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OVER 1,000,000 WPA WORKERS ARE RELIEVED FROM JOBS DURING PAST YEAR IN ORDER TAKE OTHER JOBS

More than seven out of each ten workers who have received vocational training for war production jobs while on WPA rolls have left WPA employment for other jobs, Francis H. Dryden, Acting Commissioner of Work Projects, said today.

Of nearly 200,000 selected WPA workers who have been given training for specific war jobs under the program of the U. S. Office of Education and the War Production Board, 142,666 or 72.1 percent had left WPA rolls by April 21, a survey discloses. The great majority of these are known to have obtained private or other public employment.

More than 55,000 of these enrolled for vocational training have been unable to find outside employment, primarily because of the absence of job opportunities in their localities.

In addition to the trainees, about 1,000,000 other workers have left WPA rolls voluntarily in the past 12 months. Although these workers have not had the advantage of special training courses, Mr. Dryden said, the training and job habits obtained from employment on regular WPA projects made it possible for them to find jobs in industry.

Most of those who have left WPA rolls have found jobs through the activities of the WPA Training and Reemployment Division, through the United States Employment Service, or on their own initiative, Mr. Dryden added. In some cases, however, whole WPA project units with as many as 500 clerical, statistical, or technical employees who have received their training on the project have been turned over virtually intact to war agencies.

A STATEMENT OF FEDERAL POLICY BY OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

The Office of Civilian Defense has been directed, under its Executive Order: To study and plan measures designed to afford adequate protection of life and property; to plan and promote programs designed to enlist full civilian participation in the war effort, to meet the emergency needs of local committees arising from the impact of the industrial and military effort, and to plan and promote activities designed to sustain the national morale.

In accordance with these mandates the Office of Civilian Defense has called upon labor to contribute to the full extent of its ability in the organization and manning of the protective services, and to join with other citizens in services directed to meet community problems. Labor has pledged its full support.

The Office of Civilian Defense recognizes its full support.

The Office of Civilian Defense recognizes that Labor's Role in the war is of vital importance to maximum production, adequate protection of persons and property and effective volunteer participation. Labor's responsibilities require that Labor shall be adequately represented in the determination of policy and in the effectuation of the Civilian Defense Program.

Typo Auxiliary Meets

Woman's Auxiliary No. 107 to Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338 will meet Tuesday night, June 9 at the home of Mrs. H. F. Carriker, 2549 E. 7th Street. Mrs. A. B. Furr will be co-hostess. A buffet supper will be served at 6 o'clock, followed by the regular business meeting and election of officers. This is the last meeting for the summer and all members are urged to attend.

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We are fighting this war not only as guardians of what is best in our past and present, but as makers of what is to be a much better future.

It would be just as suicidal for us to try to win a twentieth century war with nineteenth century ideas as with nineteenth century tools and machines.

When will legislators learn that their campaign for "cracking down" on Labor will, if persisted in, lead to a cracking up of our national unity and morale?

Why put a brake on buying for those who are too broke to buy enough? It just doesn't make sense or health.

The Tories' bitter hostility to the so-called 40-hour week is more a symbol of their distrust in democracy than of their devotion to our war effort.

France went under because she sacrificed democracy for special privilege. We can go up and on to victory only if we sacrifice special privilege for democracy.

If we do not correct our errors in time, then, even the best belated efforts to mend our ways will take on the air and value of death-bed repentance.

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.

WE MUST NOT HATE

By RUTH TAYLOR

We must not hate. The hour is too momentous, the danger too near. We cannot afford to indulge in the drug of hatred—in the virus of anger. Now is the time for calm, cool judgment, for sane, clear reasoning, for mature and careful decision. The lives of all of us, our entire way of life depend upon our self-control.

Hate is the weapon of the enemy. They stirred their own people to aggression by feeding them upon that. They have conquered nations not merely by force of arms, but by first breaking them open to attack through the stirring up of hatreds of class against class, race against race, religion against religion. We must not let this poison gas of division and disunity law yaste our nation.

We must fight them with every bit of strength we possess—both material and spiritual—in order to achieve the ultimate Victory. We must not sap this strength with hatred of each other. As one of our leading editorial writers so trenchantly said—"It is mathematical—bloodily and deathly mathematical—that the more energy we squander in fighting one another, the less energy we shall have to fight our enemies."

We must not hate each other—for that would be the enemy's way. But more than that—we must not hate, for that is not our way.

In the Bill of Rights, promulgated one hundred and fifty years ago; in the Four Freedoms from the President's Message to Congress in January 1942 lies the hope of the world. These are not declarations of hate. There is no mention made of race or creed or color. There is no mention of nationality or class. These are pledges for all the nations, all the people of all the world.

No nation was ever great because of its hatred. Nothing big was ever created out of anger. To say we must not hate is not a doctrine of pacifism. We must fight the evil wherever it exists, and fight to the bitter end, if needs be. But—if we are fighting on God's side, to use Joe Louis' great phrase, we must fight for the right. We must not be confused by the red mist of anger toward our opponent. We must stand firm on God's side—and we must not hate!

