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BIBLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 43. How did the Lord prevent them from carrying out this plan?
He confounded their language and they could not understand one another's speech.—Gen. 11:7.
- 44. Who was the most faithful man?
Abraham was the most faithful man.—Gen. 15:6.

WESTBROOK PEGLER AND LABOR

Calling Westbrook Pegler names and accusing him of being disloyal and vicious is not only wrong but really plays right into his hands and gives the professional "anti-labor" crowd a martyr as well as an issue they did not earn and do not deserve.

Mr. Pegler is not disloyal and he is not vicious—but looking at it very abjectly and trying to be as unprejudiced as possible he is very definitely biased in his views on union labor—He is not a martyr—he is merely a hired hand doing his job—and using an old trick known to good newspapermen to take sides on an issue that will bring him an audience. When he left the sporting pages, he looked around and saw that too many of his contemporaries were liberals and too many of them were alive to the changing conditions which the unintelligent and unimaginative Hoover administration was certain to bring about—so Pegler decided it was best for him to take the "opposite side" and off he went. He uncovered some crooks in the Labor movement and they went to jail—and right there is where he proved himself definitely "anti-labor"—not because he exposed a crook or two—no honest Union official or decent union member can possibly object to that—but he showed himself unfair when he did not call attention to the fact that crooks have been uncovered in every field of human endeavor in our economic life. They have been uncovered from time to time among business executives, government officials (we even had some officials once sell out America's oil reserves), and it is to the everlasting credit of honest labor journalism that there has never been a concerted movement or campaign in their press to show up thieves, gougers, profiteers and even embezzlers who have been found from time to time in the ranks of executives, employers and even publishers. Mr. Pegler has tried very hard to "rest his case" against Union Labor on the fact that these thieves and un-American organizers have been found—and that is where he is eminently unfair and biased. He knows that there are many thousands of union officials and union members who consider only decency and true Americanism—his complete formula is akin to the stupidity of saying that because the automobile kills some 80,000 individuals each year—ergo—the automobile is vicious, it is a menace and should be abolished by law.

What we try to say about Mr. Pegler is not to call him names and call attention to the fact that he once applauded a lynching or that he is definitely trying to use the war emergency to imperil some of the rightful advantages won by union labor through many years of honest effort, but we do believe he has shown himself to be manifestly unfair in his reporting of the facts. We do not believe Mr. Pegler can ever really hurt labor unionism—after all, the true test of a belief or faith lies in the fact that it stands up in spite of its traducers, but what Mr. Pegler does succeed in doing is to give aid and comfort to all of those to whom labor baiting is a mental perversion.

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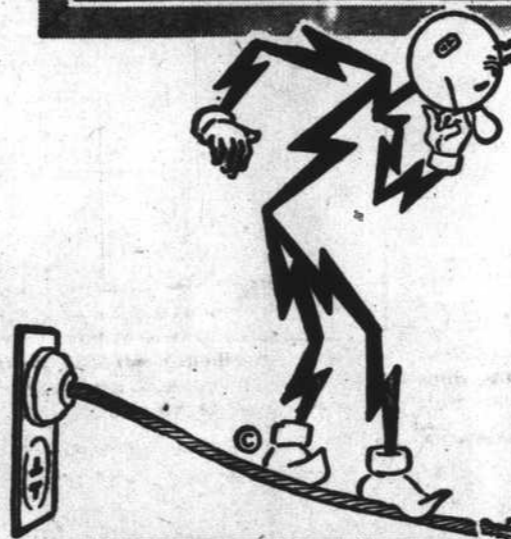
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