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UNION-HATING NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST PEGLER USES NEEDED WAR MATERIAL TO BUILD 15-ROOM MANSION

RIDGEFIELD, Conn., Nov. 9—(FP)—Westbrook Pegler, the union-hating newspaper columnist, is using material vitally needed in the war effort—and scab labor—to build himself a 15-room mansion which labor is already calling "Scab Manor."

How Pegler, who received a lot of publicity by donating his auto bumpers to the salvage drive, was able to get metal lathing, copper sheathing, conduits and pipe is a mystery that local WPB officials refused to clear up.

E. J. Huss, head of the priorities division of the WPB in Fairfield county, said he was not free to discuss the details. Raymond L. French, WPB chief in Bridgeport, said: "As far as I know, Mr. Pegler complied with regulations—if he told us the truth."

Pegler's building of a mansion for himself, his wife and a dog at a time when war workers in this area are forced to live in trailers and shacks did not make him any more pleasing to union workers.

An exponent of unrestricted reporting, the columnist flatly refused to talk with a reporter who tried to question him.

Pegler's non-union contractor, Robert J. Martin, was equally uninterested in seeing that the public got the story. "No Trespassing" signs decorate trees surrounding the mansion and a photographer for the Bridgeport Sunday Herald was chased by the contractor's men but not before he got some interesting pictures.

An examination of the premises revealed new copper flashing around each chimney, yards of copper pipe, a bright new boiler, hundreds of feet of lead pipe, 4 bathtubs, 3 showers, laundry tubs, 5 sinks and basins, 7 water closets, 100,000 square feet of lumber, 220-foot artesian well, and a new furnace with automatic stoker.

All this in face of a WPB ruling issued last April that "all construction which is not essential, directly or indirectly, to the war effort . . . be deferred for the duration of the emergency."

LABOR NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST; WRITER ATTENDS FILM EXCHANGE CLERKS MEETING—CONGRATULATES THE JOURNAL ON SERVICE AWARD

BY J. A. MOORE

Congratulations to the Charlotte Labor Journal; all of Labor joins in the joy of knowing that our Journal has given outstanding service to our Government in this struggle to insure our way of life. Surely the Labor Journal will carry on and, without hope of reward, yet we appreciate the award from the Treasury Department.

Have been sleuthing around a few days to learn Labor's reaction to the change in meeting nights of Central Labor Union. Wonder why we waited this long? All organizations that I have heard from so far are well pleased. This will give us, me especially, an opportunity to renew our acquaintance with our midweek Church services, as many of our delegates are staunch church members and were deprived of one, either the Church or their Union each week. The change makes it possible for us to attend both.

It was my good fortune to have an opportunity to attend a meeting of the Film Exchange Clerks a few nights ago. I have never attended a better labor meeting. Everything was handled strictly in a business manner. In their deliberations of the future of labor was of prime importance and the attitude of the members in attendance was real value to everyone for their investment. As a President, theirs is second to none, and their business agent is always on the alert—a man with a vision.

Dropped by the Labor Temple a few days ago; found in the first office, Mrs. Ethel Collins, who is doing a great big job for the Carpenters. She was as busy as a bee in a tar bucket, yet she finds time to be courteous to all with whom she comes in contact. In the next office was Miss Margaret Rice, carrying on for the Electricians. Very efficient are these two young ladies, and attractive, too.

All local Unions report all members working, no men idle, making Union-made money, buying Union-made goods and War Savings Bonds and Stamps. I believe they are patronizing Journal advertisers, if not they should, because the advertising makes our paper possible.

I am attempting to write a short news article each week, in these articles I will try to treat with the subjects that our Unions are interested in but not with the minutes of any of the meeting that I attend, and what I write will be as a Layman in the movement, certainly not as an officer, some time in the near future I will attempt to describe the physical make up of some of the Local Unions, until then, READ THE LABOR JOURNAL.

