage of the war to extend the union shop. That charge is completely ridiculous. The facts belie it. In normal times, if a union cannot obtain a closed shop by collective bargaining it can strike to obtain its demands. But labor disarmed itself at the outbreak of the war. It has pledged itself not to strike for the closed shop or for any other cause... Is that taking advantage of the war?"

NOTICE TO SKEPTICAL!

BUSINESS WEEK, a national weekly publication for business men, in its latest issue has this comment contained in a story on the Labor Press: "In most cases the paper is taken home, carefully and sometimes laboriously read and reread, for Labor Editors fill their sheets with information close to the bread and butter of their readers."

THE MARCH OF LABOR

Complete Agreement



PAY DAYS ARE BOND DAYS: Symbolic of organized labor's wholehearted support of the Nation's war effort is this picture of Robert J. Watt, International Representative of the A. F. of L., shaking hands with James Carey, National Secretary of the C. I. O. Both men and their organizations are in agreement on promoting the United States Savings Program and making "Every Pay Day—Bond Day."

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LABOR'S RANKS CLOSED AGAINST ENEMY

The close and cordial relations now established between the CIO and the AFL have attracted national attention repeatedly in the recent past.

Joint CIO-AFL rallies, speeches by Philip Murray and William Green from the same platform, joint press statements, joint sponsorship of a "Labor for Victory" radio program—these are some of the public signs that "labor's ranks are closed against the enemy," as Murray put it.

"Labor is showing the nation how to bury past quarrels and how to unite in all-out war effort," says Green.—Len De Coux, C.I.O. Publicity Head.