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### 5,000,000 A. F. L. MEMBERS ARE ENLISTING ENTIRE RESOURCES BEHIND WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

ATLANTA, GEORGIA, May 23, 1942.

Editor Charlotte Labor Journal:

I am enclosing herewith one of the most interesting and important news articles ever released by a department of our Government, together with a mat showing Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau meeting with the key men of the American Federation of Labor.

Reading left to right, the picture shows: Harry O'Reilly, A. F. of L. Representative in the mid-West with office in Chicago; George L. Googe, Southern Representative of the A. F. of L., with offices in Atlanta; Secretary Morgenthau; John J. Murphy, New England representative of the A. F. of L., with offices in Boston, and Daniel V. Flannagan, West Coast Director, A. F. of L., with offices in San Francisco.

You will be rendering a great service to the country and to the American Federation of Labor if you will give prominence to the enclosed article and the very significant picture shown on the mat. The Treasury officials and all of us will greatly appreciate your co-operation. Your paper has already been giving its all to the war efforts, and it does me a pleasure to hear the many kind remarks made by Treasury officials in Washington concerning the all-out support being given the Government by the Labor papers of the South.

With kindest personal regards and expressions of sincere gratitude for all that you have done for me over the years gone by, I am

Fraternally and sincerely yours,  
JAMES F. BARRETT, Staff Assistant,  
War Savings Staff,  
Office of the Secretary.

### N. C. State Bldg. and Construction Trades Council Condemns Hans Von Kaltenborn and Asks That He Be Removed From The Air

To all Central Labor Unions, Building Trades Councils and Local Unions:

GREETINGS:

The North Carolina State Building Construction Council session in Durham, N. C. on Sunday, April 26, took up the question of Hans Von Kaltenborn.

They discussed his recent accusations made against Labor, the many false statements he has made about Organized Labor's dealings with its membership in regard to excessive fees exacted for the right to work on Defense Projects, and after much discussion it was moved and seconded that we go on record as being opposed to any such tactics and that we write the Purge Oil Company, 24 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill., and request your Organization to do likewise, that unless Hans Von Kaltenborn is removed from the air that we will use our entire economic strength to encourage our members to refrain from using their products throughout the country.

Please help us and help yourself by pressing this fight, because it is of vital interest to all Organized Labor throughout the entire country.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,  
T. L. CONDER, Sec.-Treas.  
N. C. State Building Trades Council  
2101 Plaza  
Charlotte, N. C.

### GEO. L. GOOGE JOINS TREASURY'S WAR BOND STAFF AT REQUEST SEC. OF TREAS. MORGENTHAU

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The American Federation of Labor is enlisting its entire resources behind the Treasury Department's War Bond Quota Campaign, and its field staff has been placed at the disposal of the War Savings Staff to help promote the Payroll Savings Plan among its 5,000,000 union members.

As the first step to further this plan, the Treasury Department appointed Frank Fenton, Director of Organization for the AFL, and his four regional directors as special assistants to the War Savings Staff, and they have already gone to work as dollar-a-year men. The regional directors are John J. Murphy, North Atlantic States, George L. Googe, the South, Harry O'Reilly, Middle West, and Daniel V. Flannagan, Far West.

After a meeting with Secretary Morgenthau, Harold N. Graves, Assistant to the Secretary, and James L. Houghteling, Director of National Organizations for the War Savings Staff, the five AFL leaders expressed the belief that their members would "meet and beat" the AFL pledge of a billion dollars in War Bonds, and they formulated plans in co-operation with the Labor Section of the War Savings Staff to put their large-scale bond offensive into effect.

As this bond offensive is shaping up, joint headquarters are being established by the AFL regional directors and the four AFL contact men on the War Savings Staff in Boston, Atlanta, Chicago and San Francisco. As the best way of utilizing the AFL's existing machinery, these headquarters are being set up in the AFL's four regional offices. The four joint AFL-Treasury teams will work from these offices, in conjunction with the 48 state offices of the War Savings Field Staff.

In this endeavor to put every AF union worker on a 10 per cent budget for bonds every payday, it is planned to enlist the help of the Federation's 300 paid organizers and 1,500 volunteer organizers throughout the nation. A total of 960 other AFL leaders will also push the bond campaign, these men being the 106 presidents of international and national unions, the 49 presidents of state federations of labor, and the 905 presidents of city central bodies.

