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The Home Front

Total war has a gigantic and unappeasable appetite for goods, services, and manpower. Scarcely had we entered the fight for freedom when this vast hunger began to change our lives. Within one month after Pearl Harbor we had begun to take control over our stocks of some goods and raw materials, and to limit civilian use of others. By degrees, shortages developed in a hundred directions, many of which we had not anticipated. Control took a variety of forms, only one of which we called rationing, though actually every type of control that divides available supply in order to make it go as far as possible is a kind of rationing.

MANPOWER TO BE APPLIED WHERE NEEDED MOST

We not only are desperately short of "front line" war workers—those with special skills—but by the end of 1943 we shall need about 18 million workers of all kinds, partly to replace the millions of men who will be called into service, although chiefly for war production expansion. This means that more women will be employed—by the millions. It means that at least five million persons who are not now working at anything will have to go to work. It means that our manpower, in time, must—in one way or another—be "rationed," that is, applied where it is needed most. To some extent that already is being done.

SCRAP CAMPAIGN GETS NEW IMPETUS

ing prices have been raised so as to stimulate carload lot sales. Price increases also have been allowed for New England cordwood and canned fruit and berries, while maximum prices were fixed over raw furs and skins, cement, and knitted underwear last week.

CIVILIAN ECONOMY MUST STRIP TO THE BONE

Increased labor costs and the uncontrolled prices of farm products are exerting steady pressure against price ceilings. From January, 1941, through May, 1942, unit labor costs in American industry went up 11.1 per cent—a month. Prices received by the farmers, on the other hand, went up 85 per cent between August, 1939, and August, 1942, while prices paid by farmers rose only 22 per cent in the same period. In our attack on our enemy—high living costs—we cannot, as Navy Ordnance Chief Blandy said of U. S. forces in the Pacific, hold the balance of striking power "by merely holding. We've got to keep pushing..." Farm production in 1942 is expected to be 15 per cent higher than in any previous peak year, but it will have increasing handicaps from labor shortage, inadequate supplies of farm machinery and equipment, fertilizers, insecticides and other materials. . . . By January 1, 1943, all war production will be geared to the most gigantic job of scheduling ever attempted. But the President has warned us that we must strip our civilian economy to the bone, if we are to do our full share toward winning the war for freedom.

LABOR UNION WINS LIBEL SUIT

For the first time in the history of the labor movement a trade union sued and won damages in a libel action when the Westchester Newspapers, Inc. owners of the Mount Vernon Daily Argus handed its check for \$15,000.00 to Local No. 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, (A. F. of L.) in an out-of-court settlement of a suit brought against the publishers two years ago.

In the past it had been contended by some courts that a labor union being unincorporated was not a body with a reputation to be guarded by the courts, but the N. Y. Court of Appeals handed down the decision permitting ga trade union to sue for libel.

The action was a result of a series of articles appearing in the newspaper mentioned in which it was alleged that official of "Local No 3 of the Electrical Workers Union were feathering their own nests" with dues and membership fees from workers coming into the state to work on World's Fair projects.

In jungle warfare the soldier fights two enemies; man and nature. (U. S. Field Manual 31-20 - Jungle Warfare).

**USE THE PAYROLL PLAN—
10% EACH WEEK FOR WAR BONDS**



Price Ceilings Found In Colonial Records

BURLINGTON, N. J.—Price ceilings, considered by many as an innovation of this war, are far from new, according to data found by Henry B. Weaver, retired Burlington pharmacist.

While searching through old family papers, he came across a card bearing notes taken at a provincial congress held in Philadelphia in 1775.

The notes, seemingly of introduced legislation, warn those who sell their goods "at an unusual and extravagant profit" that they "shall be considered enemies of this country."

SALE OF BIBLES UP 20% UNDER STRESS OF WAR

CLEVELAND — Officials of the World Publishing Co., world's largest Bible factory, say that more and more people are turning to the sacred books for consolation during the present war.

"Our production figures are 20 per cent above last year's and the same is relatively true of publishers of other inspirational works," says Benjamin D. Zevin, vice president.

"In times of stress people turn to the Bible for reading," he declared. "This is the case today as it was in the first World War."

Kaiser Starts Housing For 50,000 Workers

RICHMOND, Calif. — Henry J. Kaiser shipyard officials said last night that they would bring 50,000 Eastern workmen to work in Kaiser West Coast shipyards.

General Manager Clay Bedford revealed work already has started on 8,000 new War Department units to house those expected here. The first workers were expected here in 10 days. Another 5,000 family units are being built in Richmond and Oakland by the FHA.

Kaiser officials said they would have accommodations for the men when they got off the train.

ORGANIZED LABOR UNITES WITH COMMUNITY WAR CHESTS

Philip Murray, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, announced today that the two great labor organizations have joined forces with Community War Chests to encourage substantial labor contributions to the nation's war chests.

Such cooperation between organized labor and American philanthropy occurs on a national basis for the first time in the history of either, the statement said. The program is sponsored by each of the National and International unions affiliated with the CIO and the AFL, but will be carried out locally in accord with plans developed in each community between the War Chest and the unions. Contributions will go directly to local war chests to be distributed between local community needs, war relief for the British, Chinese, Greeks, Russians, Dutch, Poles and other allied peoples, recreation for prisoners of war, a social hygiene program in defense communities and the United States Organizations.

An agreement to this effect has been signed by Community Chests and Councils, Inc., the National CIO War Relief Committee, of which Irving Abramson, President of the New Jersey State Industrial Council, is the chairman, and the United Nations Relief Committee of the AFL, headed by Matthew Woll, Vice-President of the AFL.

