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### FREE LABOR WILL WIN



#### LABOR DAY, 1942

By WILLIAM GREEN,  
President, American Federation of Labor

"Free Labor Will Win!"

That is the theme and the spirit in which the workers of America celebrate Labor Day this year.

And that is the fundamental truth the workers of America are proving day in and day out in this desperate war by the results of their toil.

We need no longer pledge that free labor will outproduce slave labor. The

workers of America are actually doing it. They have broken every production schedule. They are setting new records every day. They are producing the weapons of war in hitherto unheard of quantities.

Yes, free labor will win! And the American Federation of Labor is determined to keep labor free so that we may win.

Since the outbreak of war, many short-sighted persons and selfish interests have been hammering at labor's freedom and have tried by propaganda to destroy the safeguards and standards established over the years for the protection of American workers by the trade union movement.

At times it appears that reactionary groups are more interested in fighting labor than in fighting Hitler! But the American Federation of Labor has fought the false propaganda of labor's enemies with facts and with truth and has resisted every challenge triumphantly.

At the very outset of the war, labor rose to the occasion by voluntarily relinquishing the exercise of its right to strike for the duration of the war.

Many of our enemies were not satisfied with this action and sought to abolish the right to strike by various compulsory methods. We warned then that much more could be accomplished by free workers acting on their own volition than by force or compulsion.

Grave responsibilities rest upon the workers of America. They must provide a constant stream of the munitions of war to our own armed forces and those of our Allies. I have every confidence that the workers of our country will continue to live up to their responsibilities and to make every sacrifice of their own free will that is essential to victory.

We are determined that when the terms of peace are written the four freedoms enunciated by President Roosevelt shall be established for all time throughout the world. And in addition to these freedoms—freedom of speech and religion, freedom from want and fear—labor will insist upon a fifth essential element to this glorious code. That is the freedom of workers in every land to join free and democratic trade unions of their own choice. This is labor's own peace plank and no force on earth can stop us from making it a reality.



WILLIAM GREEN

#### PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT



#### F. D. R. Speaks To America's Workers

There has never been a Labor Day as significant as this one. In a great many countries free labor has ceased to exist; a black-out of freedom has darkened Europe from the tip of Norway to the shores of the Aegean, and sturdy working men who once walked erect in the sun now stumble and cower beneath the lash of the slavemasters. The rights of free labor and free men have vanished in the conquered lands. They are threatened and besieged everywhere.

This is indeed labor's grave hour as it is the grave hour of the farmer, the industrialist, the teacher and preacher, the aproned housewife, the smallest child in the cradle. All these are the beneficiaries and heirs of the democratic system, and it is democracy itself that the evil men of West and East hate and seek to destroy.

Happily, our good right arm is strong and growing stronger. In our own country, in the countries of our brother allies, the people who live by the sweat of their brows have risen mightily to the challenge of the struggle. They have given their sons to the military services. They have stoked the furnaces and

hurried the factory wheels. They have made the planes and welded the tanks, riveted the ships and rolled the shells. Production of war materials here is now the greatest in our history, but it is not yet enough. It will be greater still.

This is an appropriate occasion to express my appreciation to the working people of the United States for the energy and devotion with which they have met the demands of the present crisis. They know what it is to work until muscles ache. They know what it means to be weary when the whistle blows at the end of the shift.

They know, too, that democracy has made labor's advances possible. They know just what stake they have in America, just what they are fighting for. There are certain to be stormy days ahead. Laborers, farmers, industrialists, all of us, are pledged to the war effort. We are certain to be asked for sacrifices. These may be sacrifices of wage increases, crop price increases, profit increases, bodily comforts. All this is little enough for free men to sacrifice in a world where freedom is imperiled.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Statement by Honorable Henry A. Wallace, Vice-President of the United States, for publication in the Annual Labor Day Edition of the Charlotte Labor Journal, Charlotte, North Carolina, September 7, 1942.

"For many years, on the first Monday in September, we have been proud to do honor to labor. In this war year, more than ever before, it is appropriate to recognize the indispensable role of labor in American life. For it is only through the faithful efforts of millions of workers, straining every sinew to the utmost, that we are able to produce the ships, the planes, the tanks, and all the variety of weapons on which the United Nations are depending for victory. In a very real sense every soldier, every flier, every bluejacket fighting at the front has at his side these workers who are fighting with him. Together they are defending the right of people everywhere to freedom and to equal opportunity—not only freedom now for our own generation but the future freedom of generations yet unborn."

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Dear Mr. Witter:

I am very much interested in the fact that your publication will shortly issue its twelfth annual Labor Edition. This is a remarkable record and I hope that the publication of such edition will continue through the coming years.

Labor Day in 1942 will be perhaps the most significant in our national history. It ought to be a day of recognition for labor's part in the war program. No history of this way can be written without giving a large part to the efficient and patriotic contribution made by labor throughout the United States.

North Carolina has a proud part in this program of labor. During the last eighteen months production in North Carolina has exceeded all known records. Much of this production has been essential for the war program. Labor has accepted this challenge and has made a record of performance which is unexcelled anywhere in the United States.

The people who labor in our industries are good North Carolinians and good Americans. They are proud of the record that has been made. They believe in the principles of this country and thousands of them have sons who are in uniform fighting for these principles at the present time.

I esteem it a privilege to extend through your columns a word of greeting to the labor forces of North Carolina. I salute them as soldiers of defense enrolled under the flag of our republic.

Cordially yours,  
J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON,  
Governor of North Carolina.