The Federation has 35,000 local unions in existence, and it is planned to have a "10 for 10 plan" working in every one of these locals—the 10 per cent for bonds idea being prompted by 10 committeemen in each local union.

The four regions, their directors and jurisdictions, follow:  
Region 1—New England and North Atlantic; John J. Murphy, New England Director, AFL; Gilbert E. Hyatt, Labor Section, War Savings Staff. Office at 11 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. States covered: All New England plus New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Region 2—The South; George L. Googe, Southern Director, AFL; James F. Barrett, Labor Section, War Savings Staff. Office at 416 Hurt Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. States covered: Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

Region 4—Far West; Daniel V. Flannagan, Western Director, AFL; Charles F. West, Labor Section, War Savings Staff. Office at 706 Golden Gate Building, San Francisco. States covered: California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

### Production Peak Is Hit By Labor Says The A. F. L.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President William Green presented to the opening session of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor a significant report on war production obtained from Government agencies and from union sources.

The report showed amazing increases in the output of planes, ships, guns, tanks and ammunition since December 7.

President Green told the Executive Council:

"America is now truly the greatest arsenal in the world. The production figures I have received from all parts of the country are astounding. The Government is understandably cautious about releasing this information but I can assure you that it offers no aid or comfort to our enemies. On the contrary, our present production, plus even greater expansion already in sight, adds up to the doom of the Axis Powers.

"All Americans can take pride in the tremendous job labor, industry and the Government have done in so short a time. And the best part of it is that this is just a start. By the time our production facilities are fully mobilized, we will be outproducing our enemies by a wide margin and victory will be assured.



### C. J. PRIDGEN AGAIN HEADS TYPOS; CLAUDE L. ALBEA MADE VICE-PRES.; BURGESS RE-ELECTED SEC.-TREAS.

At the annual election of officers last Thursday Charlotte Typographical Union, No. 338, re-elected C. J. Pridden, as president; Claude L. Albea, vice-president; O. N. Burgess, secretary and treasurer; H. L. Beatty, recording secretary; J. C. Metcalf, sergeant-at-arms. Mr. Beatty is beginning his 20th term of office as recording secretary.

C. R. Austin, L. V. McDowell, and T. C. Workman were elected members of the auditing committee. Delegates elected to the Allied Printing Trades council were Mr. Albea, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Burgess, Ray Nixon, and H. A. Stalls. C. R. Austin was elected delegate to the national convention to be held in Colorado Springs in September and Charles T. Barger was elected alternate.

Members voted 66 to 3 in favor of the proposed amendment to the national constitution which would permit local unions to establish regulations permitting members to work in defense industries without loss of priority under certain designated provisions. They voted 55 to 11 in favor of a second change concerned with regulations on employment of substitutes.

In balloting for officers of the International union, members favored Jack Gill of Cleveland, Ohio, for president, Clarence J. Desper of Washington, D. C., for first vice president, Don H. Hurd of Oakland, California, for second vice president, and Woodruff Randolph of Chicago, Ill., for secretary and treasurer.

### LABOR FOR VICTORY!

#### Tune In May 30th For All-Star Show

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The American Federation of Labor presents "The Pageant of American Labor," an original dramatic show written by Ben Hecht and performed by an all-star cast headed by Melvyn Douglas, as its next "Labor for Victory" radio offering on May 30 over a nation-wide NBC network.

Don't miss this brilliant presentation! It will be without question the most interesting and effective radio show ever put on by a labor organization in this country. It tells the story, ignored by historians, of what working men and women have done for America from Revolutionary days up to the present time.

The show is being produced and directed by Mr. Louis Schaffer, supervisor of the Cultural Division of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, in collaboration with the Information Division of the American Federation of Labor.

Everyone connected with this outstanding production, including Mr. Hecht and Mr. Douglas, is giving his services free of charge as a contribution to the cause of labor.

Don't forget to tune in at 10:15 P.M., Eastern War Time, Saturday night, May 30 on your local NBC station for this great show.

