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To create a better understanding between Labor, Industry and the Public.

OUR AIM ---

To influence Public Opinion in favor of the Organized Labor Movement.

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WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTATION

"Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for praise is comely for the upright.—Psalm 33.

WE MUST FIGHT

This is the people's war. The people may be obscured by the tub-thumping stooges who have seized power in the Axis countries but it is the people who are fighting it. And it is going to be the people who write the peace. Make no mistake about that.

It isn't going to be easy to win this war. We are up against the most powerful military machine that the world has ever seen. And it is being directed by the most ruthless gang that ever set one nation against another. There are no longer any "Rules of War." When a nation is conquered by the Axis the population of that country become slaves.

Take Poland as an example. Poles are forbidden to speak Polish in public; they are not allowed to print a book, magazine or paper in Polish; they may not sing any Polish songs. Other things they are forbidden to do are: worship in a church; attend any school or college; eat in cafes or restaurants; travel without permit; use playing fields or swimming pools. We could extend the list indefinitely.

That is what it means to be conquered by the Nazis.

We are not going to be conquered by the Nazis, you say? No, not if we fight them in the all-out way they are fighting us. We cannot afford to waste a single moment. We must be on the job night and day building the weapons of war and the other things that are needed to win the war. There must be no loafing, no holidaying in the old way when decency prevailed in the world. If a wolf was threatening you and those you love you wouldn't suggest that you go to a movie and attend to the wolf some other time. The wolf in Nazi uniform isn't going to the movies. The only movie he cares about is moving into another country for plunder.

Are we taking this war seriously enough? Are we fighting on the production line today as we would be fighting if our country were invaded? Ask yourselves these questions and answer them honestly.

Look at the war situation today. Pretty bleak, isn't it? But it is so time to get panicky. It's a time to get grim and swing the tide of battle our way. We can do it. We can out-produce the Axis. We can out-fight the beasts who have made mass murder their profession. And we're going to do it. Business as usual is out of the window for the duration.

FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT! PRODUCE! PRODUCE! PRODUCE!

American labor is on the march!

Labor And Industry Join In Pledge Of United War Aid To Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Spokesmen for labor and management assured President Roosevelt that they wished to do everything possible to help win the war and to that end had begun for the first time in their history a joint canvass of ways and means of carrying out their common pledge.

At a significant White House conference the representatives of labor and industry presented the following statement to the President:

"We have come here this morning to express to you our joint desire to cooperate in every possible way to win this war.

"We realize that in this critical hour, the future of our American system, comprising free management and free labor, is at stake. We must win the war to preserve that system for the future.

"Having demonstrated devotion to the nation's war effort in an astonishing war production record, we now wish to assure you that for the hard pull to victory ahead, the representatives of the four great employer-employee organizations for the first time in history have sat down together voluntarily to canvass what more we can do to win the war.

"At our initial meeting, it was agreed to call upon you, Mr. President, to reaffirm jointly our whole-hearted cooperation for uninterrupted war production, and to give a demonstration to our own country and to the whole world war, of the unity of purpose and action of American management and labor. This is the sole reason why we are here."

President Roosevelt was reported to be highly pleased by the statement which was presented to him jointly by President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany of the AFL; President Philip Murray and Secretary James Carey, of the CIO; President Eric A. Johnston and National Representative Joyce O'Hara, of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; and President William P. Witherow of the National Association of Manufacturers.

POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW (TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMP, THE BOYS ARE MARCHING)

From the soldier's point of view, this is George Frederick Root's best war song. It was widely sung during the Civil War, then the tune was revived and became a Spanish-American War song hit. Root was born in Sheffield, Mass., Aug. 30, 1820. At first he taught himself but later studied music under George J. Webb in Boston. Root died at Bailey's Island, Me., Aug. 6, 1896.

By GEORGE FREDERICK ROOT

In the prison cell I sit,
Thinking, mother dear, of you,
And our bright and happy home so far away,
And the tears they fill my eyes,
Spite of all that I can do,
Tho' I try to cheer my comrades and be gay.

Chorus

Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching.
Cheer up, comrades, they will come;
And beneath the starry flag we shall breathe the air again
Of the freedom in our beloved home.

In the battle front we stood,
When the fiercest charge they made,
And they swept us off a hundred men or more;
But before we reached their lines
They were beaten back dismayed,
And we heard the cry of vict'ry o'er and o'er.

Chorus

So within the prison cell,
We are waiting for the day
That shall come to open wide the iron door.
And the hollow eye grows bright,
And the poor heart almost gay,
As we think of seeing home and friends once more.

Chorus.

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COUNCIL MEETING OPENS

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor opened its regular summer meeting at the Hotel Chelsea here on Aug. 4.

Foremost on the calendar of the Council's business were the grave problems affecting labor in the war, especially the wage and inflation questions.

Besides these critical matters, the Council drafted its annual report to the forthcoming convention of the AFL which is scheduled for Oct. 5 in Toronto, Canada.

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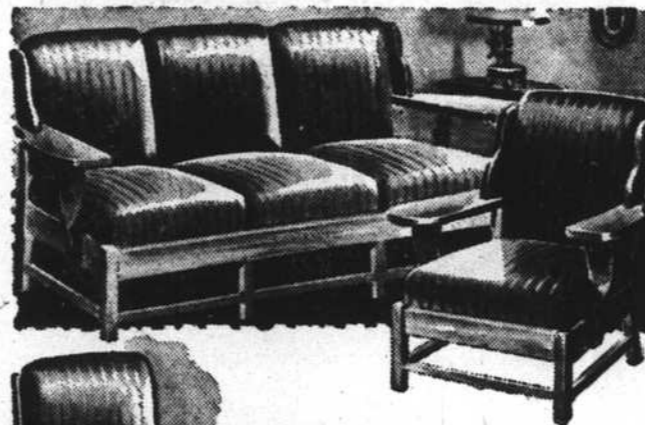
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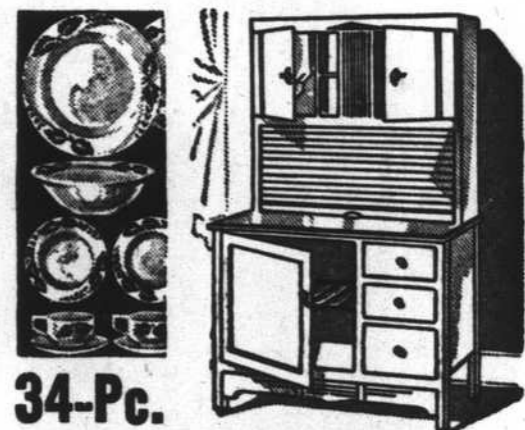


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