The agreement recommends that labor be represented on local Boards of Directors of War Chests and local Association Committees. Labor representatives will take the leadership in campaign solicitation among employees who are members of the two unions and will cooperate with management in making solicitation within plants and business establishments, the announcement said. Credit for industrial contributions will be given by name of the local union, an innovation in this year's campaigns.

Mr. Murray and Mr. Green both have informed the affiliated unions of this agreement.

International Labor Press Meets Oct. 5

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—The annual meeting of the International Labor Press of America will be held at the Royal Oak Hotel, Toronto, Can., on Monday evening, October 5, the opening day of the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, E. E. Woodmansee, secretary-treasurer of the organization, announced.

Edwin Witter in Chicago Area

Edwin Witter, former Business Manager of the Charlotte Labor Journal, has passed his examinations and preliminary training and has been transferred to the Chicago area, where he will complete his training, preparatory to joining a bomber crew as radio operator.

REMEMBER—

1 Old Refrigerator Equals.....12 Rifles
1 Old Fat Iron Equals.....30 Hand Grenades

PERTINENT COMMENT

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY AND PRIZE FIGHTER JOE LOUIS OR DO THE DAILY PAPERS SEE THE POINT?

Before your sensibilities are shocked by the coupling of the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY and the prizefighter Joe Louis, please do us the favor and read further so that we may be given the opportunity of justifying ourselves.

A few months ago the Vice-President of the United States, Henry A. Wallace delivered an address in New York. It was hardly reported in the daily press and as far as we know only one newspaper in the country carried the full text of the speech. There can be no argument whatsoever as to the importance of that speech. Some people (we among them) thought it was one of the most important speeches made by a government official in the history of our country. The daily newspapers, obviously took another view of the matter, and they may be right. With Pegler quoting union organizers in a long column every day, and what with the Brooklyn Dodgers, football, and "jingle jangle" and other things, there probably was not enough room in the papers to carry the text of Mr. Wallace's speech—which concerned itself with such trivial matters as economic security, food and shelter and freedom.

On Saturday of last week in Albert Hall, London, the Archbishop of Canterbury also made a speech, and unfortunately for him, his speech happened to come on the same day that the St. Louis Cardinals and the Brooklyn Dodgers were fighting it out for the baseball pennant and to add to the Archbishop's woes, the Joe Louis-Billy Conn prize-fight was also up for final disposition along about that time—therefore, the speech of the Archbishop of Canterbury could not get its proper due in the daily press, and purely as a coincidence his speech also was concerned with such trivial matters as economic security, food and shelter and freedom.

The daily papers may be right (and this is not meant to be facetious), in appraising the importance of the hopes and the recommendations laid down by Henry Wallace in the U. S. and the Archbishop of Canterbury in England. We have heard just about the same things from thousands of speech makers in the past 20 years, but NEVER HAVE THE SPEECH MAKERS BEEN THE number "two" men in the two greatest countries in the world—and in the case of the Archbishop of Canterbury, his influence over a longer period, is probably one of the most powerful in the entire English speaking world.

Some people are of the opinion that the order of things after the war is of secondary importance right now—that this is the time only for effective war making and that the aim can come later. We are not of that opinion. We believe that war aims are as important a weapon as the deadliest dive bomber and the largest tank. It is our belief that millions of soldiers, even before they have entered the battle would like to be reassured on what they can reasonably look forward to—and victory would come just that much quicker if the man in the field felt reasonably certain that his post war condition would not again drive him to the desperation of a "bonus march" or to a street corner, selling apples. So you can see that in our country of a free press, we have the right to express our opinion which is to the effect that the four month old speech of Vice-President Wallace deserved more space in the daily press than the Brooklyn Dodgers and the four day old speech by the Archbishop of Canterbury deserved more space than Joe Louis and Billy Conn, the prize fighters.

V-HOME WORKERS TO HOLD FIRST MEET ON OCTOBER 6TH

With a city-wide V-Homes organization rapidly being whipped into form, Mrs. C. T. Wanzer, director of the unit, announced last night that the first meeting of approximately 250 V-Homes workers will be held Tuesday morning, October 6, at the Chamber of Commerce, and released the names of seven members appointed to a key Study committee that will analyze all nationally-launched civilian programs for application in the local area.

Chairman of the study group is Mrs. R. N. McKey, with members Hoyt Galvin, Mrs. Norman Doane, Ray Nixon, Mrs. A. Elihu Michelson, Mrs. Ed Scheidt, and Mrs. J. B. Godard.

This groups will plan the local blueprint for all drives having to do with salvage, consumer education, conservation or other efforts that will be routed through the Citizens Service corps of the Civilian Defense organization.

According to Field Marshal Moltke, strategy is "the application of common sense to the conduct of war."

War is an art for the general, a science for the officer, and a trade for the soldier. (St. Cyr).

AFL Votes \$25,000 Aid For Russian Sailors

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The general executive board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union voted to give \$25,000 for the purchase of medical and first-aid kits for the sailors of the Russian merchant fleet engaged in the transportation of munitions and war supplies from European and American ports to the embattled fronts of Soviet Russia.

— FOR VICTORY: BUY BONDS —
— ITS LABOR'S WAR — LET'S FIGHT — WITH PAY DOLLARS IN WAR BONDS.

WISDOM

Each week a quotation from the writings of some wise and famous person whose thoughts have influenced those who lived before us.

What strength of will and greatness of soul it takes to launch one of those decisive battles on which the fate of a throne, a dynasty or a nation depends! The necessary decision is too often lacking. (Napoleon.)