### BUILDING TRADES SIGN NEW PACT STABILIZING WAGES FOR DURATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The AFL Building and Construction Trades Unions, with 1,500,000 members, voluntarily agreed to stabilize wages for the duration of the war in a memorable pact signed with the Government.

The union representatives, meeting with Secretary of Labor Perkins, declared they took this drastic action to assist and implement President Roosevelt's appeal to prevent runaway inflation and to help win the war. The agreement stabilizes wages in the construction industry as of July 1, 1942, for the duration. A Wage Adjustment Board was established by Secretary Perkins, under the chairmanship of Assistant Secretary of Labor Dan W. Tracy, to make pay adjustments in certain cases.

Such adjustments were permitted in the agreement where wage rates are inadequate because (1) they were fixed so long before July 1, 1942, as to be out of line with prevailing rates; (2) they apply to a locality where changing conditions in the industry require revision in the pay scales; or (3) they do not sufficiently take into account any abnormal change in conditions.

Aside from these exceptions, the terms of the agreement provide that no changes will be made in wage rates for the period of at least one year, subject to renewal for the duration of the war.

President Roosevelt approved the pact and authorized Secretary Perkins to set up the Wage Adjustment Board.

### License For Chauffeurs To Be Renewed

Driver's License Examiners throughout the State will accept applications for renewal of chauffeur's licenses for 1942-'43, beginning June 1. Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, announced today.

All North Carolina chauffeur's licenses are issued for one year and expire at Midnight June 30, 1942. Therefore it is urged by the Director that applications be made prior to that date to avoid possible delay in truck and bus operation.

Renewal of chauffeur's licenses

does not usually begin before June 15, but on account of the present demands on truck and bus operators, the Director of the Safety Division is sure Chauffeurs and Commercial Vehicle Fleet Owners will welcome this extra 15 days in which to secure chauffeur's license. This is especially true since no extension of time is possible for securing the license under the law.

Palestine is the granary for the British in the near East.

In spite of past efforts to bar the Christian teaching in Russia, there are 25,000,000 Evangelical Christians in that land.

SLAP THE JAPS—10 PERCENT OF PAY IN WAR BONDS BUYS BOMBERS.

### A. F. L. INITIATES NEW MOVE TO SECURE LABOR SOLIDARITY WITH C. I. O. IN WAR EFFORT

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The American Federation of Labor yesterday initiated a new move for "union and solidarity" with the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

President William Green announced the unexpected action at the conclusion of the A.F.L. executive council's spring meeting.

"The council," Green said, "has instructed me to advise the representatives of the C.I.O. that the peace committee of the A.F.L. stands ready to meet with them for the purpose of negotiating peace and unity. Such action is necessary first because of the war.

"There ought to be unity and solidarity which would help to win the war. The meetings should be started immediately for the purpose of seeking a basis of accommodation."

The peace committees of the two great labor organizations have not met since the abortive unity effort of 1939. The A.F.L. committee members are William L. Hutcheson of the carpenters union, Daniel Tobin of the teamsters, and Harry Bates of the bricklayers.

President Green said he expected to write immediately to Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O. to suggest resumption of the meetings.

### NYA Administrator John A. Lang Goes Into The Service

RALEIGH, May 26.—State NYA Administrator John A. Lang of Carthage and Raleigh will report to Fort Bragg Saturday, May 30, for induction into the United States Army as a buck private to undergo the period of basic training leading to officers' training school.

Lang will take military leave of 100 days for his service.

absence from his duties as State Administrator of the National Youth Administrator for North Carolina for the duration of the war and expects to return to the agency at the conclusion of the war.

Warren T. Davis, Jr., of Nashville, present deputy State NYA Administrator, will become Acting Administrator in the absence of Mr. Lang.

Lang volunteered as a candidate for officers' training school on April 22.

LABOR'S IN THE FIGHT—10 PERCENT OF PAY EVERY PAYDAY FOR BONDS.

### Electrical Local To Buy \$4,000,000 Of War Bonds

NEW YORK.—More than four thousand members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3, an AFL affiliate, met at

Manhattan Center and without a dissenting vote ratified a plan under which all of the union's twenty thousand members will have ten per cent of their wages deducted from their pay envelopes for the purchase of four million dollars of war bonds annually, Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., business manager of the union, announced. The plan will go into effect immediately.