"WAR BONDS EVERY WEEK" BUTTON

The men who are supplying the tanks, the aircraft and the ammunition and all other essential war materials have pledged to purchase ONE BILLION DOLLARS in War Bonds during the year 1942.

The A. F. of L. will soon distribute buttons—with the inscription "I AM BUYING WAR BONDS EACH WEEK" for their hundreds of thousands of workers who will eventually fulfill the pledge made in their behalf.

MORRISON WINS OVER McRAE; SIMS, TONISSEN, McDOUGLE AND RITCH WIN SEATS IN HOUSE

Unofficial returns Tuesday morning of Saturdays' election, which will in no way change the status of the candidates, are given below:

Congress—Cameron Morrison, 8,009; John A. McRae, 3,731.
State House of Representatives—Frank K. Sims, Jr., 6,562; E. T. Tonissen, 6,077; H. I. McDougle, 5,364; Marvin L. Ritch, 4,560; Henry W. Harkey, 3,895; R. Fred Dunn, 3,518; Ray S. Farris, 3,486; Louis J. Hunter, 2,185; C. E. Hobbs, 1,670; Woods Morgan (Negro), 982; A. B. Fortner, 680; Joseph Fraylon (Negro), 262.
Chairman of Board of County Commissioners—Sid Y. McAden (incumbent), 6,740; Harvey Morris, 4,679.
Board of County Commissioners—Carl McEwen, 6,592; J. Caldwell McDonald (incumbent), 6,414; Fred A. Hamilton (incumbent), 6,278; Arnie D. Cashion (incumbent), 4,321; Baxter J. Hunter, 6,142; Edgar J. Price (incumbent), 5,185; Dan Hood, 1,929. (Four nominated).
Sheriff—C. Mack Riley (incumbent since 1937), 6,485; S. C. McGinnis, 4,103; M. R. Dunaway, 358; Ernest K. Brown, 341; E. R. Howell, 250.
County Recorder's Court—W. Vance Howard (incumbent), 6,813; Ben S. Whiting, 4,266.
Coroner—Dr. Frederick D. Austin, Jr., (incumbent 8,618; Lamont Hand, 1,770.
Surveyor—Jack W. Spratt (incumbent), 6,080; T. J. Orr, 2,418; George M. Myer, Jr., 1,564.

HELPS UNCLE SAM



Framing Jane Nicholl's pretty face as she poses on Atlantic City's famous Boardwalk is one of the old tires she collected for rubber reclaiming purposes. Jane's one of a group of resort girls spending their spare hours salvaging tires and tubes to help solve America's rubber shortage problem.

OUR WAR EFFORT INDICES AS OF MAY 26TH, 1942; EARNINGS, HOURS, LIVING

(From Victory)

| MANPOWER | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| National labor force, April..... | 53,400,000 |
| Unemployed, April..... | 3,000,000 |
| Nonagricultural workers, March..... | 40,298,000 |
| Percent increase since June 1940..... | **14 |
| Farm employment, May 1, 1942..... | 10,796,000 |
| Percent increase since June 1940..... | **1 |
| FINANCE | |
| | (In millions of dollars) |
| Authorized program June 1940— | |
| May 15, 1942..... | \$158,362 |
| Airplanes..... | 35,557 |
| Ordnance..... | 32,122 |
| Miscellaneous munitions..... | 19,552 |
| Industrial facilities..... | 16,313 |
| Naval ships..... | 15,457 |
| Posts, depots, etc..... | 13,176 |
| Merchants ships..... | 7,459 |
| Stock pile, food exports..... | 5,791 |
| Pay, subsistence, travel for the armed forces..... | 4,930 |
| Housing..... | 1,392 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 6,613 |
| Total expenditures, June 1940-May 15, 1942..... | \$28,740 |
| Sales of War Bonds cumulative May 1941-May 15, 1942..... | 5,707 |
| May 1-15, 1942..... | 318 |
| PLANT EXPANSION | |
| | (In millions of dollars) |
| June 1940 to latest reporting date | |
| Gov. commitments for war plant expansions; | |
| 1,428 projects, Mar. 31..... | 10,677 |
| Private commitments for war plant expansion; | |
| 7,366 projects, Mar. 31..... | 2,333 |
| EARNINGS, HOURS, AND COST OF LIVING | |
| | Percent increase from June 1940 |
| Manufacturing industries— | |
| March..... | |
| Average weekly earnings..... | \$36.15 40.2 |
| Average hours worked per week..... | 42.5 13.2 |
| Average hourly earnings..... | 80.9c 20.4 |
| Cost of living, April (1935-39 = 100)..... | Index 115.1 14.5 |
| *Prelim. Includes revisions in several months. | |
| †Preliminary and excludes authorizations in Naval Supply Act for fiscal year 1943. | |
| **Adjusted for seasonal variations. | |