PERTINENT COMMENT

EDITORIAL

LET'S SMILE AT OUR WAR TAXES

Grunting and groaning about our war taxes does not come with good grace from anyone, even if Congress has just handed us another tax. The man earning over \$5,000 a year gets a better break than the man the lower bracket, but it has been ever thus. There are many classes of workers though who are far much better off than in past years. There are millions of war workers earning around \$40 a week, or more, who not so long ago were doing well to average \$10 a week, working only six to eight months during the year at that, and we are all in better shape to pay our part. Of course many will have to borrow to meet the tax bill, but that should have been taken care of as time passed. The farmers are better off than they have ever been, that this writer can remember. The crafts are all working full time at top-notch wages, and it is the opinion of The Journal that they are doing less squealing than those in the higher brackets. And there are going to be heavier taxes, regardless of the length of this war. The longer it lasts, the more taxes we will have to pay. But what of that? The war will be won—it is being won now—regardless of Hitler propaganda to the contrary. But it is our duty as citizens to call for strict economy by our various governmental agencies, both nationally, state and locally, in all administrative agencies. It is the salaried worker, with a fixed income, commonly called the Middle Class who are really taking a beating from the tax set up, having to meet the ever-increasing cost of living, despite all the price-control agencies and propaganda. But we are all accepting this tax proposition philosophically and we will do well to remember that it takes money to win a war.

WHAT ARE THE WORLD'S GREATEST BOOKS?

By HARRY GOLDEN

The current week—November 8th to November 15th is known as NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK—a subject of the most vital interest to all of us.

For instance very few people know that Samuel Gompers the great leader of the American Federation of Labor was instrumental in establishing some 500 free schools—this was done in the following manner:

In many localities the A. F. of L. organized workers found that there were no free schools in the vicinity, or if there were any schools the particular place was entirely out of reach of the children in the particular vicinity. Then through the efforts of the local Central Bodies in the vicinity, the particular state was petitioned to open a free school. In many instances it was practicable to do this at once, in many more, annual meetings, amendments to be voted upon a few years later and other details held up this most necessary function of our daily lives, and that is WHERE THE A. F. OF L. stepped in and OPENED THE SCHOOL WITH FUNDS COMING OUT OF THE WORKERS DUES. This was done in 436 instances—union dues which went to establish free schools—(Mr. Pegler, please copy) in every instance the A. F. of L. was not reimbursed by the state for laying out money for what is beyond a doubt a state function.

Which brings us to the matter of education: You know many thousands of our boys will be taken right from High School into the Army—many more thousands will be taken out of their first year in College—and their education along academic lines must never suffer. This war and the fighting of it is necessary—and the drafting of these boys is necessary. In order to win we must use the weapons employed by our enemies—match them weapon for weapon—man for man—and they are taking 15-year-old boys for their tanks and aeroplanes. We must do the same at least with 18-year-olds. But we think that with a little intelligence, a boy can keep in touch with his educational pursuits. We do not say that the few books we mention here are the world's greatest books, neither do we say that in our opinion, that they are equal to a college education is correct. Many teachers and many scholars will have a different opinion and a different list. It is all right. We know that some others may be put in place of some we have mentioned; but we do believe that a good Christmas present for a young boy who will soon be in the Army would be the few books (cost very, very cheap) that will keep him in touch with the world, its wonders, its history and its philosophy. We do not mean to stick our chins out by trying to say that our five books represent the learning of the world—but this list will do until another one comes along—so if you cannot continue in high school or college, be sure to read and understand the following five volumes—read them twice or three times if necessary. You'll get more out of them the third time than the first and you'll have something that you can never buy or never have taken away from you.

1. THE BIBLE—OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.
2. "LIVES," BY PLUTARCH.
3. "FOURTEEN DECISIVE BATTLES OF THE WORLD," BY CREASY.
4. "LES MISERABLES," BY VICTOR HUGO.
5. "HAMLET," DRAMA BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

Here you will learn—and keep in touch with the spirituality and the soul of man—the history of man—the war for empire or freedom of man—the struggle of man to earn a living—and the philosophy of man. Take them with you to the army—spend a few minutes a day with them—and you'll acquire a wealth that no money can buy and you will acquire a viewpoint that will help you greatly when you return.

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Free Labor Will Out- Produce Nazi Slaves

Army Is Quick To Classify Craftsmen

Skilled craftsmen, who enter the U. S. Army, are quickly placed in duties for which their civilian jobs have fitted them, but it is up to the Army personnel experts to find the proper niche for millions of other Americans whose skills, talents and ingenuity must be blended into the varied pattern of Army life, according to Maj. Gen. James A. Ulio, Adjutant General.

Interviewers, by patiently questioning newly inducted soldiers, are charged with the duty of finding "The Right Man for the Right Job," the slogan that hangs on the wall of each reception and replacement training center.

New soldiers frequently have hobbies that enable the interviewers to classify them for assignments in which their avocations are much more valuable to the army than their main occupations in civilian life would have been.

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